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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : CONCERNED PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS OF V AND ARRM, AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE TO ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS ON COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING SYSTEM (CBMS)

The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Network and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) will be conducting a series of advocacy workshops on the CBMS targeting 44 municipalities in the provinces of Maguindanao, Tawi-Tawi, Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and Sorsogon on the following dates:

Dates	Provinces	Venue
September 26-27, 2011	1. Maguindanao 2. Albay, Sorsogon and Catanduanes	Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City Ridge Hotel, Maharlika Highway Irosin Sorsogon
September 29-30, 2011	1. Tawi-Tawi 2. Camarines Sur	Beachside Inn and Restaurant, Bongao Tawi-Tawi Villa Caceres, Naga City

This is in line with the convergence of efforts in support of the adoption and institutionalization of Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) as the primary tool in generating information to identify targets and beneficiaries of pro-poor projects and activities, and as input to local planning and budgeting.

The CBMS Advocacy Workshops are geared towards achieving CBMS buy-in of the target LGUs. Specifically, these workshops aims to showcase how CBMS can foster evidence based planning, resource allocation, program design, and implementation at the local level; and facilitate the provision of technical support to the identified local government units in the establishment, maintenance and updating of CBMS databases.

The target participants are the Local Chief Executive (LCE), One (1) Member of the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) preferably the Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC), Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) and one (1) Representative of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) operating in the LGU.

In this connection, all concerned Local Chief Executives, MPDCs, SB Chair of Appropriation Committee of the above mentioned LGUs are strongly encouraged to attend the 2- day advocacy workshop. Food and accommodation will be shouldered by NAPC. Transportation expenses to and from the venue shall be charged to Local Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to ensure the attendance of the concerned LGUs and MLGOOs and cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

For the guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

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