

### Republic of the Philippines

## **Department of Education**REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 25, 2022

### **REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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#### **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2022**

To:

Schools Division Superintendents

All Others Concerned

- 1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. OUA MEMO 00-0522-0128 dated 19 May 2022 re: *Menstrual Hygiene Day 2022*, which is self- explanatory.
- 2. The Schools Division Superintendents are hereby enjoined to ensure the attendance of the Division WinS/MHM Coordinators and actively participate the same of the aforementioned activity.
- 3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director

Enclosures:

As stated

References:

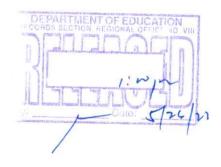
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### OUA MEMO 00-0522-0128 MEMORANDUM

19 May 2022

For:

Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister

Schools Division Superintendents Regional and Division Coordinators

(Water, Sanitation and Hygiene [WASH] in Schools [WinS]

Program)

**Public Schools District Supervisors** 

Subject:

**MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2022** 

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in partnership with GIZ, UNICEF, and Save the Children Philippines, will conduct a webinar on **27 May 2022 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** for the celebration of **Menstrual Hygiene (MH) Day 2022** with the theme, *Advancing Menstrual Hygiene Management in the Philippines*. This event will highlight the progress made through the years, as well as feature a discussion on strategies to advance Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in schools as part of the Department's WinS Program.

This activity aims to:

- 1. break the taboos and end the stigma surrounding menstruation;
- 2. raise awareness about the challenges regarding access to menstrual products, education on menstruation, and period-friendly sanitation facilities; and
- 3. mobilize the funding required for action at scale.

Meeting the hygiene needs of all adolescent girls and women in all settings enables human rights, dignity and public health. Social pressures and biological needs may prevent girls from participating in classes, clubs, sports or other activities. MHM challenges can negatively impact learning experiences of girls leading to school absenteeism, decreased participation, distraction and falling behind in course work, among others.

In this regard, the OUA respectfully requests all concerned to active participate in the activity.





Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA)

[Administrative Service (AS), Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), Baguio Teachers Camp (BTC), Central Security & Safety Office (CSSO)]

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- 1. All WinS Coordinators from Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) must pre-register and be in the Zoom platform 15 minutes before the start of the activity. This also applies to other representatives from GIZ, UNICEF, and Save the Children Philippines. The Zoom registration link shall be provided to the Regional WinS Coordinators a week before the event.
- 2. Participants are encouraged to tune in live via OK sa DepEd and DepEd Philippines Facebook pages and use the Official MH Day 2022 Frame which can be downloaded from these pages. Kindly refer to the attached Program (Annex A) and Schedule of Activities (Annex B) for more details.
- Regional Directors and/or Assistant Regional Directors, Education Support Services Division (ESSD) Chiefs, and Regional School Health and Nutrition Personnel are requested to do a short video shoot for Pledge of Commitment (Script: <u>Region</u> supports Menstrual Health and Hygiene and WE ARE COMMITTED).

For more information, queries or concerns on this subject, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao (Chief) and Mr. Vonerich B. Berba (Education Program Specialist II) of the BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8632 9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For information and compliance.

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### Annex B

# Advancing Menstrual Hygiene Management in the Philippines $(23-27~{\rm May}~2022)$

### **Tentative Schedule of Activities**

Date	Activity
23 May 2022	Menstruation bracelet campaign* (AM)
	Teaser video (PM)
24 May 2022	GIZ menstruation bracelet group photo/collage with caption on commitment (AM)
25 May 2022	UNICEF menstruation bracelet group photo/collage with caption on commitment (AM)
	Special Episode of Adolescent Health Series: #RedDays: Menstrual Health Awareness (PM)
26 May 2022	SCP menstruation bracelet group photo/collage with caption on commitment (AM)
27 May 2022	DepEd menstruation bracelet group photo/collage with caption on commitment (AM)
	DepEd and partners video (PM)
	Webinar (PM)

