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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education
Cotabato City



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
DIVISION ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COORDINATORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MOHAGHER M. IQBAL
Minister

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

DATE : November 8, 2023

1. This has reference to the unnumbered memorandum from the Department of Education (DepEd) for Operations, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD). Pursuant to RA No. 10354, titled **Responsive 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.
2. Relative to this, the BLSS-SHD shall conduct an **Adolescent Health Reproductive (ARH) Program Implementation Review (PIR) Cum Gender Responsive Planning Workshop** to Regional and Schools Division Offices ARH focal persons/coordinators on **November 14-17, 2023** in Cebu City.
3. The conduct of this workshop shall enable the focal persons to strengthen existing programs and develop new strategies that cater specifically to the needs of adolescent Bangsamoro learners, ensuring their rights to accurate information, safe practices, and supportive environments. Through this workshop, issues on gender equality in the implementation of the ARH will also be discussed and addressed through gender-responsive planning.
4. The following are the participants from BARMM who shall participate in the activity:

Name	Position/Designation
MARY ANN CHARCHOLLE BEDA	ARH/MH Regional Focal
DORHAM A. HADJINULLA	NDEP Regional Focal/ARH Alternate
SITTIE ROHANA M. QUINTOS	Cotabato City Division ARH Focal
ZAIEN GAY A. TAGBO	SGA Division ARH Focal
AMPARO C. MUNAR	Maguindanao del Sur Division ARH Focal
PINKY Z. ABUTAZIL	Maguindanao del Norte Division ARH Focal
SOBAIDA P. ALUMPONG	LDS 1 Division ARH Focal



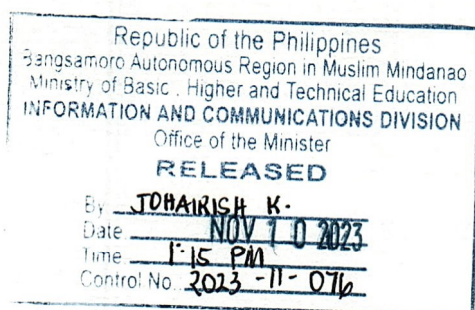
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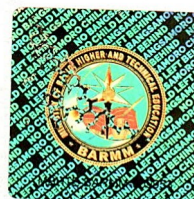
SALIHA B. CANDIA	LDS 2 Division ARH Focal
HASNIE DITUCALAN	Marawi City Division ARH Focal
JENNYBELLE B. ALIPIO	Lamitan City Division ARH Focal
JENNY VIC M. MIÑOSA	Basilan Division ARH Focal
BOUZAINA A. ARADJI	Sulu Division ARH Focal
SHERRY D. NAMI	Tawi-Tawi Division ARH Focal

5. Participants are advised to:
 - a. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/Pre-reg-ARH-PIR2223>.
 - b. Check-in is at 2:00 p.m., registration starts at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served. Check-out is at 12:00 noon on day 4.
 - c. Be fully vaccinated and have the vaccination and booster card ready. They is also requested to bring face masks and sanitizer for the duration of the activity and observe health protocols.
6. Kindly see the attachments for further details and reference.
7. Travelling expenses of Regional Office participants shall be charged to OKB 2023 while division participants' expenses shall be charged to their respective local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Should you have concerns or other inquiries, kindly contact Mary Ann Charcholle Beda, RN, ARH & MH Regional Focal, at mobile no. 0976-231-3164 or email arm.hnu@deped.gov.ph.
9. For information, guidance, and compliance.



By Authority of the Minister
MOHAGHER M. IQBAL:


HARON S. MELING, JR., Sh.C.
Deputy Minister





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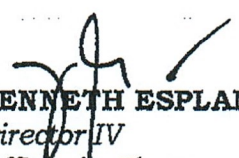


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BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

FROM : 
NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD
Director IV
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ATTACHED CHANGE OF VENUE**

DATE : **20 OCTOBER 2023**

The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) respectfully requests for approval/signature of the attached Change of Venue of the conduct of an Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program Implementation Review (PIR) Cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop (**Batch 3**).

Attached are the following documents to support this request:

1. Authority to Change of Venue
2. Previously approved Memo on the conduct of the activity above
3. Previously approved authority to travel

For consideration and approval.



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MEMORANDUM

FOR : *Escobedo*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

FROM : *Esplana-Alama*
NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD
Director IV

SUBJECT : **AUTHORITY TO CHANGE OF VENUE RE: ADOLESCENT
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ARH) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
REVIEW (PIR) CUM GENDER-RESPONSIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP
(BATCH 3)**

DATE : **18 October 2023**

This is to respectfully request the change of venue for the conduct of the Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program Implementation Review (PIR) Cum Planning Workshop, as follows:

DATE	FROM	TO
November 14-17, 2023	Cagayan de Oro	Cebu City

The change is being requested due to the unavailability of catering services at NEAP, Cagayan de Oro.

Thank you.

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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 :  **NENETH 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



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MEMORANDUM

TO : *Escobedo*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
 Undersecretary for Operations

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DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN
 Assistant Secretary for Operations

FROM : *Esplana*
NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD
 Director IV

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ATTACHED TRAVEL AUTHORITY**

DATE : **August 24, 2023**

The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) respectfully requests for approval/signature of the attached Travel Authority on Official Business of the following schedule in the conduct of **ARH-PIR Cum Gender-Responsive Planning**:

BATCH	DATE	PLACE
Batch 1	September 19-22, 2023	Cebu City
Batch 2	October 10-13, 2023	Cebu City
Batch 3	November 14-17, 2023	Cagayan De Oro

Attached are the following documents to support this request:

1. Justification
2. Authority to Travel
3. Approved ATC-2023-CO-419

For consideration and approval.

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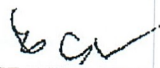
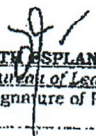

ANNEX A



No.:

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TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Name & Position/ Designation	MARIA CORAZON C. DUMLAO; Chief Health Program Officer
Permanent Station	Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division
Purpose of Travel (must be supported by attachments)	To conduct the ARE-PIR Cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop (Batch 3)
Host of Activity	BLSS-SHD
Inclusive Dates	November 14-17, 2023
Destination	Cagayan De Oro
Fund Source	AC-23-BLSS-SHD-LSP-038
<i>I/We hereby attest that the information in this form and in the supporting documents attached hereto are true and correct</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>MARIA CORAZON C. DUMLAO</u> Chief Health Program Officer Name and Signature of Requesting Employee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Date</p>	
<p><i>This is to certify that the trip of the requesting employee satisfies all the minimum conditions for authorized official travel and that alternatives to travel are insufficient for purpose stated herein.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD</u> Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services Name and Signature of Requesting Employee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Date</p>	
<p>APPROVED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO</u> Undersecretary for Operations Name and Signature of Recommending Authority</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Date</p>	

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No.:

Republic of the Philippines
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TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Name & Position/ Designation	PHANNY S. RAMOS; Health Education Program Officer III, MA. LEE L. APOERTO; Nurse II, SHIRLEY T. LAUREL; Administrative Assistant II.
Permanent Station	Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division
Purpose of Travel (must be supported by attachments)	To conduct the ARH-FIR Cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop (Batch 3)
Host of Activity	BLSS-SHD
Inclusive Dates	November 14-17, 2023
Destination	Cagayan De Oro
Fund Source	AC-23-BLSS-SHD-LSP-038
<p><i>I/ We hereby attest that the information in this form and in the supporting documents attached hereto are true and correct.</i></p> <p><u>PHANNY S. RAMOS</u> Health Education Program Officer III Name and Signature of Requesting Employee _____ Date _____</p> <p><u>MA. LEE L. APOERTO</u> Nurse II Name and Signature of Requesting Employee _____ Date _____</p> <p><u>SHIRLEY T. LAUREL</u> Admin Assistant II Name and Signature of Requesting Employee _____ Date _____</p> <p><i>This is to certify that the trip of the requesting employee satisfies all the minimum conditions for authorized official travel and that alternatives to travel are insufficient for purpose stated herein.</i></p> <p><u>KENNETH E. LANA-ALANA, PhD</u> Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services Name and Signature of Requesting Employee _____ Date _____</p> <p>APPROVED:</p> <p><u>ATTY. REYSEE A. ESCOBEDO</u> Undersecretary for Operations Name and Signature of Recommending Authority _____ Date _____</p>	

**Review and Approval of the Conduct of Trainings, Workshops, Conferences,
and other Capacity Building Activities Organized
by the DepEd Central Office Strands
OM-OSEC-2023-004 | OM-OUHROD-2023-0538**

CERTIFICATION and REVIEW FORM

CRF Code: 2023-0216

DMS Code: CO-BLSS1-2023-06-103

This is to certify that the activity/ies herein have been reviewed by the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Human Resource Development Division (BHROD-HRDD) and recommended to be on:

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICIAL TIME

TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY: ARH Program Implementation Review (PIR) Cum Gender-responsive Planning Workshop
DATE: September 19-22, 2023 October 10-13, 2023 November 14-17, 2023
VENUE: Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro City
PROPONENT OFFICE: EPMO

I. ATTACHMENT/S : (checked based on submitted document/s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Request w/ WFP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authority to Conduct | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Authority (w/Roles) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activity Design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Estimate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of Pax/RPs/TWG |
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II. AREAS OF REVIEW

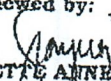
A. Importance and Relevance

Parameters for Review	Result	Remarks
1. The proposed activity is essential to the achievement of personnel/office KRAs.	✓	Parameters attained as indicated in the Activity Design, Bulletin of Information
2. The proposed activity is found to be aligned/contributory in the achievement of DepEd Strategic Directions (i.e. BEDP, MATATAG)	✓	
3. The proposed activity has substantial benefit/s to meet the needs of the department, agency, bureau or office.	✓	
4. The set objectives are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound).	✓	
5. The key content/topics and expected outputs directly correspond to the set objectives.	✓	

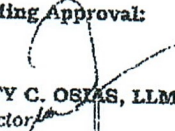
6. The inclusive dates are sufficient to achieve the activity objectives as they may be supported by the distribution of key content/topics	✓	
7. Activity is planned (i.e., included in OPCR/WFP/Office Learning Plan)	✓	As indicated in the approved ATC

B. HR Planning

Parameters for Review	Result	Remarks
1. The identified participants are targeted based on needs and clear contribution to the achievement of the activity objectives.	✓	
2. The presence of the identified official/personnel in-person is critical to the outcome of the activity.	✓	
3. The number of program management team members is appropriate for the no. of participants handled (i.e. maximum of 5 per 100 pax) <input type="checkbox"/> Main Facilitator <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Facilitator / Moderator <input type="checkbox"/> Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/> Documenter <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Resource Person (if needed)	✓	The number of PMT members are appropriate to the number of participants of the activity (approx. 100 per batch). Each PMT member has TOR
4. Projected expenses (e.g., TE) are not excessive and are based on existing guidelines.	✓	
5. Activity has budget allocation (WFP or to be funded externally)	✓	
6. The Office maintained skeletal force as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> Chief/Assistant Chief <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Staff	✓	SKW attached

Reviewed by:  07-07-23
LIZETTE ANNE CARPIO
 PDO III, HRDD

Noted by:  07/07/2023
CECILLE A. ANYAYAHAN
 PDO V, HRDD

Recommending Approval: 
ATTY. RESTY C. OSIYAS, LLM, CESO IV
 BHROD Director

Approved by: 
ATTY. MICHAEL WESLEY T. POA
 Undersecretary and Chief of Staff



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JUSTIFICATION

The following justification is hereby submitted for consideration for the official travel of the personnel culisted in the Authority to Travel relative to the conduct of the Program Implementation Review cum Gender-Responsive Planning Workshop.

1. The review and the workshop will be conducted in 3 batches with the following schedule:

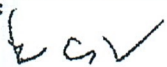


Batch	Date	Venue
1	Sept. 19-22, 2023	Cebu City
2	Oct. 10-13, 2023	Cebu City
3	Nov. 14-17, 2023	Cagayan de Oro City

2. A series of orientations with each Regional technical working group at the Regional level with their community service providers was conducted last year. Eventually, the trained personnel started conducting the psychosocial assessment, using the HEEADSSS method as one of the services in assessing adolescents' psychosocial history, understanding behavior, and assessing risk-taking behaviors to provide appropriate interventions.

A review of the implementation of the program and the services provided should be assessed and evaluated on the effectiveness of interventions and approaches. Through this, this activity will identify the gaps and challenges that would lead to coming up with gender-responsive plans and interventions in the next School Year.

3. The target participants are the Adolescent Reproductive Health focal persons from all Regional and Divisions Offices and the select Registered Guidance Counselors/designate who are the technical experts in the implementation of the ARH.
4. The presence of the official or employee is critical to the outcome of the activity. The personnel will serve as the technical experts for the programs and services. Likewise, these personnel is policy implementers who may share, discuss and give substantial inputs, comments, and suggestions during the workshop. In addition, they will serve as the moderators of each discipline during the workshop. The presence of permanent officials in the activity will not hamper the operational efficiency of this office, as this was appropriately calendared for FY 2023.

The contract of service employees participating in the workshop were hired as the technical assistant for the program and will also serve as the secretariat to perform administrative functions.

Requested by:  MARIA CORAZON C. Dumlao, MD. DBHI Chief, School Health Division	Recommending Authority:  NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services
APPROVED BY:  ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO Undersecretary for Governance and Field Operations	

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