



August 19, 2019



REGIONAL ADVISORY

No. 116, s. 2019

INVITATION TO JOIN THE "KAPIT-KAMAY: EMPOWERING THE YOUTH TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES"

TO: Ma. Teresa M. Real,
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Siargao Division

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Schools Division Superintendent
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Schools Division Superintendent
Butuan City Division

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1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 101, s. 2019, re: conduct of the summit on adolescent pregnancy on August 22, 2019 at the PICC, Pasay City, Manila, the identified SDOs are requested to send the following student-representatives and Guidance Counselor to attend the said activity:

Name	Group Represented	School /Division
Miraflor D. Halawig	Indigenous People - Mamanwa	Mat-I NHS, Surigao City Division
Karylle L. Clarito	Teen Parent (mother)	Surigao City Division
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Samantha Isabel B. Dimla	SSG Officer	LNHS, Butuan City Division
Rowena Salas	Guidance Counselor	Surigao City Division

2. The official travel date is August 21 -23, 2019.
3. The Lodging venue is at Atrium Hotel, 15F Taft Centrale Exchange, Pasay, Metro Manila.

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4. Traveling expenses of the participants shall be charged against the downloaded funds to the Regional Office for Youth Formation activities and travels, subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.
5. The SSG Adviser or Division Youth Formation Coordinator may accompany the student participant as chaperone provided his/her traveling expenses shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.
6. The participants shall preregister at bit.ly/2019TPSummitRegistration.
7. Consent Form and Travel Authority will be collected during registration. The Guidance Counselor shall ensure safety of the learners during travel period.
8. For more details, please refer to the attached Memorandum dated August 16, 2019 from the office of Dir. Rizalino Rosales of the Bureau of Learners Support Services (BLSS) or contact Ms. Lien Ivy C. Collado, cel. # 09158724474 or Mr. Gerald Abueva cel. # 09750668349.
9. For immediate dissemination and compliance.


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MEMORANDUM

FOR : Regional Directors
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Concerned School Division Superintendents
Concerned Head, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

FROM :  **RIZALINO JOSE T. ROSALES**
Director IV

SUBJECT : Advisory for the Summit to Discuss the Education,
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6. Consent form and Travel Authority will be collected during registration. The Guidance Counsellor shall ensure safety of the learners during the travel period.
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8. Orientation will be on August 21, 6:00 PM at the Quirino Hall, 15th floor, Atrium Hotel.
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10. The dress code is smart casual.
11. The Summit will be on August 22, 8:00 am at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City.

For further details, School Health Division may be contacted at (02) 632-9935. Ms. Lien Ivy C. Callado (09158724474) and Mr. Gerald Abueva (0975-966-8349) may also be directly contacted.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Regional Directors**
Assistant Regional Directors
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
School Division Superintendents
Head, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

FROM: *Nepomuceno A. Malaluan*
ATTY. NEPOMUCENO A. MALALUAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: **SUMMIT TO DISCUSS THE EDUCATION, HEALTH AND
DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONS OF EARLY PREGNANCY**

DATE: 06 August 2019

During the 34th cabinet Meeting held on February 6, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte expressed the necessity to convene a summit with all stakeholders to discuss teenage pregnancy as a social problem. In view of this, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with other government agencies and non-government organizations, will hold a summit to discuss the education, health and development dimensions of early pregnancy. The summit is entitled: **"Kapit-Kamay: Empowering the Youth to make Informed Choices"** on **August 22, 2019** at the **Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, Manila**.

In line with this, all Regional Directors are invited to attend the Summit. In addition, Regional Offices shall select six (6) representative learners of the region with the following criteria:

- 2 Members of the Supreme Student Government,
- 2 In-School Teen Parent (male and female),
- 1 Representative of Alternative Learning System, and
- 1 Representative of Indigenous People's Group or Special Education Class.

Learners shall be accompanied by one (1) guidance counselor and a parent consent form must be provided. Travel duration of the participants will be on August 19 – 21, 2019. Travelling and incidental expenses shall be downloaded to Regional Offices for this purpose subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Online pre-registration of the participants is through bit.ly/2019TPSummitRegistration which is open until 15 August 2019. An advisory for the final details of the activity will be sent.

For further details, the DepEd's Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division may be contacted at telefax (02) 632-9935 or email arh@deped.gov.ph. Ms. Lien Ivy C. Callado (0915-872-4474) and Mr. Gerald Abueva (0975-966-8349) may also be directly contacted.

KAPIT-KAMAY: EMPOWERING THE YOUTH TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES

August 22, 2019 | Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, Manila



Agenda:

- Share information and data on early pregnancy and and understand its education, health and development dimensions;
- Understand the risk and contributory factors to early pregnancy and;
- Identify common ground, existing interventions and formulate platforms or movement with diverse identities for stakeholders to continue policy advocacy and program implementation to address the concern.

Participants: Youth, Program Implementers and Duty Bearers

TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
7:00 - 8:00	Registration	
8:00 – 9:00	Opening Ceremonies Ecumenical Prayer and Philippine National Anthem Welcome Remarks and Opening Address Presentation of Delegates	<i>Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA)</i> <i>Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles</i>
9:00 – 10:00	Plenary: Situationer on Early Pregnancy in the Philippines	Lecture Performance by <i>Philippine Educational Theater Association</i>
10:00 – 12:00	Facetime: The Nexus on Education, Health, and Development	<i>Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, Department of Education</i> <i>Secretary Francisco Duque III, Department of Health</i> <i>Secretary Ernesto Pernia, National Economic and Development Authority</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:30	Break-out Sessions: The Dimensions of Early Pregnancy	5 Break-out Sessions: - Education: Instilling the Importance of Education and Development in the Youth - Health: Bringing the Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Services Closer to the Youth - Child Protection: Creating Safe Spaces for Adolescents - Media and Technology: Reaching the Young People through Media and Technology - Social and Community Dimension: Strengthening Partnership with the Community
3:30 – 4:00	Plenary Synthesis	
4:00 – 5:00	Closing Ceremonies An Interactive Ritual for Call to Action	

Concept Note for the Summit on Empowering the Youth to make Informed Choices



EARLY PREGNANCY IN THE PHILIPPINES: AN URGENT CONCERN

A National Summit to Understand the Education, Health and Development Dimensions of Early Pregnancy and Forge Multi-Stakeholder Consensus on Ways Forward

BACKGROUND

During the 34th Cabinet Meeting held on 6 February 2019, the Education Secretary updated the Cabinet on DepEd's efforts related to integrating preventive drug education in the basic education curriculum. The Secretary also provided updates on the preliminary results of the random drug testing of secondary level students.

In the course of the discussion, based on the updates on the preliminary results of drug testing, the Finance Secretary noted that prevalence of drug use does not appear to be a very pressing problem of the government for the segment currently enrolled in public schools. The Finance Secretary however raised that teenage pregnancy may be a more urgent concern.

The President expressed that he wants to convene a summit with all stakeholders to discuss teenage pregnancy as a social problem. In view thereof, the DepEd and the DOH were directed to look into the President's proposed intervention and submit their recommendations on the matter.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE PHILIPPINES

The 2013 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) and the 2013 Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study (YAFSS) also demonstrated a steady increase of teenage pregnancies in the country. The 2013 NDHS reported an increase in the number of women aged 15-19 who have begun childbearing from 8% in 2003 to 10% in 2013. The 2013 YAFSS showed an increase in teenage fertility from 6.3% in 2002 to 13.6% in 2013.

The 2017 NDHS reveals that the issue of adolescent fertility is important for both health and social reasons. Children

born to very young mothers are at increased risk of sickness and death. Teenage mothers are more likely to experience adverse pregnancy outcomes and to be constrained in their ability to pursue educational opportunities than young women who delay childbearing.

The 2017 surveys show that the percentage of women age 15-19 who have had a birth or were pregnant with their first child at the time of the survey, according to background characteristics. Overall, 9 percent of women age 15-19 have begun childbearing. But, it is important to look into that the proportion of teenagers who have begun childbearing rises rapidly with age, from 1 percent at age 15 to 22 percent at age 19. Rural teenagers start childbearing slightly earlier than urban teenagers (10% and 7% respectively).

Based on the survey, eighteen percent of teenagers in the Davao region and 15 percent each in Northern Mindanao and SOCCSKSARGEN have begun childbearing. Teenagers in the highest two wealth quintiles (3-5%) start childbearing later than those in other quintiles (10-15%).

THE HEALTH DIMENSION: POORER HEALTH OUTCOMES RELATED TO TEENAGE PREGNANCIES

Childbearing in adolescence carries increased risks for poor health outcomes for both mother and child; and the younger the adolescent, the greater the risks.⁵

According to the World Health Organization in 2015, an estimated 1,213,067 adolescents aged 10-19 years died worldwide. Among females aged 15-19 years, maternal conditions ranked first among causes of death. Maternal conditions also ranked as the third leading cause of disability adjusted life years (DALYs) lost among females aged 15-19

years. Globally, the top 15 risk factors associated with mortality as well as with DALYs lost among males and females aged 15-19 years included unsafe sex, childhood sexual abuse, iron deficiency anemia, and intimate partner violence.⁶

Pregnancy during adolescence is associated with higher risk of health problems like anemia, sexually transmitted infections, unsafe abortion, postpartum hemorrhage, and mental disorders, such as depression.⁷ Adolescents becoming pregnant at an early age have associated risk factors such as having multiple partners and having greater age differences with their partners, which may put them at greater risk of acquiring HIV.⁷

In the Philippines, children born to adolescent mothers are more likely to die compared to children of older mothers. Furthermore, the rate of preterm births is also higher for mothers below age 20, 3.4% of whose births are pre-term, than those age 20-34, 2.4% of whose births are pre-term.² Adolescents aged 10-19 are 2-4x more likely to deliver extremely low birth weight babies.

Where Adolescent Mothers Give Birth. The 2013 NDHS findings showed that almost all (96.1%) pregnant adolescents (ages 15-19 years) get antenatal care from a doctor, nurse or midwife. A sizable 35.5%, however, still deliver at home, and about one in four (24.4%) are assisted by a traditional birth attendant (TBA) or relative.² An updated 2016 UNFPA-commissioned study showed that still, only 42% of teen mothers delivered in hospitals, 36% in birthing clinics, and 13% at home. The 2017 NDHS showed that 91.4% pregnant adolescents received antenatal care from a skilled provider.

Closely-Spaced Pregnancies. Youth in the Philippines are also at risk for multiple pregnancies in their adolescence. Filipino adolescent mothers aged 15-19 years have a median number of months between previous pregnancies of 17 months. This is in comparison to the average for mothers of all other ages of 35 months. The following factors contribute to shorter birth intervals and multiple pregnancies in adolescence: 1) lower educational attainment and economic status; 2) poor access to contraception exacerbated by legal barriers to access modern contraception; 3) challenges in the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education; and 4) limited service delivery points providing adolescent friendly sexuality and reproductive health services.²

THE EDUCATION DIMENSION: EARLY PREGNANCY AND MARRIAGE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH DROP-OUT RATES

The 2017 Annual Poverty Indicator Survey (APIS) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) placed the proportion of out-of-school children and youth (OSCY) at 9.1% of the 39,214,000 family members who are 6 to 24 years old. While we have a relatively lower OSCY distribution for the basic education ages of 6 to 15 years, the proportion drastically increases in the 16 to 24 years age group. (Table 1)

Table 1. Percentage of OSCY Among Family Members 6 to 24 Years Old, by Sex/Age Group, 2017

Sex/Age Group	Family members 6 to 24 Years Old ('000)	Proportion of OSCY (%)	Distribution of OSCY by Sex and Age Group (%)
Both Sexes	39,214	9.1	100.0
Male	20,080	6.5	36.7
Female	19,134	11.8	63.3
Age Group			
6 to 11	12,832	1.6	5.7
12 to 15	8,507	4.7	11.2
16 to 24	17,875	16.6	83.1

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2017 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey

The 2017 APIS Survey provides the percentage distribution of OSCY by reason for not attending school, by sex and age group. (Table 2 and Table 3)

For males, the highest reason is “lack of personal interest”, and this occurs more intensely when they reach the age 12 to 15.

For females, the biggest reason is “Marriage/family matters”, and this occurs more intensely when they reach the age 16 to 24.

Table 2. Percent Distribution of OSCY by Reason for Not Attending School by Age Group for Males, 2017

	Total	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 24
Number of OSCYs ('000)	1,311	140	281	890
Accessibility of school	2.0	14.0	-	0.7
Illness/disability	11.9	27.0	9.2	10.4
Marriage/family matters	2.5	-	1.1	3.4
High cost of education/financial concern	24.0	13.7	14.7	28.6
Employment/looking for work	12.2	-	0.5	17.8
Finished schooling or finished post secondary or college	0.1	-	-	0.1
Lack of personal interest	43.8	31.4	71.3	37.0
Problem with school record/birth certificate	1.2	4.2	0.3	1.0
Too young to go to school	0.7	6.9	-	-
Others	1.6	2.8	3.0	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2017 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey

Table 3. Percent Distribution of OSCY by Reason for Not Attending School by Age Group for Females, 2017

	Total	6 to 11	12 to 15	16 to 24
Number of OSCYs ('000)	2,262	65	117	2,080
Accessibility of school	0.3	-	-	0.3
Illness/disability	5.4	32.5	17.9	3.8
Marriage/family matters	57.0	-	3.0	61.9
High cost of education/financial concern	14.3	6.4	18.6	14.4
Employment/looking for work	6.2	2.6	2.9	6.5
Finished schooling or finished post secondary or college	0.1	-	-	0.1
Lack of personal interest	13.6	27.8	51.5	11.0
Problem with school record/birth certificate	0.6	9.8	-	0.3
Too young to go to school	0.5	18.3	-	-
Others	2.1	2.6	6.1	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2017 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey

As seen from Table 1, there is a bigger proportion of females among the OSCY from ages 6 to 24 (36.7% Males; 63.3% Females), who drop out mainly at ages 16 to 24 with marriage/family matters as top reason.

THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION

The 2017 APIS Survey also provides information on the status of OSCY in terms of average income. As seen from Table 4, the first decile which represents the poorest families has the highest proportion of OSCY by per capital income (20.1% Males; 20.7% Females). This has a connection on the non-completion of basic education and college impact on employment opportunities in the future and total life earnings of families.

Table 4. Percent Distribution of OSCY by Per Capital Income Decile and Sex, 2017

Decile	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Number of OSCYs ('000)	1,311	2,262	3,573
First Decile	20.1	20.7	20.5
Second Decile	14.9	16.2	15.7
Third Decile	16.5	13.1	14.4
Fourth Decile	12.9	16.6	15.2
Fifth Decile	8.6	10.7	9.9
Sixth Decile	7.9	8.6	8.3
Seventh Decile	8.6	8.2	8.4
Eight Decile	4.3	2.9	3.4
Ninth Decile	3.7	2.3	2.8
Tenth Decile	2.5	0.7	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2017 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey

In addition, the lower the age that a woman first gave birth also has a direct impact on her total fertility. Lowering the fertility rate is a necessary condition for the creation of a demographic window of opportunity for the country to enhance its economic growth. This is called the “Demographic Dividend”, wherein lowering fertility causes a shift of the age structure that favors more working-aged adults, which can help accelerate economic growth through improved productivity, greater household savings and lower costs for basic social services.⁹

THE SUMMIT

To fulfil the mandates of improving adolescent and youth education, health, and development, the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Health (DOH) will organize a Summit for national convergence and dialogue on the complex issues on early pregnancy.

The Summit will look closer into the phenomenon of early pregnancy within the nexus of education, health and development.

The Summit will bring together the government, private sector, development partner, civil-society organization, and adolescent and youth-led organizations to provide a platform for understanding of the phenomenon, and identify opportunities for convergence and collaboration to deepen understanding and work on ways forward.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT

- Share information and data on early pregnancy and and understand its education, health and development dimensions;
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- Identify common ground, existing interventions and formulate platforms or movement with diverse identities for stakeholders to continue policy advocacy and program implementation to address the concern.

SUMMIT COMMITTEES

The Steering Committee will set up the following committees to draw up the program/agenda and prepare for the conduct of the Summit:

- **STEERING COMMITTEE**
- **PROGRAM AGENDA AND INVITATION COMMITTEE**
 - INVITATION AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
 - PARTICIPANTS and VIPs
 - RESOURCE SPEAKERS
 - FACILITATORS
- **FINANCE AND LOGISTICS COMMITTEE**
 - BUDGET
 - VENUE/PHYSICAL PREPARATION
 - FOOD/MEALS
- **MEDIA AND DOCUMENTATION COMMITTEE**
 - SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN
 - PRESS RELEASE/PRESS CONFERENCE
 - PHOTO AND VIDEO DOCUMENTATION

Steering Committee:

Department of Education
Department of Health
National Economic and Development Authority
Commission of Population and Development
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Philippine Statistics Authority

Partner Agencies and Organizations:

National Youth Commission
Commission on Higher Education
United Nations Population Fund
Likhaan Center for Women’s Health
YPEER Pilipinas
Save the Children Philippines
United Nations International Children's Fund
United States Agency for International Development
Reach Health Philippines
Volunteer Youth Leaders for Health
Center for Health Solutions and Innovations
Philippine Educational Theater Association

SUMMIT PROGRAM AGENDA

Program	Speakers
Opening Ceremony Ecumenical Prayer National Anthem	Philippine Educational Theater Association
Opening Address	Hon. Karlo Alexei Nograles Cabinet Secretary
Part I: Situationer on Early Pregnancy in the Philippines	Philippine Educational Theater Association
Part II: The Nexus on Education, Health, and Development	Leonor Magtolis Briones Secretary DepEd Dr. Francisco Duque, III Secretary DOH Ernesto Pernia Secretary NEDA
Part III: The Dimensions of Early Pregnancy	Break-out Session
Part IV: An Interactive Ritual for Call to Action	

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