



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION XI  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DE ORO**



Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent

October 25, 2023

**Division Memorandum**

No. 881, s. 2023

To:

Public Schools District Supervisor of Mawab District  
District Coordinating Principal of Compostela West District  
Principal III of Lorenzo Sarmiento Sr. National High School  
Concerned personnel

Subject: **ATTENDANCE TO ARH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW  
CUM GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING-WORKSHOP**

1. Attached is the **Regional Memorandum ESSD-2023-432** dated October 18, 2023, from the Office of the Regional Director with the subject, "**ATTENDANCE TO ARH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW CUM GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING-WORKSHOP**".
2. This workshop will address and discuss issues on gender equality in the implementation of Adolescent Reproductive Health through gender-responsive planning.
3. Region XI will participate in the third batch on November 14-17, 2023, at Cagayan de Oro City (final venue to be announced).
4. Hereunder is the list of the participants for the Division of Davao de Oro:

Name	Designation	Office/District
Donna Kenneth M. Nistal	SDO ARH Alternate Focal Person	Compostela West District
Endera L. Villapaz	Guidance Counselor	Lorenzo Sarmiento Sr. NHS



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5. It is respectfully requested that the participants be advised of the following:
  - A. Check-in is at 2:00 pm on day 1. Registration of participants starts at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served. Check-out is at 12:00 noon on Day 4;
  - B. Funds for the participants' travel expenses are downloaded to the respective SDOs, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. It is requested that the SDO augment any fund shortages;
  - C. Participants must be fully vaccinated and have their vaccination and booster card ready. It is also requested that they should bring face masks and sanitizer for the duration of the activity and should observe health protocols against COVID-19. However, participants are discouraged from attending the activity if exposed to COVID-19 positive or if any symptoms are already being experienced.
6. Other details are contained in the enclosure.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

By the Authority of the  
Schools Division Superintendent:

**ARLYN B. LIM PhD**  
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Office of the Regional Director

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
ESSD-2023-432

To Schools Division Superintendents  
Chief Education Supervisor, ESSD

Subject: ATTENDANCE TO ARH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW  
CUM GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Date: October 18, 2023

Attached is Memorandum from the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS) dated August 22, 2023, which is self-explanatory.

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10354 titled **Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012**, the Adolescent Reproductive Health as one of the flagship programs of Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd under BLSS – School Health Division (SHD), focuses on the establishment of a supportive school environment where facilities for information on adolescent reproductive health concerns and basic health services are provided for learners and the school community.

To further strengthen the implementation of the program, a Joint Memorandum No. 003, s. 2021 titled **Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) – Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Convergence Pilot Implementation** was issued to address the growing concerns of early pregnancy and HIV/AIDS in the country, among others, thereby establishing a referral pathway from schools to community health service providers. This memorandum underscores the relevance of the provision of services to adolescents vis-à-vis curriculum integration of age-appropriate reproductive health key concepts.

In relevance to this, BLSS-SHD shall conduct an **ARH Program Implementation Review (PIR) cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop** to the Regional and Schools Division Offices (SDO) ARH focal persons/coordinators in three batches. Region XI will participate in the third batch on November 14-17, 2023, at Cagayan de Oro City (final venue to be announced). Through this workshop, issues on gender equality in the implementation of ARH will also be discussed and addressed through gender-responsive planning.

The expected participants for the activity are the Main ARH Focal Persons from the RO and SDOs and one Registered Guidance Counselor/designated representative of the Region (Annex A).



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- It is respectfully requested that the participants be advised of the following:
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  2. Funds for the participants' travel expenses are downloaded to the respective SDOs; subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. It is requested that the SDO augment any fund shortages;
  3. Participants must be fully vaccinated and have their vaccination and booster card ready. It is also requested that they should bring face masks and sanitizer for the duration of the activity and should observe health protocols against COVID-19. However, participants are discouraged from attending the activity if exposed to COVID-19 positive or if any symptoms are already being experienced.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

**ALLAN G. FARNAZO**  
 Director IV

Enclosed: As stated

By the Authority of the Regional Director

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 RECORDS SECTION  
**RELEASED**

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**ROY T. ENRIQUEZ**  
 Chief Administrative Officer  
 Officer-in-Charge

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Annex A

**List of Participants**

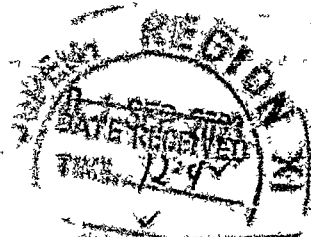
Name/s	Designation	Office/SDO/School
1. Stephen Mark T. Castres	Regional ARH Focal Person	ESSD-DepEd RO XI
2. Jasmin S. Betinol	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Davao City
3. Arlene Joy C. Sandico	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Davao Occidental
4. Dhelmie Christine S. Peñas	SDO ARH Alternate Focal Person	SDO - Digos City
5. Felma Anina R. Elnar	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Davao del Sur
6. Desiree Loren L. Barabal	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Panabo City
7. Miriam B. Lilio	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Tagum City
8. Catherine P. Cantalejo	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Davao del Norte
9. Donna Kenneth M. Nistal	SDO ARH Alternate Focal Person	SDO - Davao de Oro
10. Lynn M. Amit	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - IGACOS
11. Maria Clotilde Corazon H. Zosa	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Mati City
12. Irish Mate M. Arboleda	SDO ARH Focal Person	SDO - Davao Oriental
13. Endera L. Villapez	Guidance Counselor	Lorenzo Sarmiento Sr. NHS (SDO - Davao de Oro)



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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS & BARMM EDUCATION MINISTER  
Education Support Services Division  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
School Governance and Operations Division  
School Health and Nutrition Section  
All Others Concerned

**FROM**   
**NENIVETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD**  
Director IV

**SUBJECT** CONDUCT OF ARH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW CUM  
GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP

**DATE** 22 August 2023

Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) is one of the flagship programs of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD). Pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) No. 10354, titled *Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012*, the program focuses on a supportive school environment where facilities for information on adolescent reproductive health concerns and basic health services are provided for learners and the school community.

As learners are expected to seek services with reproductive health integration in the curriculum and or discussions in schools, a Joint Memorandum No. 003, s. 2021 titled *Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) - Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Convergence Pilot Implementation* was issued to address the growing concern of early pregnancy and HIV/AIDS in the country, among others, and to further strengthen the implementation of programs by establishing a referral pathway from schools to community health service providers. Pilot schools across the 17 regions of the country were selected based on the relevance of adolescent health concerns.

Relative to this, the BLSS-SHD shall conduct an **ARH Program Implementation Review (PIR) Cum Gender-Responsive Planning-Workshop** to the Regional (RO) and Schools Division Offices (SDO) ARH focal persons/coordinators in three batches. Through this workshop, issues on gender equality in the implementation of ARH will also be discussed and addressed through gender-responsive planning. Through the concerted actions of the focal persons and the dynamic leadership of the Regional Focal persons, it will strengthen existing programs and develop new strategies that cater specifically to the

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Enclosure No. 1

**Expected Participants:**

**BATCH 1**

REGION	ARH FOCAL		Guidance Counselor/ Designate
	Regional Office	Schools Division Office	
Region I	1	14	1
Region II	1	9	1
Region III	1	20	1
Region IV-A	1	23	1
NCR	1	16	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>5</b>

**BATCH 2**

REGION	ARH FOCAL		Guidance Counselor/ Designate
	Regional Office	Schools Division Office	
CAR	1	8	1
Region IV-B	1	7	1
Region V	1	13	1
Region VI	1	21	1
Region VII	1	20	1
Region VIII	1	13	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>6</b>

**BATCH 3**

REGION	ARH FOCAL		Guidance Counselor/ Designate/ ARH Coordinator
	Regional Office	Schools Division Office	
Region IX	1	8	1
Region X	1	14	1
Region XI	1	11	1
Region XII	1	8	1
Caraga	1	12	2
BARMM	1	11	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6</b>

needs of adolescents, ensuring their rights to accurate information, safe practices, and supportive environments.

Date	Regions/Participants	Venue
September 19-22, 2023 (Batch 1)	I, II, III, IV-A, NCR	DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City
October 10-13, 2023 (Batch 2)	CAR, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII	DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City
November 14-17, 2023 (Batch 3)	IX, X, XI, XII, Caraga, BARMM	To be announced

This also provides an opportunity for the field implementers to showcase their good practices, innovations, and continuous improvement programs/projects that may be replicated by other ROs/SDOs with community leaders and stakeholders and think of ways on how else they can improve the delivery of education and health services to their constituents in the context of school-community partnership.

The expected participants for the activity are the ARH Focal person from ROs and SDOs and the Registered Guidance Counselor/designated representative from each region. Please refer to *Enclosure No. 1*.

It is respectfully requested that the participants be advised of the following:

1. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/Pre-reg-ARH-PIR2023> until September 11, 2023.
2. Check-in is at 2:00 pm on day 1. Registration of the participants starts at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served. Check-out is at 12:00nn on day 4.
3. Funds for the participants' travel expenses will be downloaded to the respective offices through the Regional Office (RO), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. It is requested that the RO/SDO augment any fund shortages.
4. Participants are fully vaccinated and have the vaccination and booster card ready. It is also requested to bring face masks and sanitizer for the duration of the activity and observe health protocols against COVID-19. However, participants are discouraged from attending the activity if exposed to COVID-19 positive or if any symptoms are already being experienced.

For concerns and clarifications, Ms. Phanny S. Ramos of BLSS-School Health Division can be contacted at (02) 8632 9935 or by email at [arh@deped.gov.ph](mailto:arh@deped.gov.ph).