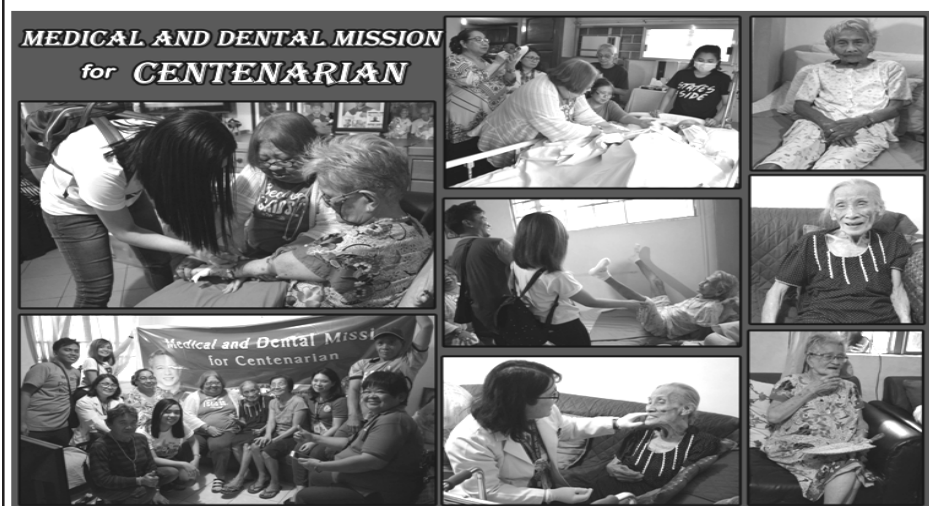




**PSWDO STRENGTHENS AND ORGANIZES THE PROVINCIAL LOCAL COUNCIL FOR WOMEN:** The provincial government of Cavite thru the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office spearheaded the organization of the Provincial Local Council for Women on September 17, 2019 at the Ceremonial Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City. The program was attended by representatives of City and Municipal Social Welfare Officers and officers of various women organization in the province. On behalf of Governor Jonvic C. Remulla, Former Board Member Irene Bencito, Provincial Gender and Development Focal Person, welcomed the participants and expressed the governor's support on all the programs for women. She also stressed that women empowerment and gender equality will be mainstreamed through the formation of local council for women. Meanwhile, Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, Social Welfare Officer III, discussed the main objective of the event which are, to orient the women organization on their roles and functions, and to establish, strengthen and federate the women organization. Overview of the national women organization, KALIPi or Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina was covered by Ms. Jocelyn Jabon, SWO II- DSWD Regional Office. Mission and vision as well as the goals of the organization were discussed. She also deliberated the steps in organizing KALIPi. An open forum was facilitated by Ms. Ramos wherein some issues and concerns were asked and reasonably answered by her and Ms. Jabon. Also, during the open forum, Ms. Bencito shared that women organization should focus on low-cost high-impact program, and that programs should focus on basic needs such as food, shelter, health and education rather than recreation. PSWDO Head, Ms. Felipa Servañez ended the program by thanking and asking the full cooperation of everyone.-PICAD



**CARING FOR OUR ELDERS IN CAVITE:** In a gesture of compassion for the elders, the provincial government of Cavite fulfills its commitment to provide healthcare services for them as health practitioners from the Provincial Health Office visited four centenarians in the City of Imus to check their medical conditions on September 17, 2019. The elders include Julita Palma Sosa, 101 years old from Poblacion IV-B, Isabel Narvaez, 103 years old from Carsadang Bago 1, Ana Araneta, 102 years old from Carsadang Bago 2, and Pascuala Montalvo Guibay, 101 years old from Bucandala 3. Dr. Charito Gozo, Dr. Elizabeth Arove, and Dr. Emelina Salvador, together with the medical technologist and physical therapists provided medical and dental checkups and gave some vitamins and prescribed medicines to the centenarians. They also instructed them on the appropriate exercises and food to be given to the centenarian. Senior Citizens Health and Well-being Program Manager Adela Z. Dela Cruz, RM, RN interviewed the relatives and asked the nursing aides on what the provincial government can offer to help the centenarians. The program was made possible thru the support from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Federation of Senior Citizens in the province, City and Municipal Social Welfare Office and the Provincial Health Office. --(PICAD)

# OWWA announces call for nominations for the 2019 Model OFW Family of the Year Awards (MOFYA)

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) has opened their call for nominations for the 2019 Model OFW Family of the Year Awards (MOFYA).

On its 14th year, OWWA continues to honor the sacrifices of Filipino migrants abroad by highlighting their unsung stories of success. It also recognizes the invaluable contributions of OFWs and the unparalleled support their families play in pursuit of a better life.

The annual search places great emphasis on OFW families in achieving professional and educational advancement, financial success and stability, positive community involvement and most importantly, maintaining family unity and solidarity amidst life challenges.

Two (2) outstanding OFW families per region (one each for the Land-based and Sea-based Category) will be selected as Regional Winners, and only two winners per category will be determined as grand winners for the national level.

The criteria of the selection process include the following:

- Wholesome OFW Family (50%)
- Civic/Community Involvement of OFW and Family (20%)
- Success in OFW and/or Family member/s education or profession (20%); and
- Success in Managing Family Finances (10%);

To qualify, nominees should comply with the following requirements:

- The OFW, either single or married and with proof of OWWA membership, should head the family & may be presently employed overseas or former OFW;
- The OFW should have at least 4 years of work experience abroad; that he/she has returned to the country for good for no longer than 10 years of the time of nomination;
- The OFW family is known as a solid/stable family in the locality;
- The OFW family should be financially stable; and
- The OFW family is actively involved in community projects.

The group who may nominate an OFW family that meets the qualifications must be any of the following: registered Non-Government Organization (NGOs); Peoples organization (POs); Religious organizations or associations; Community-based socio-civic organizations/associations; and OFW Family Circle (OFCs). Nomination from overseas may be accepted provided the family of the nominee is in the Philippines. No individual nomination shall be accepted.

Nomination forms and other details of the 2019 MOFYA are available at OWWA Regional Welfare Offices, and may be downloaded from OWWA website [www.owwa.gov.ph](http://www.owwa.gov.ph) ... ---- (PPESO)



**RELIEF DISTRIBUTION IN NAIC AND TERNATE:** Governor Jonvic Remulla together with Vice Governor Jolo Revilla led the distribution of relief in the municipalities of Naic and Ternate on September 17, 2019. A total of 8,000 packs of rice were released by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) to the fisherfolk families being affected by the inclement weather brought by the southwest monsoon rains. Naic Mayor Junio Dualan, Naic Vice Mayor Rogelio Pangilinan , Ternate Mayor Lamberto Bambao, Ternate Vice Mayor Salvador Gubio Jr, Board Member Virgilio Varias and the members of the municipal council were also present during the distribution, checking the condition of constituents in the coastal barangays of said towns. -- (PICAD)