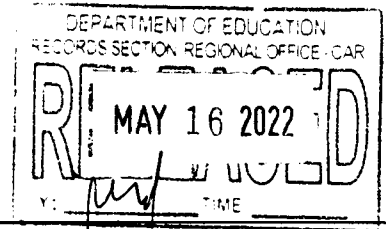




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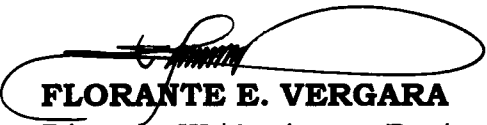
MEETING FOR THE REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMS

To: Schools Division Superintendent
SDO Legal Officers
Child Protection Coordinator/Focal-Old and New Members
All others concerned

1. In connection with the enclosed Memorandum "*Request for Participants and Presenters for the Review of Child Protection Programs*" the Legal Officers and Child Protection Coordinators/Focals are hereby directed to attend the meeting on *May 19, 2022, at 9:00 to 12:00 noon via google meet*. Link for the meeting will be sent to the individual email address of the participants;
2. The meeting aims to encourage participants to share their best practices and programs on child protection within the last ten-year of implementation and decide what programs will be presented and who will present the programs and best practices on May 25-26, 2022;
3. Consequently, you are enjoined to prepare a two-minute power point presentation on programs and best practices on child protection to be presented during the meeting and accomplish the Annex A attached in the said memo.
4. For widest dissemination and strict compliance.

ESTELA P. LEON-CARIÑO EdD, CESO III
Director IV/Regional Director

By Authority of the Regional Director:


FLORANTE E. VERGARA

Director III/Assistant Regional Director

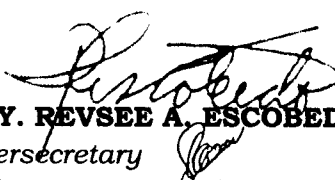




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MEMORANDUM

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

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 10th 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:

Activity	Details
10 Years of Child Protection in DepEd: Seminar on the Review of the Child Protection Program	Date: May 25-26, 2022 Venue: MS Teams (Online) Description: 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 th Anniversary of the Child Protection Policy	Date: May 31, 2022 Venue: DepEd Philippines Facebook Page Description: Culminating Event for the 10 th Anniversary of the Child Protection Policy to showcase the milestone of the policy

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



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(ESSD)¹ and the Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD),² to **consolidate the Child Protection Programs, Projects and Activities (CP-PPAs)** of their respective Regions and present the same in the activity on the 25th to 26th 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 (cc: 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,

¹ Paragraph 16, V. of DepEd Order No. 3 s. 2021

² Paragraph 16, V. of DepEd Order No. 3 s. 2021



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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
	<p>*Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abuse (Physical, Verbal, Sexual, Psychological)• Children-at-Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law• Bullying• Child Labor• Cybersafety or Online Safeguarding			<p>PSF Partner¹ Local Funds</p>	<p>Conducted On-going implementation For implementation</p>

¹ 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">• Positive Discipline• Corporal Punishment				

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

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

Day 2- May 26, 2022

09:00AM-09:15AM	Opening Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayer• Nationalistic Song• Isang Pangarap• Quality Policy and Privacy Notice
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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.

Thank you very much.



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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	Closing Activities

*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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