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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO   :   **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS** (Cotabato City, Maguindanao I, Maguindanao II, Marawi City, Lanao del Sur I, Lanao del Sur II, Basilan, Lamitan City, & Tawi-Tawi)

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEADS
PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
DIVISION ARH FOCAL PERSONS
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM   :   **MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**
            Minister
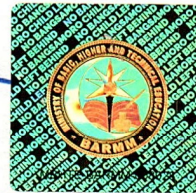
SUBJECT   :   **OKY APP ORIENTATION FOR DIVISION/SCHOOL ARH FOCAL PERSONS/SELECTED TEACHERS AND ROLL-OUT ACTIVITIES**

DATE   :   May 3, 2023

1. This has reference to the communication letter from Plan International dated March 20, 2023 regarding the **training of Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Focal Persons and roll-out activities in the nine (9) schools divisions,** in coordination with the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education which support to the OKY App Project to Schools in BARMM.

2. Oky App is a digital application designed with a girl-centered approach that provides girls access to menstrual health and hygiene information, and individualized period tracking. It delivers information about menstruation in fun, creative, and positive ways, such as an in-app Encyclopedia and gamified content (Quizzes, Reminders, Pop-ups), straight into girls' hands through the tools they use every day. Oky lets girls feel in control and more confident by tracking their periods, and getting the correct information that all girls should know. Oky also offers referral information directing girls to online and offline reproductive health advices or services.

3. Recognizing the opportunity to develop a digital solution to provide adolescent girls with factual information about menstruation and help them manage their periods safely, Plan International, in partnership with UNICEF and through funding from the Australian Government, is localizing the Oky app in the BARMM, Philippines.

4. The project will conduct the roll-out activities of Oky App in all schools in BARMM (with girls 10-19 years old) and select communities in the succeeding months. To ensure the readiness of the roll-out, Plan International will be conducting the training of ARH focal persons who will support the activity in the schools. Through these concerted efforts, the training/roll-out will be conducted on **May-September of this year 2023** (venue to be announced).
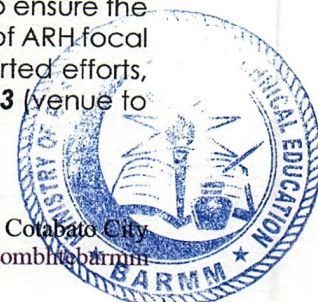
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5. The ministry will also conduct monitoring as to numbers of downloads per division in support to the program of Adolescent Reproductive Health and Development.

6. Snacks will be covered by the Plan International project during orientation. Meanwhile, travelling expenses will be charged to sending schools/divisions.

7. In this regard, the personnel below are invited to participate in/actively support the said training/roll-out.

   1- Division ARH Focal
   1-CES/Elementary School ARH Focal
   1-JHS/SHS ARH Focal
   MBHTE-Regional Office – 2 Cofacilitator

   - **Orientation**

DIVISION	TIMELINE	# OF PAX	VENUE
Cotabato City	May 15, 2023	58 pax	TBA
Maguindanao II	May 22	1st Batch – 87pax	TBA
	May 23	2ndBatch-87pax	TBA
	TBA	3rdBatch-87pax	TBA
	TBA	4thBatch-87pax	TBA
Maguindanao I	June 06	1st Batch – 93pax	TBA
	June 07	2ndBatch-93pax	TBA
	TBA	3rdBatch-93pax	TBA
	TBA	4thBatch-93pax	TBA
Marawi City	May 16	48 pax	TBA
Lanao del Sur I	TBA	1st Batch – 72pax	TBA
	TBA	2ndBatch-72pax	TBA
	TBA	3rdBatch-72pax	TBA
	TBA	4thBatch-72pax	TBA
Lanao del Sur II	June 7	1st Batch –68pax	TBA
	June 8	2ndBatch-68pax	TBA
	TBA	3rdBatch-68pax	TBA
	TBA	4thBatch-68pax	TBA
Lamitan City	May 15	56pax	TBA
Basilan	May 16	82 pax	TBA
	TBA	82 pax	TBA
Tawi-Tawi	TBA	107pax	TBA
	TBA	106pax	TBA

   - **Roll out**

DIVISION	TIMELINE	ACTIVITY
Cotabato City	May 16-17, 2023	Roll-out with Plan International
	May 18 -September	Roll -out with ARH Focal
Maguindanao II	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal

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Maguindanao I	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Marawi City	May 17-19, 2023	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Lanao del Sur 1	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Lanao del Sur 2	June 9-10, 2023	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Lamitan City	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Basilan	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal
Tawi-Tawi	TBA	Roll-out with Plan International
	May -September 2023	Roll-out with ARH Focal

8. Should you have concerns or inquiries, may contact the MBHTE Health and Nutrition Unit at mobile no. 09762313164 or email armm.hnu@deped.gov.ph.

9. For information and dissemination.

20 March 2023

HON. MOHAGHER IQBAL
Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE)
BARMM, Cotabato City

Re: **Oky App Training/ Roll-out Activity**

Dear **MINISTER IQBAL:**

Greetings of Peace!

We express our sincerest appreciation to the Ministry for the valuable support and contribution throughout the critical phases of the Oky Philippines App Project, including facilitating the training of our facilitators, conducting consultations with girls and their social circle, organizing Project Reference Group Writeshops, and most notably, the successful Oky Philippines Launching in BARMM. The Ministry's involvement has played an essential role in the project's success and has made a significant difference in empowering girls and young women in our communities.

Moving forward, the project will conduct the roll-out activities of Oky App in all schools of BARMM (with girls 10-19 years old) and select communities in the succeeding months from April to July of this year. To ensure the readiness of the roll-out, we will be conducting the training of ARH focal persons and teachers who will support the activity in the school.
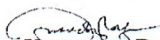
In this regard, we would like to request the participation of said ARH focal persons/teachers in the below activities;

Activity	Timeline	Division Office concerned
Training of ARH focal persons/ teachers	April 2023 to June 2023	Maguindanao I Division Maguindanao II Division
Actual roll-out in schools	April 2023 to September 2023	Cotabato City Division Lanao del Sur I Division Lanao del Sur II Division Marawi City Division Basilan Division Lamitan City Division Tawi-Tawi Division

The training will be provided by Plan International and will prioritize the schools with access to internet connectivity and then other schools will follow. The project will shoulder the allowable expenses to be incurred in the training in close coordination with the MBHTE Regional focal persons.

For clarifications, your office is kindly requested to liaise with Plan International focal point, Mr. Bob Tolon, Jr. at Abner.Tolon@plan-international.org and/or +63 975 651 9428). Looking forward to your positive response on this matter and for a fruitful collaboration in this initiative. Again, thank you very much for the constant support and for being our ally in promoting children's rights and equality for girls.

Sincerely,

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