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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT THE 2026 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH

The Lingap Pangkabataan, Incorporated (LPI), in partnership with the World Vision Development Foundation (WVDF), through the Child-Labor-Effective Awareness and Response in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CLEAR CAR) Project, will conduct the Provincial Celebration of the 2026 National Children's Month on November 28, 2026, at Ben Palispis Hall, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet, with the theme: "Manindigan! Tumugon at Kumalinga: Sa Batang Handa, Mas Ligtas ang Bansa."

In this regard, schools, learners, teachers, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Coordinators are encouraged to participate in the said activity. For further information and other details, please refer to the attached document.

Enclosed is the details for your reference and information. Participation and expenses on the said activity is personal and voluntary and shall be subjected to the "no-disruption-of classes" policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith".

For inquiries and confirmation of participants, please directly contact **Ms. Nostalgia Valdez**, Focal Person, at nrbvaldez@lingappangkabataan.org .

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MAYOR BENJAMIN MAGALONG
City Mayor, City of Baguio
Baguio City Hall
City Hall Drive, 2600 Baguio City, Benguet

RE: Invitation to Participate in and Support the 2026 National Children's Month Celebration

Dearest Mayor Magalong,

May the Love, Peace, and Inspiration in Christ Jesus be with you always.

In celebration of National Children's Month 2026, Lingap Pangkabataan, Incorporated [LPI], in partnership with World Vision Development Foundation [WVDF] through the Child Labor–Effective Awareness and Response in the Cordillera Administrative Region [CLEAR CAR] Project, respectfully invites your office or organization to participate in and support the provincial celebration under the theme:

"Manindigan! Tumugon at Kumalinga: Sa Batang Handa, Mas Ligtas ang Bansa."

The celebration will promote children's rights and protection while helping children, families, and communities prepare for emergencies. It will also address the heightened risks children may face during and after disasters, including unsafe work, exploitation, and separation from caregivers.

Proposed dates and venues — subject to confirmation

Province/Area	Proposed Date	Proposed venue
Mountain Province	November 21, 2026	Provincial Multipurpose Hall, Bontoc
Benguet and Baguio City	November 28, 2026	Ben Palispis Hall, Poblacion, La Trinidad
Ifugao	December 5, 2026	Provincial Plaza, Lagawe

The in-person celebration is designed for children from CLEAR CAR-profiled families, their parents or guardians, and invited government and community partners. Activities will include:

a. A short advocacy walk promoting children's safety, rights, and preparedness;
b. A child-friendly DRR forum, with guidance from the Office of Civil Defense or the appropriate local DRRMO;
c. Simultaneous, age- and role-appropriate learning sessions:

- **Ages 5–10:** "Handa Ako!" storytelling and go-bag game;
- **Ages 11–17:** "Ligtas na Komunidad Challenge," including safety and community-mapping activities; and

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The project also proposes a **separate, complementary online information session with DOLE** on safeguards for children participating in online and other media content, including guidance under Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026. Its schedule will be coordinated separately.

We respectfully invite the Honorable Mayor and relevant line agencies of **Baguio City** to participate in the NCM celebration. We welcome representatives from the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City DRRMO, health office, local PNP, DepEd schools and school DRRM coordinators, concerned barangays and BCPCs, and other local child-protection partners. We also request your support in informing relevant barangays and helping coordinate the safe participation of children and families from your municipality.

Please refer to the attached draft concept note for further information. The confirmed program and logistical arrangements will be shared once finalized. Kindly confirm your participation with the assigned CLEAR CAR Project Officers in your area:

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Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to child protection. We look forward to working together toward safer, more responsive communities for every child.

Respectfully yours,

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CHILD LABOR-EFFECTIVE AWARENESS AND RESPONSE
IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CLEAR CAR) PROJECT

Batang Handa, Batang Ligtas: Sama-Samang Kumilos Para sa Ligtas na Bansa
2026 National Children's Month Celebration

Background

National Children's Month is observed every November in the Philippines to promote children's rights, welfare, protection, and meaningful participation. The 2026 theme, ***"Manindigan! Tumugon at Kumalinga: Sa Batang Handa, Mas Ligtas ang Bansa,"*** highlights the importance of preparing children, families, and communities to respond to disasters while ensuring that children remain safe and protected.

The CLEAR CAR Project, implemented by World Vision Development Foundation (WVDF) in partnership with Lingap Pangkabataan, Inc. (LPI), works with communities and local stakeholders to prevent child labor, address risks faced by children, and strengthen child protection mechanisms in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Children engaged in or at risk of child labor may become more vulnerable during emergencies because disasters can interrupt schooling, affect family livelihoods, separate children from caregivers, and increase exposure to unsafe work, violence, exploitation, and other protection concerns.

In support of the 2026 National Children's Month theme, the CLEAR CAR Project proposes the conduct of provincial celebrations in Benguet/Baguio City, Mountain Province, and Ifugao. The activities will combine a short advocacy walk, a child-friendly forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and three simple simultaneous learning sessions intended for children aged 5-10, children aged 11-17, and parents or guardians. This arrangement avoids having participants rotate through several booths and allows each group to receive a focused and age-appropriate activity.

The celebration will be conducted with the support of the Provincial Local Government Units of the three provinces, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), Office of Civil Defense (OCD) or the appropriate local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO), and other partners. It will provide children and families with practical knowledge on preparedness, safe evacuation, help-seeking, family communication, and child protection before, during, and after emergencies.

The Project will also complement the face-to-face celebration with a digital advocacy activity addressing the participation of children in online content. Through a radio-style online information session with DOLE, children, parents, and partners will receive timely guidance on the safeguards and requirements under Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026.

Objectives

- Raise awareness among children, parents, and partners on children's rights, disaster preparedness, and child protection during emergencies.
- Provide simple and age-appropriate DRR learning activities for children aged 5-10 and 11-17 years old.
- Enable children to identify safe actions, trusted adults, safe places, and sources of assistance during disasters.

II. Children's Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction. A resource speaker from OCD or the concerned DRRMO will facilitate a short child-friendly discussion on the hazards commonly experienced in the locality particularly typhoon and landslides; the need to be adept on early warning information, safe behavior before, during and after typhoon and subsequent landslide; emergency;evacuation procedures, emergency contacts, and the importance of a family go-bag. The session will use visual aids, demonstrations, and simple questions rather than a long lecture.
~~early warning information, safe behavior during earthquakes, typhoons, landslides, fires, or other emergencies, evacuation procedures, emergency contacts, and the importance of a family go-bag. The session will use visual aids, demonstrations, and simple questions rather than a long lecture.~~

III. Simultaneous Learning Sessions. After the forum, participants will proceed to only one assigned session based on their age or role. The three sessions will run at the same time. Children will therefore not be required to rotate through several booths, making the activity easier to manage and allowing facilitators to provide more focused guidance.

Station 1: Handa Ako! Storytelling and Go-Bag Game – Situationer with 2 questions the actual lindol and earthquake drill

– 30 mins actual game and 15 mins for summarization of actionable knowledge messages

Games – 1 table with pictures or materials and yung mahalaga na pwede malagay sa Go-Bag Pictures

Participants: Children aged 5-10 years old
Selected oartners will facilitate the Handa Ako sa lindol! Story Telling and Go-Bag Game. The facilitator will ask two questions: Sino ang nakaranas na ng lindol? Sino ang nakaranas na ng earthquake drill? In each of the question, the facilitator will get reaction form at least three participants ang let them share their stories. At the end, the facilitator will summarize the experiences of the participants and highlight the importance of being knowledgeable about hazards and the need to be ready at all times. Actionable message will be then discussed like Drop, Cover and Hold, Evacuation Areas, Go Bag etc.

After the story, the children will join a Go-Bag Picture Game. Pictures or sample items will be placed on a table or mat. Each child or small group will choose which items belong in an emergency go-bag and place them inside a prepared bag or basket. The facilitator will briefly explain the purpose of each correct item. The session will end with every child completing the statement, "Handa ako kasi alam ko na…" or sharing one safety action.
Suggested materials: Illustrated story cards, sample bag or basket, picture cards or safe sample items, safety promise cards, masking tape, and small participation tokens.
Expected output: Each child identifies at least three useful go-bag items, one safe action during an emergency, and one trusted adult or place where help can be sought.
-Increased in knowledge on actionable messages before during and after an earthquake
-List of local emergency hotline (DRR, etc..)

Station 2: Ligtas na Komunidad Challenge
Participants: Children aged 11-17 years old – 30 mins actual game and 15 mins for summarization of actionable knowledge messages
The participants will be divided into manageable groups. Each group will receive a hazard scenario, such as an earthquake, and fire (In school, at home and community)
. They will identify possible danger areas, safe places, evacuation routes, emergency services, and locations where children may need additional protection or assistance.

Using the map, each group will answer three guide questions: **(1) What risks can children face in this situation? (2) Where and from whom can children seek help? and (3) What should children, families, and local leaders do before, during, and after the emergency?** Each group will then present its map and one recommendation for making the community safer for children. The facilitator will correct unsafe suggestions and reinforce verified information.

B. Bata Online, Protektado: DOLE Online Information Session

In response to emerging concerns on children appearing or working in online content, the CLEAR CAR Project will organize a radio-style online information session with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as the primary guest resource agency. The session will explain the key provisions of DOLE Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026 on the engagement or participation of children below 15 years of age in public entertainment or information through cinema, theater, radio, television, social media, and other forms of media. It will also clarify when a Working Child Permit may be required and the responsibilities of parents or guardians, employers, advertisers, content creators, and other responsible parties in protecting children from exploitation.

Proposed format: A 30- to 45-minute moderated online conversation patterned after a radio interview. A CLEAR CAR representative will serve as host or moderator, while a designated DOLE representative will serve as guest speaker. The discussion may be conducted through Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Facebook Live, or another approved platform, subject to organizational communication and safeguarding protocols.

Suggested discussion points:

- What Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026 covers and why it was issued;
- How the advisory applies to children featured in monetized social media content, vlogs, livestreams, podcasts, online endorsements, digital advertisements, educational content, and similar online activities;
- When a Working Child Permit is required for children below 15 years old and where families or responsible parties can seek guidance;
- Responsibilities of parents or guardians and content creators in protecting children's education, health, safety, privacy, income, and overall welfare;
- Warning signs of possible exploitation and appropriate reporting or referral channels; and
- Practical reminders for children and families to participate safely and responsibly in digital content creation.

Intended participants and audience: Profiled children aged 11-17, parents and guardians, community mobilizers, BCPC members, local partners, content creators, educators, and members of the public reached through the Project's official social media channels.

Documentation and social media use: With the prior consent of DOLE and all speakers, the session may be recorded and edited into a full replay and short social media clips. The edited materials will present only verified information, include the official title and number of the advisory, identify DOLE as the technical resource agency, and undergo the organization's communication, branding, data privacy, child safeguarding, and approval processes before posting. Children will not be required to appear on camera, and no personal information or identifiable child case will be discussed.

Suggested materials and technical requirements: Approved online platform, stable internet connection, host and guest guide questions, moderator script, official copy or summary of Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026, event card or social media poster, speaker consent and recording authorization, headphones or microphones, recording device or platform recording function, captions or transcript, and post-production editing support.

Expected outputs: One online information session conducted with DOLE; one approved full-length recording or replay; at least three short edited social media information clips or cards; and a digital post containing the advisory title, key reminders, and official DOLE contact or referral information.

Proposed timing: The session may be scheduled during National Children's Month or released as a complementary digital advocacy activity after the provincial celebrations, subject to DOLE availability and completion of internal approvals.

Organization / Group	Roles / Responsibilities
OCD / DRRMO	Facilitate the child-friendly DRR forum and demonstrations; validate safety messages; guide hazard mapping and family preparedness planning; support venue and route safety.
DepEd / Schools	Support age-appropriate facilitation, school safety messages, and participation of teachers or school DRR coordinators.
DOLE	Serve as the primary technical resource agency for the online information session; explain Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026 and Working Child Permit requirements; provide verified guidance on children's participation in online content; and support advocacy and referrals on child labor prevention and child protection.
Barangay LGUs and BCPCs	Support mobilization, local hazard information, safeguarding, referrals, community follow-up, and implementation of recommendations.
FBOs and CSOs	Support facilitation, advocacy, volunteers, inclusion, and follow-up initiatives for children and families.
Parents / Guardians	Ensure children's safe and voluntary participation; attend the family session; prepare or review family emergency plans.
Children	Participate voluntarily in their assigned age-appropriate session, practice safety actions, and share recommendations respectfully.

Child Safeguarding and Inclusion Measures

- Obtain parent or guardian consent and child assent, including separate consent for photography and documentation where applicable.
- Use non-threatening, non-graphic, and age-appropriate disaster scenarios. Children may pause or decline any activity.
- Assign sufficient adult facilitators and ensure safe supervision, accessible participation, first aid, water, toilets, emergency contacts, and a weather contingency plan.
- Protect personal information and refer any protection concern only through established safeguarding and government referral mechanisms.
- Consider the needs of younger children, adolescents, children with disabilities, indigenous children, and children who may be separated from caregivers during emergencies.

Sustainability and Follow-up

- The CLEAR CAR Project team will consolidate the children's maps, recommendations, safety promises, family plans, attendance, and documentation and share key results with relevant provincial and local partners.
- The Children's DRR and Protection Message will be used to advocate child-sensitive DRR planning and regular provincial observances of National Children's Month, World Day Against Child Labour, and Safer Internet Day.
- Barangays, BCPCs, schools, and partner agencies will be encouraged to repeat the three simple sessions during community orientations, school DRR activities, and child protection initiatives.
- Protection concerns or service needs identified during the activity will be coordinated with the appropriate office or established referral mechanism, within the Project's scope and safeguarding procedures.

Task	Remarks	Timeline	Mountain Province	Benguet	Ifugao	Regional/ Baguio City Level
	CHILDREN'S FAIR - Go Bag kit - Commitment Wall - Placards, Hashtags for the walk **RSCWC ACTIVITY(?)** - i **RCACL CLPEP CARAVAN** - indicate					
Coordinate and confirm DOLE guest speaker	Send formal invitation; attach concept and guide questions; confirm speaker, date, platform, and approved contact information.	At least 3 weeks before airing				Claire / Communications Focal / Assigned Technical Support
Prepare online session guide and moderator script	Include Labor Advisory No. 12, Series of 2026, Working Child Permit, online child protection, key messages, and audience questions.	At least 1 week before airing				Claire / Communications Focal / Assigned Technical Support
Technical hosting, recording, and editing	Conduct platform test; secure recording consent; record session; prepare captions and edited social media clips for approval.	Test 2-3 days before; edit within 5 working days after				Claire / Communications Focal / Assigned Technical Support
Social media card and posting approval	Prepare event card and captions; secure communications, branding, safeguarding, and DOLE clearance before publication.	Before promotion and posting				Claire / Communications Focal / Assigned Technical Support