



**FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE
SITUATION OF WOMEN IN DETENTION,
CAPACITY BUILDING WITH DETENTION
PERSONNEL and QUILT-MAKING**

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY JAIL – FEMALE DORMITORY
OCTOBER 29 and DECEMBER 11, 2019**



REGIONAL FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD)

With Women and Detention (WID) and Capacity Building With Detention Officers

29 October 2019

Cagayan de Oro City Jail- Female Dorm

PROGRAM

Morning (8-30-12:00)

Registration

Opening Preliminaries

Welcome Remarks – Atty. Jeanne Ivy F. Abrina

Objective Setting: Atty. Piai C. Palma

FGD Proper- Women, Older Women and LGBTIs

Quilt-Making

Closing Ceremonies

Afternoon (1-5pm)

Registration

Opening Preliminaries

Objective Setting: Atty. Pilipinas C. Palma

Mandela Rules- Atty. Malucar P. Baliton-Isidra

Bangkok Rules- Atty. Pilipinas C. Palma

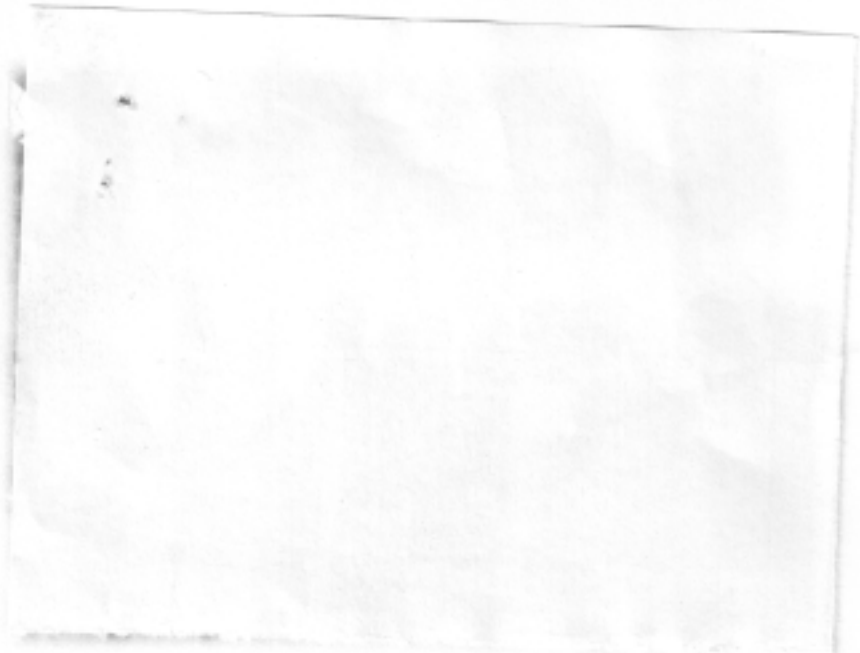
Closing Remarks: Atty. Jeanne Ivy F. Abrina

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The Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with Women In Detention (WID) was divided into two groups (women and elderly/LBTs) instead of three groups as there are only two women elderly in the Cagayan de Oro City Jail-Female Dorm.

It started with opening preliminaries and a welcome remarks by



Atty. Jeanne Ivy F. Abrina who explained briefly the mandates of the Commission on Human Rights as well as the Commission being the Gender Ombud. It was followed by a discussion on the objectives of the FGD given by Atty. Pilipinas C. Palma, and she thoroughly explained each items, to wit:

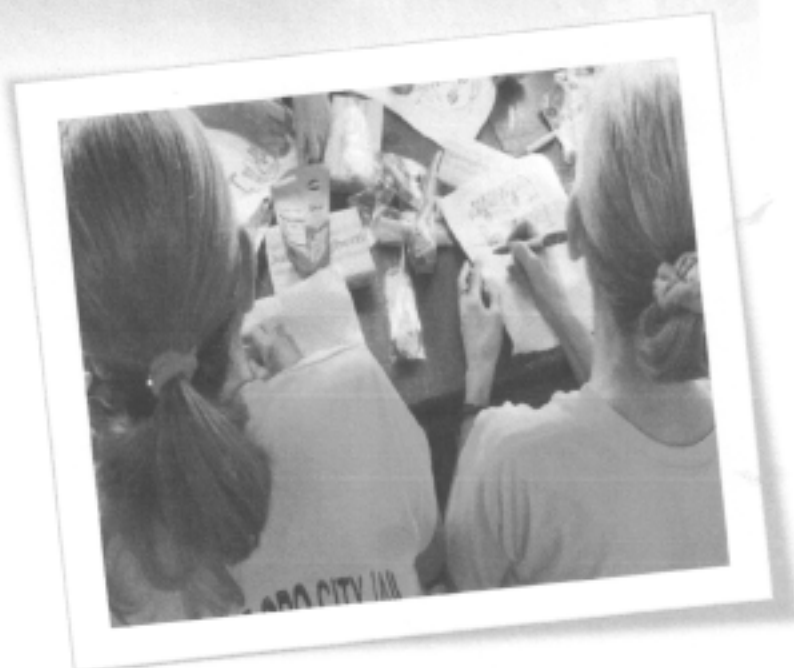
1. Document human rights issues and lived experiences of women in detention;
2. Provide space for women in detention to discuss their experiences on;
 - a. Their situation during detention
 - b. Their security and protection from all forms of violence
 - c. Access to health services (including reproductive health services)
 - d. Needs for family contact, including children



3. Monitor governments compliance with its obligation with respect to with in detention as well as draft recommendations to promote the rights of WID in accordance with international standards; and,

4. Surface gendered nature of detention through lived

experiences and provide space for WID to express their hopes and dreams through creative expression.



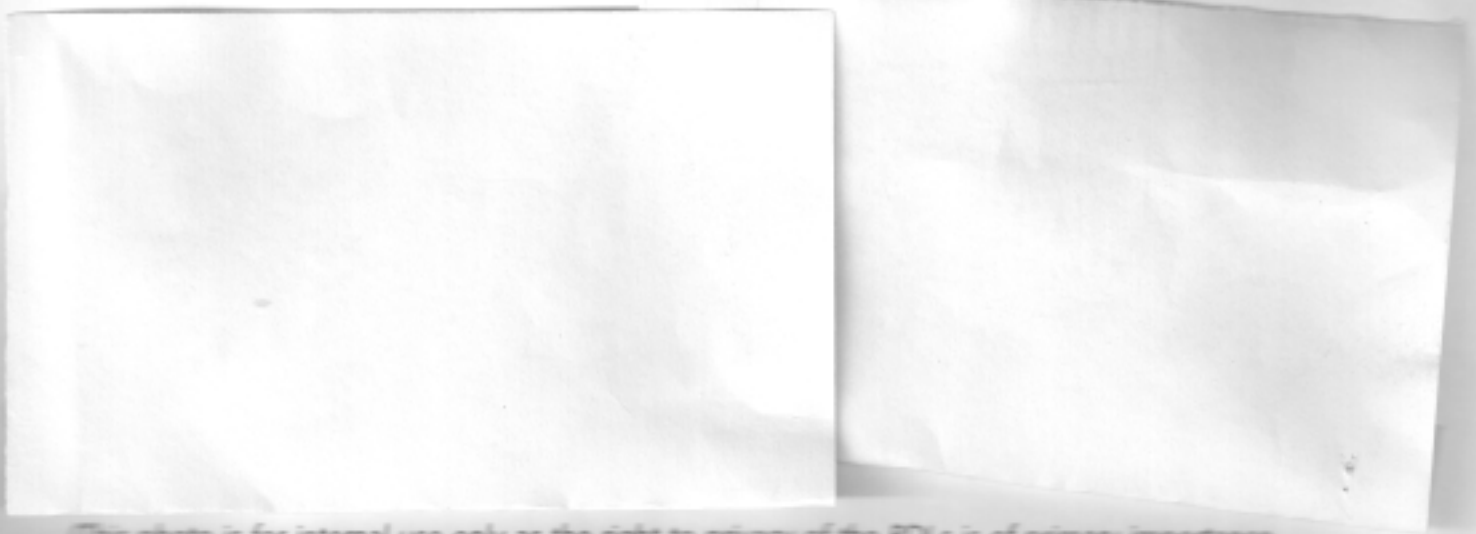
After the objectives were explained, the group proceeded to the FGD Proper.

Note: (the transcription of the FGD is attached separately).



In the afternoon, the detention prisoner were also organized for the input on Mandela and Bangkok Rules. Atty's. Pilipinas C. Palma and Malucar P. Baliton-Isidra explained thoroughly the said rules in the context of the practices in detention and/or jail. The input not only made the reminded the personnel of their duties and responsibilities but also refreshed their knowledge on jail management in general.

On December 11, 2019, the CHR-X has turned-over of the Quilt to the Cagayan de Oro City Jail and facilitated brief sharing with the same participants of the FGD previously conducted along with Jail Warden Mea Lee P. Todyog who expresses her appreciation of the whole activity itself, starting of from the FGD of the women PDLs and the capacity building of detention personnel as well as the quilt-making. It was also noted during the turn-over ceremony that women PDLs were also involved in the making of the quilt along with the art made during the FGD.

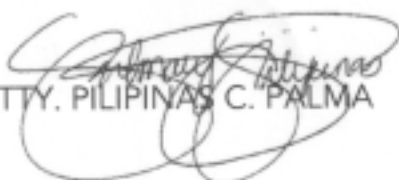


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The full transcription of the focus group discussion is made as an attachment to this brief report.

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