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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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TO : Schools Division Superintendents
 School Health Personnel

FROM : 
WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III
 Regional Director

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

DATE : September 04, 2023

1. Attached is the Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum dated August 22, 2023, from Nenneth Esplana-Alama, PhD, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services, DepEd Central Office, Pasig City, Addendum to the Memo, Re: ARH Program Implementation Review for the Delivery of Health Services on September 19-22, 2023, at DepEd Ecotech Center, Cebu City.
2. In view of this, the following personnel have been identified as official participants of NCR for the activity are ARH Focal Person from RO
3. s and SDOs and the Registered Guidance Counselor/designated representative per region: see list on the 2nd page.
4. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against the downloaded funds to the regional and division offices.
5. Participants are advised to register through this link: <https://bit.ly/Pre-reg-ARH-PIR2023> until September 11, 2023.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is desired.



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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 I

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