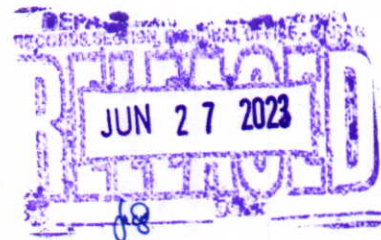




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



June 27, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0575, s. 2023

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION - ADOLESCENT
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONVERGENCE EXPANSION

1. Pursuant to the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) Joint Memorandum No. 003, s. 2021, the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) – Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Convergence was piloted in Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte for SY 2021-2022. The convergence's primary objective is to strengthen the implementation of both programs and establish a referral pathway from schools to community health service providers.
2. In response to the increasing number of adolescent pregnancies in our region, for SY 2023-2024, the CSE-ARH Convergence implementation shall be expanded to all Schools Division Offices (SDOs), with at least one (1) implementing High School per SDO. Pilot divisions shall add one implementing High School in addition to the existing pilot school.
3. The minimum criteria in selecting CSE-ARH expansion sites are as follows:
 - a. Secondary School (Grades 10 to 12)
 - b. Schools implementing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Curriculum
 - c. Supportive School Administrator or Principal
 - d. Density of School Population
 - e. Incidence of Teen Pregnancy
 - f. Schools where there are Adolescent Friendly Health Facilities (AFHF) already established.
4. The convergence shall be implemented by the designated CSE-ARH Convergence Group at the Division level, composed of the ARH focal person, CSE focal person and representative from the priority school. Other members may be added as deemed necessary.
5. Identified priority schools shall be submitted via email to caragaessd.hnu@deped.gov.ph together with the accomplished selection criteria checklist (attached) on or before July 10, 2023.
6. Please be guided by the following schedule of activities:

Activity	Responsible Persons	Timeline
Mapping and updating of the Information Service Delivery Network (ISDN) or Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) Directory	Division CSE-ARH TWG	June – July 2023



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Dissemination of DepEd's school-based referral protocol with the HCPN / ISDN Directory	Division CSE-ARH TWG	June – July 2023
Capacity building to health personnel, clinic teachers, guidance counselors / advocates on the Foundational Course for Adolescent Health	Region ARH Focal Person	July 2023
Conduct of orientation to convergence sites on psychosocial assessment using the HEADSSS Tool	Region ARH Focal Person	July - August 2023
Orientation of parents and guardians on psychosocial assessment	Division CSE-ARH TWG	August 2023
Conduct of psychosocial assessment (baseline)	Convergence Schools	September 2023
Implementation of referral system	Convergence Schools	September – October 2023
Monitoring visits to schools	Region CSE- ARH TWG	November 2023
Reproduction and dissemination ARH or CSE of SBC materials to schools	Region ARH Focal Person	December 2023 – February 2024
Conduct of psychosocial assessment (endline)	Convergence Schools	May 2024
Implementation review	Region and Division CSE-ARH TWG	June 2024

7. For your information and dissemination.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR:


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Encl/s.: Selection Criteria Checklist

Reference/s: OUA Joint Memorandum No.003, s. 2021

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CSE-ARH CONVERGENCE

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CSE-ARH CONVERGENCE SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA CHECKLIST		
1	Name of School/s	
2	Complete address	
3	Email address	
4	Official mobile number/landline	
5	Facebook page	
6	School Principal	
7	Do you have an ARH Coordinator?	
7.a	IF YES, list his/her name	
8	Are there any active peer educators in your school?	
	If yes, how many are the active members?	
	Remarks/Status	
9	Does your school implement DepEd Order #31, series of 2018: Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education?	
	Remarks/Status	
10	School Population (FY 2020-2021)	
10.a	Grade 7 Male	
	Female	
10.b	Grade 8 Male	
	Female	
10.c	Grade 9 Male	
	Female	
10.d	Grade 10 Male	
	Female	
10.e	Grade 11 Male	
	Female	
10.f	Grade 12 Male	



	Female	
11	Do you have a Clinician?	
11.a	IF YES, list the name(s)	
12	Do you have Clinic Teachers?	
12.a	IF YES, list the name(s)	
13	Do you have a Guidance Counselor?	
13.a	IF YES, list the name(s)	
14	Do you have Guidance Teachers?	
14.a	IF YES, list the name(s)	
15	Do you have an active Parent-Teachers Association?	
16	Do you have an active Student Government Organization?	
17	Do you have a School-Based Teen Center?	
17.a	Remarks/Status	
18	Where do you refer students in need of health services?	
19	Does your school need any TRAINING to enhance school-based referral mechanisms for ARH services?	
19.a	IF YES, kindly specify the needed training (s)	
20	What is the your school's stand on family planning for students and teachers?	
21	Will your school consider to be one of the pilot schools on CSE ARH Convergence (an initiative to enhance school-based referral mechanism)?	

