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Atty. PRIMOLITO B. PLAZA  
 Provincial Administrator  
 Province of Surigao del Norte

Dear Atty. Plaza:

This refers to your letter seeking guidance from this Office on whether DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 01 dated March 1, 2013 entitled "OPERATION GUIDELINES DURING ELECTION PERIOD" is applicable to the operation of the Social Service Office of the Province of Surigao del Norte.

The DSWD issued said Memorandum Circular (MC) to all of its field offices, bureaus, services and units as guidance to all its personnel in the implementation of DSWD's programs, projects and activities (PPAs) during election period from March 29, 2013 to May 13, 2013 which it has directly or indirectly funded and implemented. The MC is not directed to the local government units (LGUs) considering that most of DSWD's functions are already devolved to the LGUs with the advent of the Local Government Code of 1991, except if the funds came from DSWD and it was agreed that the rules and procedures of DSWD shall govern in the implementation of the project.

Nevertheless, we would like to point that COMELEC Resolution No. 9585 dated December 18, 2012 and other COMELEC Resolutions and Omnibus Election Code cited by the MC is applicable to all government entities including local government units. Therefore, while the DSWD MC is directed to its personnel only, you may use it as guide in the implementation of foreign and locally-funded projects in your province during election period

We hope to have clarified you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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