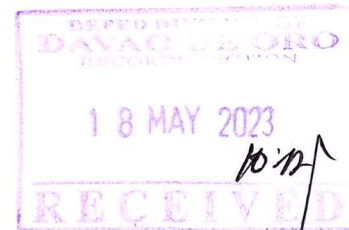




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REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DE ORO



**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

May 15, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 429, s. 2023

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID, SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Heads
All Others Concerned

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2023

In line with OUOPS Memorandum 00-0522-0064 titled **International AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2023**, this division invites all adolescent learners, student leaders, teaching, and non-teaching personnel in the Schools Division of Davao de Oro to participate in the commemoration on **May 21, 2023** with the theme "**Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities**".

The focus of the observance will be highlighting the stigma and self-stigma experienced by people living with HIV.

In this regard, the Division Office, field offices and schools are encouraged to support the campaign through the following activities:

1. Posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd offices and schools;
2. Sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official OK sa DepEd Facebook Page and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;
3. Distributing educational materials;
4. Posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media;



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5. Conducting HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and
6. Holding a candlelight memorial activity.

It is requested to use #IACM2023, #AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepEdPhilippines when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be access through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>.

Attached herewith is the OUOPS Memorandum for further details.

Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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OUOPS No. 2023-03-421
MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND BARMM**
Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Health and Nutrition Personnel
School Heads
Others Concerned

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL**
2023

DATE : 02 May 2023

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (IACM) is an annual commemoration to remember those people who have died of AIDS and to honor the people who have dedicated their lives in helping those living with and affected by HIV positive individuals. This is also the time to raise social consciousness about HIV/AIDS to address the stigma and discrimination.

This year, the 2023 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be celebrated on May 21, 2023 highlighting the stigma and self-stigma experienced by people living with HIV with the theme: **"Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities"**.

In line with this, the Office of Undersecretary for Operations, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) encourages all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders and adolescent learners field offices to participate for the following:

1. posting of event banner and red ribbons, which is a symbol of AIDS awareness, in DepEd Offices and schools;
2. sharing of social media content regarding HIV/AIDS from the Official OK sa DepEd Facebook Page and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page;

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4. posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media;
5. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and
6. a candlelight memorial activity.

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Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers, and Youth Formation Officers are requested to disseminate the information and join in the activities.

For more information and concerns, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, or Phanny S. Ramos, Health Education and Promotion Officer III, BLSS-SHD through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph / arh@deped.gov.ph .

For immediate and appropriate action.