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**MINUTES OF MEETING
First (1st) Quarter ABSNet MIMARO Cluster Meeting
Mangyan Hall, Provincial Capitol Complex, Camilmil, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro
3 March 2026 | 8:50 AM -12:00 PM**

Attendance

NAME	POSITION	OFFICE
Erick John C. De Vera	Social Welfare Officer II	Standards Section
Erin B. Ecoben	Social Welfare Officer I	SWADT Office
Maria Paz Baylon	Manager	Ayala Foundation, Inc
Jennelyn U. Squio	Social Welfare Officer III	Bahay Pag-Asa of San Jose
Mary Grace Magpili	Executive Director	Ruel Foundation, Inc.
Jaimelyn S. Caiga	National Director	Sparrow Christian Ministries Inc.
Lenita G. Gaffud	Social Worker	PMUI Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan Inc.
Juvelyn Gumal-in	Executive Director	PMUI Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan Inc.
Maria D. Rempillo	Social Welfare Officer II	PSWDO Bahay Kanlungan
Fr. Peter Andy Lubi	Director	Hapag Aruga Foundation, Inc.

Baby Lyka Gamier	Social Worker	Hapag Aruga Foundation, Inc.
Anne Y. Caspe	Center Head	PMA Bahay Kalinga
Maria Victoria A. Alulod	House Parent	PMA Bahay Kalinga
Frederick R. Villanueva	SPM Officer	Saklaw Foundation Inc.
Noemi V. Baldos	Administrator	Gov. Arturo Arce
Ehva A. Panopio	Executive Director	Hands of Love Philippines Foundation, Inc.
Melvin Q. Gabayno	Chairman	Para Sa Bayan Charity Inc.
Judy Ann Vicente	Manpower Development Officer II	MIMAROPA Youth Center, Inc
Amihan Bajade	Coordinator	Stairway Foundation, Inc
Edgar Martin	Program Manager	Plan International Philippines
Digna Malicdem	Admin Staff	Teknotropheo Missions, Inc
Mary Jane Cultivo	Center Head	Ministries Without Borders

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 A.M. by the technical staff from the Standards Section, Ms. Erick John C. De Vera. Ms. De Vera started the meeting by acknowledging the participants. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maria Paz Baylon. The following were the agenda items for the meeting:

1. Reading of the previous minutes of the meeting (4th Quarter 2025)
2. Presentation of the Schedule of Monitoring for 2026
3. Presentation of Activities CY 2026
4. Other Matters (Regulatory updates, monitoring, and other related announcements)

II. Highlights of Discussion

Ms. De Vera opened the quarterly meeting by presenting the provisional agenda. The session began with an Opening message from Ms. Maria Paz Baylon. Ms. De Vera also presented the ABSNet MIMARO Cluster Officers and highlighted the DSWD Regional Director Benchie Gonzales. And mentioned the Activity Expectations and Suggested Topics.

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	AGREEMENT
<p>1. Reading of the previous minutes of the meeting</p>	<p>Ms. De Vera presented the minutes of the previous meeting and provided a brief recap of the agendas discussed during the 4th Quarter ABSNet MIMARO C Cluster Meeting. The following highlights were noted:</p> <p>Re: Ms. Gumal-in's Designated Position in ABSNet Ms. De Vera clarified Ms. Gumal-in's designated position in ABSNet. Ms. Gumal-in confirmed the clarification, and it was agreed that the necessary corrections would be reflected in all Minutes of the Meeting for CY 2025.</p> <p>Re: Participation of Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSWDOs) in ABSNet Meetings Ms. Baylon recommended inviting a representative from the Local Government Unit (LGU) who regularly attends ABSNet meetings. She emphasized that, as part of the community, the LGU serves as a vital partner in supporting and strengthening the organization's initiatives.</p> <p>Ms. Gumal-in also shared updates from the recent</p>	<p>As an agreed course of action, on the concern of Ms. Gumal-in in the participation of the MSWDO ABSNet Meeting, Ms. De Vera will coordinate with the MSWDOs association President, Ms. Violeta Nazareno of Bansud, Oriental Mindoro</p> <p>Mr. Melvin Gabayno moved to approve the previous minutes of the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Edgar Martin.</p> <p>As of April 1, 2026, it was confirmed that Ms. Zarah Magboo is the President of ASWLDO in Oriental Mindoro and will invite her moving forward for ABSNet Meetings</p>

	<p>meetings conducted in Bongabong and Bansud. She reported that the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSWDOs) from these municipalities expressed their intention to participate in the upcoming ABSNet Meetings.</p> <p>Re: Other Matters during 4th Quarter ABSNet MIMARO Cluster Meeting</p> <p>Ms. De Vera presented the schedule of the ABSNet Quarterly Meetings for CY 2026, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st Quarter – moved from February to March 3, 2026 ● 2nd Quarter – May 5, 2026 ● 3rd Quarter – August 4, 2026 ● 4th Quarter – November 10, 2026 <p>She also informed the body that the quarterly meetings for 2026 are scheduled to be held at the Provincial Capitol. The specific hall or room assignment will be announced once it has been confirmed</p>	
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<p>2. Presentation of the Schedule of Monitoring</p>	<p>During the Presentation of the Schedule of Monitoring Activities, the following were highlights of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. De Vera presented the Schedule of 	
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	<p>Monitoring, noting that it was sent in advance to allow for any necessary clarifications or rescheduling. She reiterated that the Orientation for Monitoring Tools was held online across different schedules and emphasized that the use of every tool is mandatory. Ms. De Vera emphasized that all tools must be fully complied with. If there are deficiencies that are not addressed within two (2) days, the SWDA may be marked as "Unsustained."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Bajade raised concerns about the short lead time for monitoring preparation. With the orientation held in January and the visit set for March for Stairway Foundation, she highlighted the challenge of implementing new forms within this timeframe. Ms. De Vera mentioned that she sent the schedule in January for the SWDA's review and feedback. She clarified that scheduling is primarily determined by the SWDA's location. While the schedule remains subject to change based on upcoming activities, the initial schedule will be followed until further notice. ▪ Ms. Bajade acknowledged that it was their lapse in not thoroughly reviewing the schedules sent by Ms. De Vera. With this, she requested to move the monitoring dates of Stairway Foundation for community-based to give ample time to prepare. Other SWDAs are also requesting a change to the visit schedule, 	
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	<p>Ms. Gumal-in requesting from August to September, as well as Mr. Gabayno.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Martin expressed concern over the schedule, asking if a visit is still necessary given that they are closing soon. He noted that this quarter might be his last participation in ABSNet. Ms. De Vera clarified that the visit in April is intended to confirm the formal closure of the SWDA. <p>RE: Other Monitoring concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SWDAs with valid Public Solicitation Permits were likewise identified for monitoring this year. Compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requirement for securing a Certificate of No Derogatory Information (CNDI) was also discussed, noting that a new process for requesting the CNDI has recently been implemented. ▪ During the meeting, concerns were raised regarding the ability to meet the compliance deadline, particularly the required two-day processing timeframe, and given that the monitoring tools are new and the new templates are also new, the Standards should also give time to comply with these changes. In response, Ms. De Vera informed the group that she will raise this concern with the Bureau to seek clarification and guidance. With the new 	<p>Ms. Baylon informed the group that the templates are ISO accredited, and the Field Offices will cascade all the templates once this document has been registered and accredited. She further added that since the National ABSNet conference is set to be implemented this year, she will help Ms. De Vera to further raise this at the National Conference Meeting.</p>
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	<p>monitoring tools and requirements, the Standards have been consistently giving information on the changes and technicalities of the monitoring tools, likewise with the documents. Schedules of monitoring are given ahead of time to ensure enough time to prepare for the monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Mary Jane Cultivo inquired about the implications for the SWDA should it fail to meet compliance requirements and be categorized as unsustainable. Ms. De Vera clarified that for the 1st visit to a residential facility, immediate compliance with the unsustainable indicators, and if the 2nd visit resulted in unsustainable compliance, Pursuant to MC 18, s. 2024, should the SWDA fail to comply with the monitoring requirements for two (2) consecutive monitoring visits, their Certificate of Registration and License to Operate (CRLTO), Certificate of Accreditation, and their operations shall be suspended for thirty (30) calendar days. During this period, the SWDA will not be allowed to accept new beneficiaries. The suspension order will be signed by the Standards Bureau (SB) Director. For Community-Based and Auxiliary, SWDA will be monitored annually, and should there be any compliance issues, all unsustainable indicators must be addressed within 2 days. <p><i>RE: Recent Experience with HELPS Accreditation</i></p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Vicente shared her experience on the MYC's status as a Newly Accredited Social Welfare and Development Agency (SWDA). During her sharing, she underscored the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainability of Standards: She emphasized that obtaining accreditation is only the first step; the primary challenge lies in sustaining these high operational standards over the long term. ● Response to DSWD Feedback: The agency has been proactive in addressing evaluative comments from the DSWD. Specifically, she noted that previous concerns regarding warehouse organization and logistical management are being corrected to align with regulatory expectations. Within the day, they complied with the findings to ensure that they would secure the accreditation. ● Commitment to Excellence: Ms. Vicente highlighted that the agency has successfully fulfilled all documentary and operational requirements. She reaffirmed that the goal remains 100% compliance. 	
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<p>3. Presentation of Activities</p>	<p>Ms. De Vera presented the schedule of activities for CY 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Writeshop on Manual of Operations of SWDAs May 27 – 29, 2026 ▪ Regional ABSNet Capacity Building October 14 – 16, 2026 Puerto Princesa, Palawan ▪ Training on Pre- Marriage Counseling (Batch 2) For LGUs October 26 – 30, 2026 Within Metro Manila <p>Ms. Gumal-in raised a concern regarding the budget allocation for the upcoming Regional ABSNet Meeting to be held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. She suggested exploring possible ways to reallocate funds, such as reducing meal expenses during ABSNet Meetings, to cover the airfare needs of SWDAs.</p> <p>In response, Ms. De Vera clarified that the procurement for conducting ABSNet Meetings has already been finalized and processed, and the allocated funds are exclusively intended for the meeting itself.</p> <p>Ms. Baylon proposed sea travel as a more cost-effective alternative. She noted, however, that SWDAs who choose this option must allow sufficient travel time to ensure their timely arrival for the scheduled dates of the Regional Capacity Building (CapBuild). Ms. De Vera reiterated that the meeting</p>	<p>As agreement, Ms. De Vera will share the final list of participants to attend in the Regional CapBuild meeting for the cluster to finalize their booking schedules.</p> <p>Updates as of March 17, 2026:</p> <p>For now, 12 slots will be allotted for MIMARO Participants, prioritizing SWA residential/combased. But this remains subject to further guidance from SB regarding the conduct of face-to-face activities in consideration of the Secretary's Memo on mandatory limitation of official travel, per the initial memo issued last thurs, it only covers the conduct of monitoring activities. They will be providing an answer to these concerns soon. Let's just wait.</p>
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	<p>dates are final and encouraged SWDAs to start searching for the most economical tickets. She also assured the group that she will provide a finalized list of participants to ensure that only those booked will be included in the official attendance for the regional CapBuild.</p> <p>RE: ABSNet Quarterly Meetings:</p> <p>Attendance is strictly monitored, and to acknowledge participation and compliance, certificates will be distributed after the meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Other Matters</p>	<p>1. Learning Visit. Based on the survey results, there was a unanimous preference among members to conduct a Learning Visit. This initiative aims to provide participants with the opportunity to observe and gain insights from the operational models of other organizations.</p> <p>The majority of members selected the MIMAROPA Youth Center in Poblacion, Bansud, Oriental Mindoro as the site for the visit. The focus of the Learning Visit will be cross-organizational learning, particularly exploring how the Center’s programs and practices might be adapted to strengthen and enhance the members’ own initiatives.</p> <p>The Learning Visit is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Second (2nd) Quarter Meeting. Ms. De Vera will coordinate closely with Ms. Vicente to address other requirements and will provide the team</p>	<p>The Learning Visit is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Second (2nd) Quarter Meeting. Ms. De Vera will coordinate closely with Ms. Vicente to address other requirements and will provide the team with logistical details at least one month before the 2nd Quarter Meeting.</p> <p>As of April 1, 2026, Ms. De Vera has already conducted an initial meeting with MYC and coordinated with Ms. Paz Baylon last March 20, 2026 the things need to be prepared for the Learning Visit, she agreed to comply this.</p>

	<p>with logistical details at least one month before the 2nd Quarter Meeting.</p> <p>2. Outreach Program. Mr. Villanueva proposed that the ABSNet organize a comprehensive Outreach Program. A collaborative effort among agencies to maximize the impact on the target beneficiaries. Ms. Bajade supported the recommendation, noting it was an excellent initiative; however, she raised concerns regarding potential scheduling conflicts.</p> <p>3. Monitoring of SWDAs. 100% of SWDAs with valid Certificates of Registration, License to Operate (CRLTO), or Accreditation will undergo monitoring, and updated monitoring tools will be officially implemented. For SWDAs who were registered and licensed under the previous guidelines, the Registration and Licensing Monitoring tool will be used during the monitoring.</p> <p>4. DSWD Academy Training. Ms. De Vera announced the upcoming training from DSWD Academy, noting that participant slots will be limited.</p> <p>5. Learning Needs Assessment (LNA). The importance of LNA was emphasized, noting that completion of the assessment is vital for accurately identifying institutional competency gaps and informing future training initiatives. The SWDAs who have not accomplished the link should complete the form to ensure that their responses have been recorded. Ms. De Vera will also check the database to</p>	
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	<p>check those SWDAs who have not submitted their response.</p> <p>6. Kaagapay Donation Portal. Ms. De Vera provided the links for the Kagapay Portal.</p> <p>7. Submission of Good Practice Documentation for Inclusion. Ms. De Vera reminded that the deadline for the submission of Good Practice Documentation is set on or before 30 April 2026. All entries must be finalized and submitted on or before this date to ensure inclusion.</p> <p>To streamline the selection process, Ms. Baylon proposed convening an Officers Meeting. The objective of this meeting will be to identify and shortlist potential Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) that demonstrate exemplary practices. Following the selection, the officers will coordinate directly with the identified SWDA. Ms. De Vera further highlighted that everyone can submit their entries as long as they are compliant with the documentary requirements prescribed in the existing guidelines. After all, all submissions will be reviewed by the Knowledge Management Team and will be endorsed by those who meet the criteria.</p> <p>8. 2026 Search for Outstanding SWA and Auxiliary SWDA. MMs. De Vera reminded everyone to begin preparations for the upcoming Search for Outstanding Social Welfare Agencies (SWA) and Auxiliary Social Welfare and Development</p>	<p>Ms. De Vera to check the database for those SWDAs who have not submitted their response.</p> <p>Update as of March 17, 2026: Ms. Jaballas will finalize the 3-year ABSNet L&D. She will provide further details after finalization.</p> <p>As an agreement, Ms. De Vera will share the guidelines and documentary requirements for SWDAs who wish to submit their Good Practice Documentation (GPD).</p> <p>Updates as of March 17, 2026 GPD materials were sent to all the participants on March 9, 2026</p>
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	<p>Agencies (SWDA). She emphasized that all necessary documentation and application papers must be finalized and submitted between May and June 2026.</p> <p>Ms. Gumal-in highlighted the importance of clarifying the award prizes, noting that mentioning the rewards serves two key purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It provides clarity for CSOs that may find fundraising challenging 2. It acts as an incentive to uphold high standards in service delivery. <p>During the discussion, Mr. Villanueva proposed that the Standards Section conduct the primary assessment to identify which organizations are qualified for specific engagements, ensuring that selected agencies are fully prepared. Ms. Magpili expressed support for this approach, noting that recommendations originating directly from the Standards Section add formal validation to the selection process.</p> <p>Ms. Gumal-in further emphasized the importance of “raising our own banner”—demonstrating to the government that the sector operates with integrity and excellence. It was recommended that the Regional Office establish a panel of evaluators to review all documentation submitted by CSOs, stressing that the quality and presentation of documents significantly contribute to the overall credit and rating of the</p>	
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	<p>3. Fire Safety Inspection Certificate (FSIC)</p> <p>For Community-based SWDA and Auxiliary SWDA</p> <p>1. The Fire Safety Inspection Certificate (FSIC) is an additional requirement.</p> <p>During the review of the Annual Reports, members provided updates on their current progress, noting that while some reports are complete, others remain in progress. The following concerns were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gumal-in noted that the time required for report preparation significantly detracts from community-oriented tasks and direct service delivery. • Ms. Baylon proposed compiling a comprehensive list of challenges encountered regarding reporting requirements. This document will be submitted to Ms. Bajade for elevation to the Standards Bureau or the National Level to ensure concerns are addressed at a policy level. <p>Ms. De Vera acknowledged the concern raised by Ms. Gumal-in. However, she clarified that the DSWD only requires Annual Reports, specifically the Accomplishment Report, Financial Report, and the Audited Financial Statement issued by an External Auditor. She explained that these requirements are intended to ensure proper documentation and accountability, as well as to safeguard the funds intended for beneficiaries and ensure that they are managed and governed according to the highest</p>	<p>All concerns regarding reporting requirements shall be submitted to Ms. Amihan Bajade as Head of Policy Review Committee for consolidation and subsequent endorsement to the Standards Bureau and/or policy creation</p>
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	<p>standards.</p> <p>She also acknowledged the suggestions provided by the team and recommended that the feedback to be submitted should not only address internal reporting challenges but also highlight th</p> <p>11. MIMARO Cluster Google Site. Attendees can check the Google Site for easy access to the status of Annual eportorial Reports (ARR).</p>	
<p>5. Open Forum</p>	<p>RE: Status of Compliance of Hapag Aruga Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>Hapag-Aruga Foundation provided an update on the ongoing application process for the Certificate of Registration and License to Operate (CRLTO) and shared the challenges they have encountered. It was reported that the organization is nearing completion of the compliance requirements set by the DSWD.</p> <p>A key remaining requirement is the recruitment of a Licensed Social Worker with at least one (1) year of experience in a residential setting. Fr. Andy raised this concern, noting the difficulty in hiring a qualified Social Worker—particularly one with the necessary experience—to manage a new Center. Another compliance concern for the Center is the hiring of House Parents/Caregivers, as the current staffing does not meet the existing House Parent-to-client ratio. Fr. Andy noted that this issue is expected to be resolved through their partnership</p>	

	<p>with a school in Calapan, which will provide additional manpower to meet the required ratio.</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding the expectation that new graduates already possess field experience. In response, Ms. Gumal-in recommended that organizations consider hiring new graduates at an entry-level salary, allowing them to gradually gain the necessary professional experience.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Ms. Bajade suggested that a Provincial Social Worker (PSWDO) or the Municipal/City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) oversee supervision during this period to ensure proper case management of clients while the new Social Worker develops her experience. She further noted that the CSWDO/PSWDO can certify compliance, confirming that programs and services continue uninterrupted, thereby allowing the application process to proceed.</p> <p>Hapag-Aruga Foundation has appreciated the recommendation that ABSNet has provided. He mentioned that they have already outlined a contingency strategy regarding the recruitment of a Registered Social Worker. To recruit a Registered Social Worker (RSW) with specific experience at Ruel Foundation, but currently under contract in Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital, and available for night shifts. Should the primary recruitment prove unsuccessful, the organization will engage Ms. Mayeth de Guzman, former PSWDO, to ensure compliance</p>	
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	<p>with the mandatory indicator.</p> <p>Ms. De Vera acknowledged the updates provided by the Foundation and will just need to wait for an update from the technical staff in charge of their application for CRLTO. If the assessor has no question with the action taken by the Foundation, this will be endorsed for the issuance of CRLTO and will be scheduled for the next step, which will be the Accreditation.</p> <p>RE: Proposed for Salary Standardization of all SWDAs</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding whether the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) recommendations explicitly include provisions for Social Workers' salaries by Ms. Bajade, and a concern about fair salaries was raised by Ms. Gumal-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. De Vera clarified that while assessment tools do not explicitly detail specific salary figures, salary scales are standardly verified during the monitoring and evaluation phase to ensure compliance with labor expectations. • Regarding the pursuit of “fair salary” standards, Ms. Baylon noted that compensation largely depends on the internal Human Resources (HR) policies of each organization. Ms. De Vera agreed with Ms. Baylon’s statement and emphasized the importance of maintaining updated policies 	
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	<p>on wages and employee benefits. She highlighted that an organization’s operating procedures and internal policies remain the primary basis for governing compensation and employment practices. She further noted that salary standardization should be aligned with each organization’s established operating procedures, as these policies serve as the guiding framework for determining appropriate compensation.</p> <p><i>RE: The discussion transitioned to the financial support/financial subsidies for Social Welfare Development Agencies, specifically the Cost of Care subsidy mentioned by Ms. Baylon.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the initial discussion, Ms. Baylon mentioned that the matter was previously raised with Sec. Gatchalian, and provisions are currently being considered to subsidize the monthly operational expenses of the Centers. • Ms. De Vera emphasized that while preliminary information has already been shared with the Section, the provisions and the overall framework are not yet final. She noted that the formal guidelines are still under development and subject to further refinement. She further assured the group that any official updates or finalized guidelines will be cascaded to the cluster once they 	<p>As agreed, Ms. De Vera will update the ABSNet once the guidelines have been finalized and cascaded.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">become available and are ready for dissemination.</p> <p><i>RE: Ms. Magpili requested an update regarding the organizations currently monitored.</i></p> <p>The following observations were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From the listed organizations, only Sparrow Christian Ministries has successfully issued a License to Operate. ● Several organizations remain operational despite incomplete documentation, while others have been unresponsive to official communications. Ms. De Vera mentioned that all the NGOs previously validated by the Section and was not able to secure Certificate of Registration and License to Operate were endorsed to the Standards Bureau for appropriate action. ● Ms. Gumal-in noted a high volume of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) currently active within the Local Government Board. <p>Ms. Baylon proposed a proactive approach to bring these organizations into compliance. The group will identify the unregistered organizations to determine specific barriers to their registration and assist them in navigating the legal and administrative requirements.</p>	
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	<p>If necessary, names of the non-compliant organizations will be forwarded to the Standards Bureau/Section for formal inquiry. It was reiterated that the ABSNet members hold the authority to report such. Ms. De Vera agreed and reiterated what Ms. Baylon had mentioned, that as ABSNet Members, they have the authority to inform about the policy and report organizations illegally operating in their area of Jurisdiction.</p>	
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IV. Action Points and Deliverables

AREA OF CONCERN	AGREEMENTS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Participation of Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSWDOs) in ABSNet Meetings 	<p>As an agreed course of action, on the concern of Ms. Gumal-in in the participation of the MSWDO ABSNet Meeting, Ms. De Vera will coordinate with the MSWDOs association President, Ms. Violeta Nazareno of Bansud, Oriental Mindoro</p>	<p>Standards Section</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Learning Visit to MIMAROPA Youth Center 	<p>The Learning Visit is scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Second (2nd) Quarter Meeting. Ms. De Vera will coordinate closely with Ms. Vicente to address other requirements and will provide the team with logistical details at least one month before the 2nd Quarter Meeting.</p>	<p>Standards Section/MIMAROPA Youth Center</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Done <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Needs Assessment (LNA) 	<p>Ms. De Vera to check the database on those SWDAs who have not yet submitted their response</p>	<p>Standards Section</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Done <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Final list of participants to attend the Regional Capbuild meeting. 	<p>As agreed, Ms. De Vera will share the final list of participants to attend the Regional CapBuild meeting for the cluster to finalize their booking schedules.</p>	<p>Standards Section</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Other Monitoring concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns were raised regarding the ability to meet the compliance deadline, particularly the required two-day processing timeframe, and given that the monitoring tools are new and the new templates are also new, the Standards should also give time to comply with given these changes 	<p>The National ABSNet conference is set to be implemented this year, and she will help Ms. De Vera to further raise this at the National Conference Meeting. As to the schedules, Ms. De Vera mentioned that the Standards Section has been consistently giving information on the changes and technicalities of the monitoring tools, likewise with the documents. Schedules of monitoring are given ahead of time to ensure enough time to prepare for the monitoring.</p>	<p>Standards Section/ABSNet Chairperson</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Submission of Good Practice Documentation for Inclusion 	<p>As an agreement, Ms. De Vera will share the guidelines and documentary requirements for SWDAs who wish to submit their Good Practice Documentation (GPD)</p>	<p>Standards Section</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE: Annual Reportorial Requirements, other reporting submissions mandated by DSWD, and other offices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Gumal-in noted that the time required for report preparation 	<p>All concerns regarding reporting requirements shall be submitted to Ms. Amihan Bajade as Head of Policy Review Committee for consolidation and subsequent endorsement to the Standards Bureau and/or policy creation</p>	<p>ABSNet Members</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input type="checkbox"/> For further discussion</p>

<p>significantly detracts from community-oriented tasks and direct service delivery.</p>			
<p>RE: The discussion transitioned to the financial support/financial subsidies for Social Welfare Development Agencies, specifically the Cost of Care subsidy mentioned by Ms. Baylon.</p>	<p>As agreed, Ms. De Vera will update the ABSNet once the guidelines have been finalized and cascaded.</p>	<p>ABSNet Members</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> On going <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For further discussion </p>

V. Adjournment

Having no other matters for discussion, Ms. Gumal-in, ABSNet MIMARO Cluster Vice Chairperson, was tasked to provide a closing message. After thanking participants for their participation in this effort for the quarterly meetings and other ABSNet Activities, the undersigned adjourned the meeting at **12:15 PM**.

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REVIEWED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Secretary

ERICK JOHN C. DE VERA
SWO II, Standards Section

MARIA PAZ BAYLON
Chairperson, ABSNet MIMARO Cluster

Photo documentation during the 1st Quarter MIMARO Cluster Meeting

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