

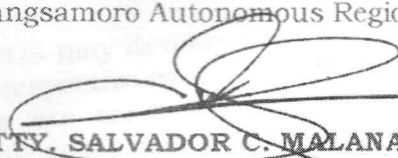
Republic of Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PROCUREMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES
SCHOOL HEALTH DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
DepEd Regions I-XII, Caraga, CAR, NCR

MINISTER OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

FROM :  **ATTY. SALVADOR C. MALANA III**
Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration

SUBJECT: **DOWNLOADING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONDUCT OF DIVISION-LEVEL ORIENTATION ON DEPED'S COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY DURING DIVISION-WIDE MEETINGS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

DATE : **20 September 2019**

In line with the efforts of the Department of Education (DepEd) to increase awareness of DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016, or the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control, DepEd, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services- School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), has downloaded financial assistance/ program support funds for the **Conduct of Division-Level Orientation on DepEd's Comprehensive Tobacco Control Policy during Division-Wide Meetings and Related Activities.**

The funds have been downloaded to Regions I-XII, Caraga, CAR, and NCR through the Sub-Allotment Release Orders (subAROs) dated July 17, 2019, "to cover Program Support Fund including Traveling and other Expenses for the various activities conducted by the Bureau of Learner Support Services- School Health Division," while funds for BARMM shall be downloaded through fund transfer.

Through the division-level orientation and related activities which may be conceptualized by the Regional Office and/or Schools Division Offices (SDO), it is expected that all schools covered by the SDO, through their respective school heads or principals, are oriented/ informed about the provisions of DO 48, s. 2016, until December 31, 2019. The orientation does not need to be a separate activity, but may be done as a "ride-on" activity (e.g., 2-/3-hour presentation/ interactive session) during division-wide meetings and activities where school principals are present. Related

activities may include distribution of information materials to the school principals concerned.

The Regional Offices are given the freedom/ flexibility to manage/ maximize/ distribute the funds according to their respective contexts as long as the purpose for the downloaded funds is achieved.

All expenses shall be subject to usual accounting and audit rules and regulations. The Regional Offices are requested to augment any shortages on the funding requirements.

Expected to lead these division-level activities are the SDOs' Designated Tobacco Control Coordinators, together with the personnel who attended the Regional Orientation on DO 48, s. 2016 organized by the Regional Offices beginning 2018. The Designated Tobacco Control Coordinators of the RO are expected to provide the necessary technical support to the SDOs' Designated Tobacco Control Coordinators.

The SDOs may develop their own orientation presentations/materials that will best suit the respective contexts of their activities. Presentations/materials developed by the SDOs are encouraged to be submitted to BLSS-SHD through e-mail to tobaccocontrol@deped.gov.ph, using the subject **Division-Level Orientation Material/s**, for compilation and sharing to other SDOs nationwide. These will be uploaded by BLSS-SHD to a Google Drive Folder accessible by all users with official deped.gov.ph e-mails through bit.ly/depedtobaccocontrolmaterials. Presentations about DO 48, s. 2016 used during the National Orientation held in February and March 2018, and during the MPOWER Training held in May and June 2019 are also accessible through the same folder.

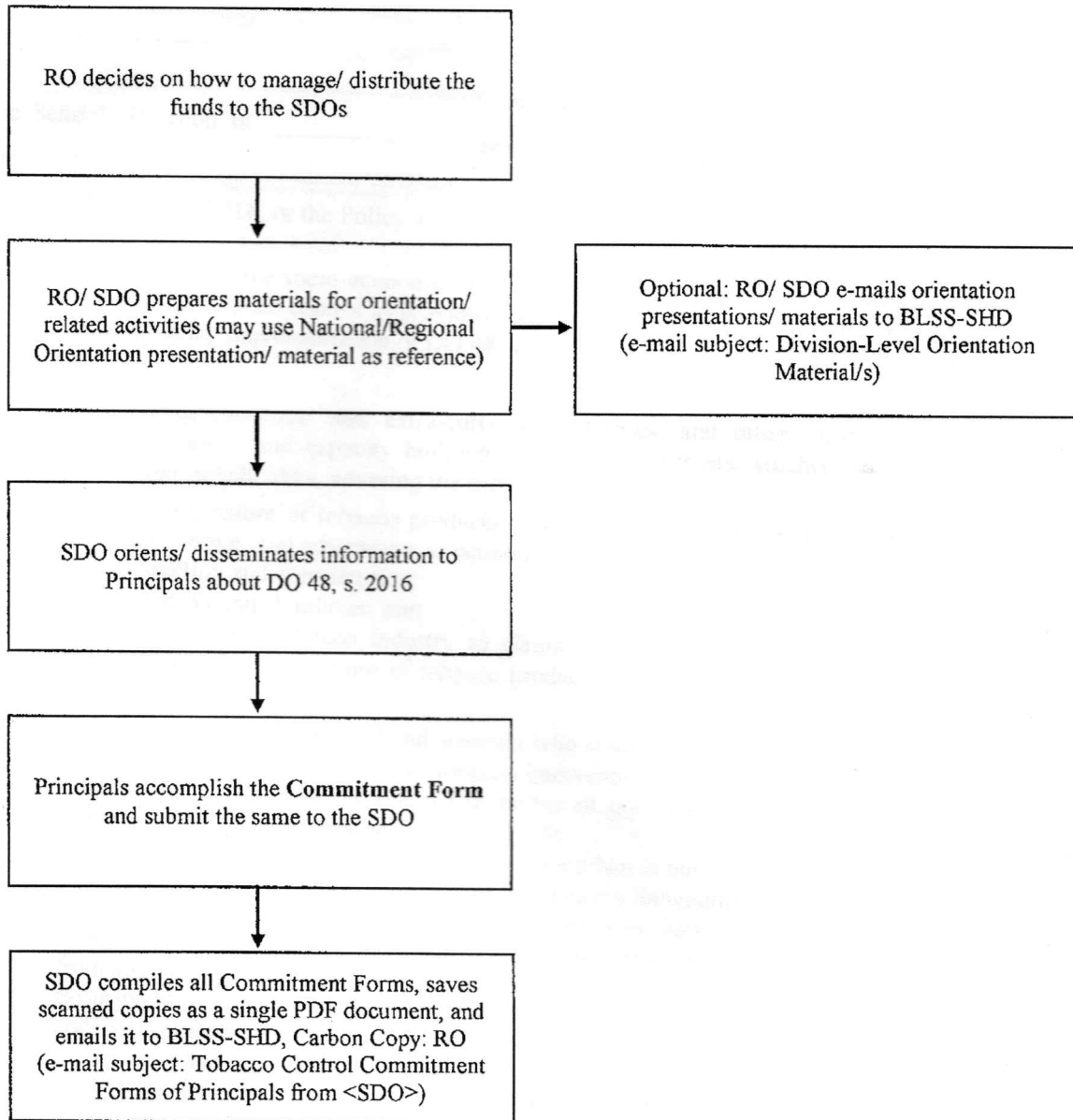
As a requirement, principals who have been oriented about DO 48, s. 2016 through the orientation or related activities shall **fill-out the attached Commitment Form**, as an expression that they understand the policy, support its implementation, and commit to its dissemination in their respective schools. The forms will be collected and compiled by the SDOs (saved as a single PDF file as much as possible) for submission to BLSS-SHD through e-mail to tobaccocontrol@deped.gov.ph, copying their respective ROs, and using the subject **Tobacco Control Commitment Forms of Principals from <SDO>**.

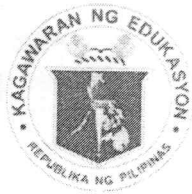
For questions and concerns, Gian Erik M. Adao, Education Program Specialist II, may be contacted at (02) 632-9935, or e-mail gian.adao@deped.gov.ph.

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To : Schools Division Superintendents All others concerned		RELEASED OCT 21 2019 DEPED-CAR
For your guidance and appropriate action. Attention: All Division Tobacco Control Coordinators		
MAY B. ECLAR, Ph.D., CESO V Regional Director		

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**FLOWCHART OF THE CONDUCT OF DIVISION-LEVEL ORIENTATION
ON DEPED'S COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO CONTROL POLICY DURING DIVISION-
WIDE MEETINGS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**





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EXPRESSION OF COMMITMENT TO TOBACCO CONTROL

I, _____, Principal/ School Head/ representative
(Complete Name)
of _____,
(Name of School)
of the Schools Division of _____, with School ID No. _____,
(SDO) (School ID Number)
confirm that on _____, I have been oriented/ have received information about
(Date Oriented/ Informed about the Policy)
DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016, or the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control.

Having understood the socio-economic and health burdens of tobacco use, as well as the mandate of the education sector on tobacco control as provided for by existing international treaty, laws and government issuances, I commit to the implementation of DO 48, s. 2016 in our school, which includes, among others, the following:

1. Conducting curricular and extra-curricular activities, and other information, education, communication, and capacity building activities for learners, teachers, parents, and other concerned stakeholders, covering the following topics:
 - a. Harmful nature of tobacco products; hazards of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke; and adverse socio-economic and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption;
 - b. Tobacco control policies; and
 - c. Tactics of the tobacco industry to glamorize smoking and downplay and deny the addictive, harmful nature of tobacco products, and to circumvent/ undermine tobacco control efforts;
2. Helping ensure that personnel and students who smoke are assisted to quit smoking and are provided with the appropriate brief tobacco interventions;
3. Ensuring that the Child Protection Committee of our school is informed about its role in tobacco control as stipulated in DO 48, s. 2016;
4. Ensuring the enforcement of the absolute smoking ban in our school;
5. Coordinating with appropriate authorities, such as the Sangguniang Barangay and/or the city/ municipal government, to ensure the enforcement of the bans on the selling/ distribution and on the advertisement and promotion of cigarettes and other tobacco products within 100 meters from any point of the perimeter of our school;
6. Ensuring that our school and our personnel do not accept gifts, donations, or sponsorship from, and do not have any unnecessary interaction with, the tobacco industry, including NGOs/ foundations that receive funding from tobacco companies;
7. Including a provision in legal instruments (e.g., memorandum of agreement) entered into with donors and partners of our school stating full commitment of all parties concerned to tobacco control implementation and stipulating that said donor or partner does not represent the interests of or receive funding from the tobacco industry;
8. Reporting to appropriate authorities any violations of tobacco control policies to ensure that action is taken on violations.

Further, I commit to disseminate information about the DO 48, s. 2016 among the personnel, learners, and other concerned stakeholders of our school.

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME/ DATE