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 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 18, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

No. **264**, s. 2022

**REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENTERS FOR THE  
 REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 All Others Concerned

- Attached is a Memorandum from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat, DEACO, and Child Protection Programs dated May 5, 2022, requesting all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to submit the list of Programs, Projects, and Activities conducted in compliance with the Child Protection Policy starting in 2012 up to the present. The SDO reports shall be consolidated by the Region for presentation in the National Program titled, "Ten Years of Child Protection in DepEd: Review, Writeshop, and Consultation Workshop Series for the Revision of the Child Protection Policy."
- The reporting template is attached to the above-cited Memorandum.
- All Schools Division Superintendents are requested to facilitate submission of the required report by the **Division Child Protection Focal Person** to the email address: [essd.region8@deped.gov.ph](mailto:essd.region8@deped.gov.ph) cc [eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph](mailto:eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph) **not later than May 23, 2022.**
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

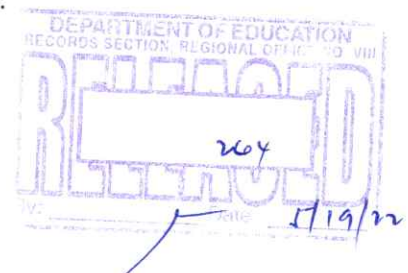
  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
 Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** All Regional Directors  
Assistant Regional Directors  
Education Support Services Division Chiefs  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
Schools Governance and Operations Division Chiefs

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**FROM :**   
**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
Undersecretary  
Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat, DEACO, and  
Child Protection Unit

**SUBJECT :** Request for Participants and Presenters for the Review of Child Protection Programs

**DATE :** May 05, 2022

Article XV, Section 3(2) of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall defend the “right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.”

Relatedly, the Philippines, as a signatory to the United Nations Convention (UN CRC) on the Rights of the Child, is mandated under Article 19 thereof to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse while in the care of parents, legal guardians, or any other person who has the care for the child. Article 28 of the UN CRC also “recognizes the right of the child to education, with the view of achieving this right progressively and on the basis of equal opportunity,” and obliges the state parties to “take all appropriate measures to ensure that school discipline is administered in a manner consistent with the child’s human dignity and conformity” with the said Convention.

Thus, in furtherance of the aforementioned mandates, DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, or the “DepEd Child Protection Policy,” was issued. The Child Protection Policy enunciates this Department’s zero-tolerance policy against all forms of abuse, violence, exploitation, neglect, discrimination, and all other conditions prejudicial to the development of the learners. However, after the adoption of the Child Protection

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Policy, several laws were passed by Congress to address issues related to child protection that are not yet covered by the said policy, such as, but not limited to the following: Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10173, or the “Data Privacy Act of 2012,” R.A. No. 11053 or the “Anti-Hazing Act of 2018,” and R.A. No. 11313 otherwise known as the “Safe Spaces Act of 2019.”

Consequently, like other aging guidelines, D.O. 40 needs to be evaluated, updated, and, subsequently, revised, in order to cover the aforementioned laws and to also contemplate new trends and practices related to child protection.

Consistent with its function to “formulate policies concerning all matters pertaining to the right of the child in basic education to protection from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and maltreatment,” and just in time for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Child Protection Policy, this Office, deems it imperative to conduct the program titled, **“Ten Years of Child Protection in DepEd: Review, Writeshop, and Consultation Workshop Series for the Revision of the Child Protection Policy.”**

This activity seeks to revisit the milestones, achievements, and challenges encountered by the Department in establishing its Child Protection programs, as well as to consolidate all best practices of the Regional (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) in implementing the Child Protection Policy.

Under the said workshop series, there will be two (2) activities which will be conducted this month. The details are as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Details</b>
10 Years of Child Protection in DepEd: Seminar on the Review of the Child Protection Program	<b>Date:</b> May 25-26, 2022 <b>Venue:</b> MS Teams (Online) <b>Description:</b> A seminar for the presentation of Child Protection Programs implemented by the Regional and Schools Division Offices of the Department, with a learning exchange opportunity with CPU’s partner organizations
10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Child Protection Policy	<b>Date:</b> May 31, 2022 <b>Venue:</b> DepEd Philippines Facebook Page <b>Description:</b> Culminating Event for the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Child Protection Policy to showcase the milestone of the policy

In relation to the activity to be conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of May, this Office requests for the ROs and SDOs, through the Education Support Services Division



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(ESSD)<sup>1</sup> and the Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD),<sup>2</sup> to **consolidate** the **Child Protection Programs, Projects and Activities** (CP-PPAs) of their respective Regions and present the same in the activity on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Therefore, all ROs are expected to produce the following documents:

1. **Consolidated CP-PPAs of the ROs and the SDOs under its jurisdiction**
  - Purpose: To evaluate and gather all DepEd PPAs on Child Protection
  - Scope: 2012-present
  - Format: see attached Annex A of this memorandum
2. **Presentation relative to the CP-PPAs of each region highlighting its best practices**
  - Purpose: The sharing activity of CP-PPAs and best practices aims to be a **learning exchange activity** to gain knowledge from the range of experiences in the ROs and SDOs.
  - Schedule of presentation: see attached Annex B of this memorandum

In consolidating the CP-PPAs, the ROs and SDOs, through their Child Protection focal persons from the ESSDs and SGODs, shall follow these guidelines:

- a. The ROs shall lead the consolidation and review of all the CP-PPAs from the SDOs following the format attached in this memorandum;
- b. The SDOs shall likewise coordinate with their ROs for the submission of CP-PPAs following the same format attached in this memorandum;
- c. As to the presentation, the ROs, in coordination with the SDOs under its jurisdiction, shall decide as to **what** programs they will present in the event on May 25-26, 2022. The ROs and SDOs shall also decide as to **who** will present the report of the Region;
- d. The presentation shall contain a summary of the CP-PPAs with short descriptions, in the view of showcasing good practices in the implementation of the Child Protection Policy;
- e. Each RO has fifteen (15) minutes to present the summary of their CP-PPAs. After each report, Child Protection experts from the partner Organizations of CPU shall have five (5) minutes to give their feedback; and
- f. The consolidated CP-PPAs and presentation per Region shall be submitted to the Child Protection Unit (CPU) on or before May 24, 2022 at [cpu@deped.gov.ph](mailto:cpu@deped.gov.ph) (cc: [oure@deped.gov.ph](mailto:oure@deped.gov.ph)).

This Office is looking forward to your participation in the above-mentioned events as we pursue our shared goal to provide quality, enabling, and liberating basic education to the Filipino learners by protecting them from all forms of violence,

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 16, V. of DepEd Order No. 3 s. 2021

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 16, V. of DepEd Order No. 3 s. 2021



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abuse, bullying, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

For queries, the Regional and Schools Division Focal Persons may reach the CPU Team through the viber group created for the CPU Focals, or through e-mail at [cpu@deped.gov.ph](mailto:cpu@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you very much.



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**ANNEX A**

Matrix of Child Protection Programs, Projects, and Activities for the Regional and Schools Division Offices

**Region:**  
**Focal Person:**

Name of Activity	Child Protection Subject Matter	Purpose	Period of Implementation (Year)	Budget Source	Status
	*Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abuse (Physical, Verbal, Sexual, Psychological)</li><li>Children-at-Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law</li><li>Bullying</li><li>Child Labor</li><li>Cybersafety</li></ul> or Online Safeguarding			PSF Partner <sup>1</sup> Local Funds	Conducted On-going implementation For implementation

<sup>1</sup> Please indicate the name of the partner if the activity was sponsored by a partner.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positive Discipline</li><li>• Corporal Punishment</li></ul>				

**Consolidated by:**

ESSD Child Protection Focal Person

**Validated by:**

ESSD Chief

**Noted by:**

Regional Director/ Assistant Regional Director



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ANNEX B

I. **Indicative Program and Mechanics of the Workshop**

Day 1- May 25, 2022

09:30AM-10:00AM	<b>Opening activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prayer</b></li><li>• <b>Nationalistic Song</b></li><li>• <b>Isang Pangarap</b></li><li>• <b>Quality Policy and Privacy Notice</b></li><li>• <b>Opening Remarks</b></li></ul> <b>Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo</b> Undersecretary for Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat, DEACO, and Child Protection Unit
10:00AM-10:20AM	<b>Direction Setting</b> (Goal and Workshop Mechanics) and <b>Introduction of Child Protection Experts</b> (Resource Persons)  <b>Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina</b> <i>OIC- Assistant Regional Director, DepEd MIMAROPA Region</i> <i>Head, Child Protection Unit</i>
10:20AM-10:30AM	<b>Workshop Mechanics</b> (CPU Team)
10:30AM-10:50AM	Region I
10:50AM-11:10AM	CAR
11:10AM-11:30AM	Region II
11:30AM-11:50AM	Region III
11:50AM-12:50PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
12:50PM-01:00PM	<b>Ice Breaker (CPU Team)</b>
01:00PM-01:20PM	MIMAROPA
01:20PM-01:40PM	NCR
01:40PM-02:00PM	CALABARZON
02:00PM-02:20PM	Region V
02:20PM-02:40PM	Region VI
02:40PM-03:00PM	Region VII
03:00PM-03:30PM	<b>Closing Activities</b>

\*Please take note of the time allotment provided in the mechanics below.

Day 2- May 26, 2022

09:00AM-09:15AM	<b>Opening Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prayer</b></li><li>• <b>Nationalistic Song</b></li><li>• <b>Isang Pangarap</b></li><li>• <b>Quality Policy and Privacy Notice</b></li></ul>
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09:15AM-09:30AM	Recap of Day 1
09:30AM-09:50AM	Region VIII
09:50AM-10:10AM	Region IX
10:10AM-10:30AM	Region X
10:30AM-10:50AM	Region XI
10:50AM-11:10AM	Region XII
11:10AM-11:30AM	CARAGA
11:30AM-12:00NN	<b>Closing Activities</b>

\*Please take note of the time allotment provided in the mechanics below.

## II. **Mechanics**

### a. **Purpose:**

1. To revisit the milestones, achievements and challenges encountered by the Department in establishing its Child Protection Programs;
2. To evaluate and gather all DepEd Programs, Projects and Activities on Child Protection; and
3. To identify, improve and adopt the best practices from the range of experiences in the ROs and SDOs to further strengthen the Child Protection Policy (learning exchange).

### b. **Inputs and Expected Outputs:**

- **Input:** Presentation of Child Protection Program, Projects and Activities of each region highlighting its best practices.
- **Output:** Improvement and adoption of the consolidated best practices across regions in implementing the Child Protection Policy.

### c. **Participants:**

1. Regional Office representative from the Education Support Services Division (ESSD);
2. Schools Division Office representative from the Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD);
3. Child Protection Experts from partner organizations; and
4. CPU Staff from the Central Office.

### d. **Equipment and materials:**

1. Internet Connectivity
2. Laptop or Desktop Computer with camera, microphone, and speaker

### **Mechanics of the Workshop:**

1. Each Region shall present the consolidated CP-PPAs.



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2. The presentation shall contain a summary of chosen CP-PPAs to showcase good practices in the implementation of the Child Protection Policy.
3. The Regional Offices, in coordination with the Schools Division Offices, shall decide as to who will present the report of the Region.
4. Each Region has **fifteen (15) minutes** to present the consolidated CP-PPAs.
5. After each report, Child Protection experts from the partner Organizations of the CPU shall have five (5) minutes to give their feedback.
6. Each presentation shall be documented to be used as reference in the evaluation, updating, and revision of the Child Protection Policy.



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