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FOR: ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT II, V-XII, AND CARAGA, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO MINISTER OF HEALTH, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Dissemination of the Gender-based Violence, Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (GBV SEAH) Action Plan for the Philippines: Health System Resilience Project (PH-HSRP)

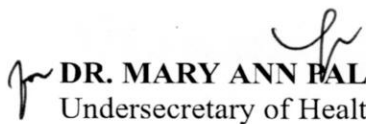
The Philippines: Health System Resilience Project (PH-HSRP), in collaboration with the World Bank, has developed a GBV-SEAH Action Plan in response to the project's assessed moderate risk of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (GBV-SEAH). The Plan identifies possible sources of GBV-SEAH risk and provides measures to prevent and address these risks in workplaces and project-affected communities.

The Plan is based on relevant national laws, policies, and regulations, including the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 (R.A. No. 7877), the Safe Spaces Act (R.A. No. 11313), the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004 (R.A. No. 9262), and applicable World Bank guidelines on GBV-SEAH risk prevention and mitigation.

A copy of the GBV-SEAH Action Plan and its annexes may be downloaded from:
<https://tinyurl.com/HSRP-GBV-ActionPlan>.

Dissemination to all concerned is requested.

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