

2021



ON THE FRONT LINES:

Investigating and Combatting OSEC in the Philippines



PCOL SHEILA PORTENTO
Chief, Anti-Trafficking in Persons
Division
PNP Women and Children Protection
Center



AREAS OF FOCUS IN INVESTIGATING TRAFFICKING OSEC CASES



- ✓ Training and comfort with online UC activities
- ✓ Expertise in documenting digital and electronic evidence
- ✓ Increased cross-jurisdiction information sharing
- ✓ Financial Investigation



VICTIM-CENTERED INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUE: CONTINUED PROTECTION



- Multi-disciplinary collaboration to ensure the interests of the child are protected and the child is safeguarded from further harm.
- Use of video-taped child friendly interviews is critical
- Understanding, properly capturing and being able to testify about digital forensics



CHALLENGES



ON INVESTIGATION

- Trafficking OSEC is most often transnational – information sharing.
- Tools and manpower to combat OSEC is an investment.
- Tech and financial sector detection is currently inadequate.

ON PROSECUTION

- Victim independent case
- Value of digital forensic evidence



COVID-19: CHILD PROTECTION CONTINUES

“Our mandate to safeguard Filipino children from online sexual exploitation remains despite the community quarantines in effect around the country.”

**Police Brigadier General Alessandro Abella, Chief
PNP WCPC**

- During the pandemic – WCPC and our partners have continued to bring perpetrators to justice and rescue victims.
- Ensure plans are understood for health protocols.
- Protect your staff – it may be uncomfortable, but it could save their lives.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION IS THE KEY

“Model for an enhanced global response against OSEC”

RAPPLER News Video Business Newsbreak MovePH Views Life & Style Entertainment Sports Tech BrandRap X

Philippines, UK, Australia launch center vs online child exploitation

Most child exploitation cases involve Filipino children and men from other countries. Authorities hope to stop this 'increasingly prevalent' crime.

Rambo Talabong

Published 1:45 PM, February 27, 2019

Updated 5:39 PM, March 04, 2019

f Facebook

t Twitter

Reddit

Email



NEW CENTER. The Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center is inaugurated at the Philippine National Police headquarters, Camp Crame, on February 27, 2019. Photo courtesy of International Justice Mission

COLLABORATION – PICACC MEMBERS





SECOND ANNIVERSARY

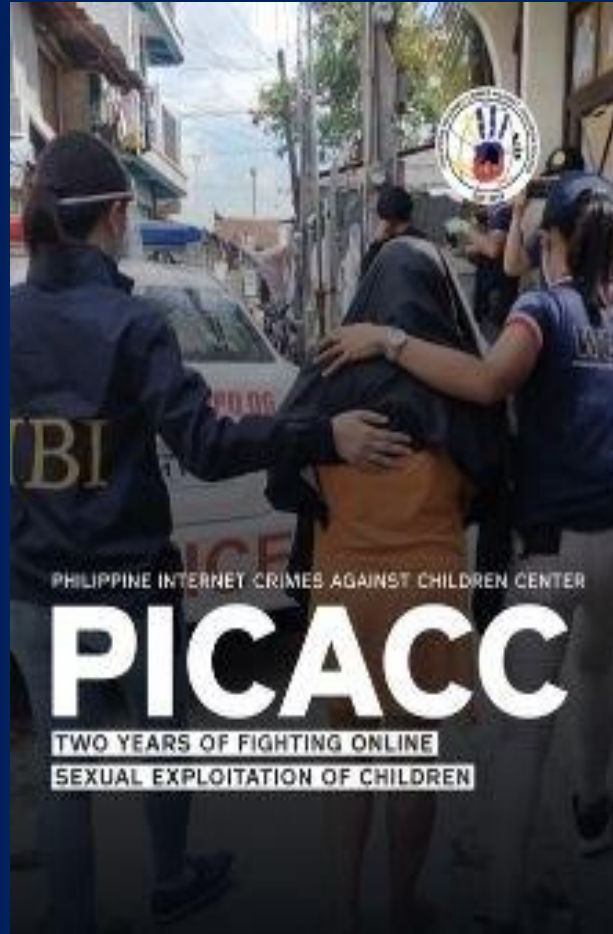
SunStar PHILIPPINES



Manila

**Picacc marks 2nd anniversary
by celebrating 373 rescues, 84
arrests**

Thursday April 29, 2021 19:01



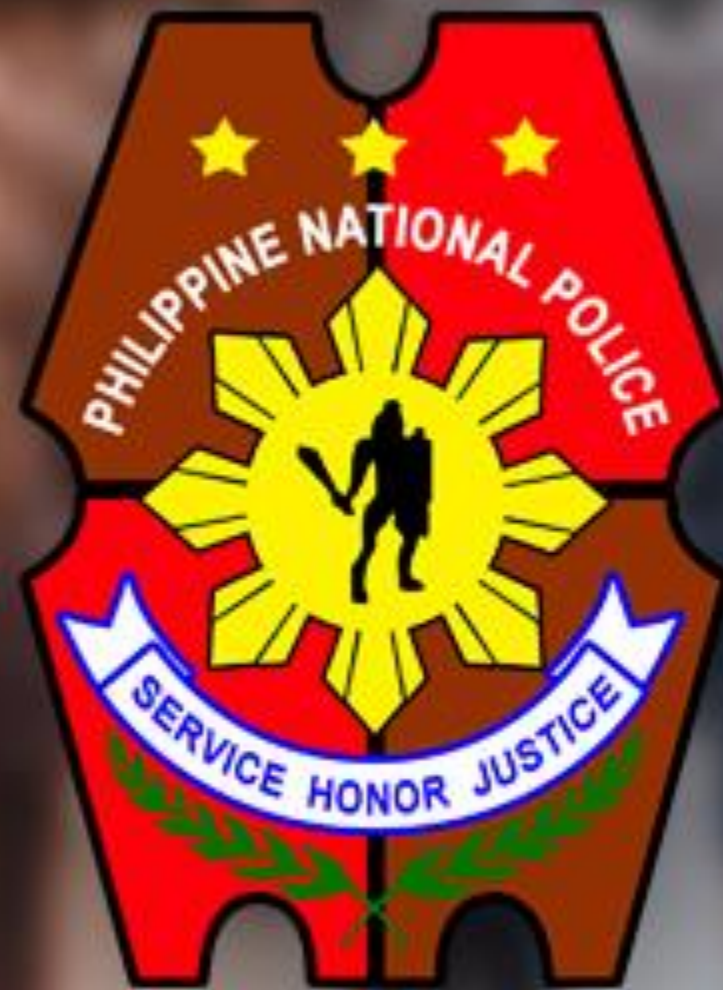
153 operations



469 rescued



102 arrested



Salamat po!