



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



September 4, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0813, s. 2023

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

CONDUCT OF ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW CUM GENDER-RESPONSIVE
PLANNING WORKSHOP

1. In reference to the Bureau of Learners Support Services (BLSS) Memorandum dated August 22, 2023, there shall be an Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program Implementation Review Cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop on November 14-17, 2023, venue to be announced in a separate issuance.
2. Expected participants are the Regional and Division ARH Program Coordinators and one (1) Registered Guidance Counselor as follows:

Division/Office	Name of Participant	Position/Designation
Regional Office	Jumer C. Carlon, MD	Medical Officer IV
Agusan del Norte	Rosanna G. Duran	Nurse II
Agusan del Sur	Jennibeth H. Lapay	Nurse II
Bayugan City	Marites L. Pajaron	Nurse II
Bislig City	Lucila O. Piedad	Nurse II
Butuan City	Mari Joy A. Kintanar	Nurse II
	Generuth Bagaforo	Registered Guidance Counselor
Cabadbaran City	Ma. Lotis N. Achivida	Nurse II
Dinagat	April Rose L. Erno	Nurse II
Siargao	Juvy C. Arreza	Nurse II
Surigao City	Virginia C. Bacolod	Nurse II
Surigao del Norte	Wevinne G. Dulguime	Nurse II
Surigao del Sur	Hypzibah L. Andoy	Nurse II
Tandag City	Jonah A. Momo	Nurse II



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3. All participants are requested to pre-register at <https://bit.ly/Pre-reg-ARH-PIR2023> until September 11, 2023.
4. Travelling expenses shall be downloaded to the respective SDOs, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Attached is a copy of the abovementioned memorandum for further details and reference.
6. For your information and dissemination.

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Director III
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

BY AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR:


PEDRO T. ESCOBARTE, JR., Ph.D., CESO V
Assistant Regional Director 

Encl/s.: As stated.

Reference/s: BLSS Memo dated August 22, 2023

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

OPLAN KALUSUGAN SA DEPED

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

WORKSHOP

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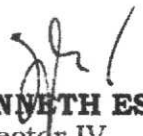


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BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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 :  **NENNETH 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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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 a.m. 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.

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
TOTAL	5	82	5

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
TOTAL	6	82	6

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
TOTAL	6	64	6