



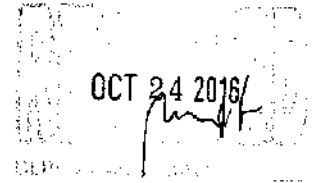
Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION  
Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet



Regional Memorandum

No. ~~314-2016~~

To: **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
All Divisions



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Officer-In-Charge

Subject: **ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT (AHD) PROGRAM**

Date: October 24, 2016

1. In line with the Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, Section 11 mandates the provision for age and development appropriate responsible parenthood and reproductive health education to our learners. To achieve this mandate, the roles and responsibilities of the department are the following:
  - a. Formulate an age and development appropriate reproductive health and sexuality education curriculum
  - b. Integrate other adolescent health concern in school curriculum such as:
    - Right of the child
    - Child health and nutrition
    - Child and adolescent development
    - Gender and Development
    - Life Skills
    - Population and development
    - Marriage and Family
    - Prevention of STIs including HIV/AIDS
    - Recognition and elimination of gender based violence
  - c. Provision of facilities or teen centers in the school for RPRH concerns
  - d. Mobilize teachers, and guidance counsellors to implement Adolescent Reproductive Health Development in the school
  - e. Training of Educators on Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health
2. Per result of the Young Adolescent Fertility Study (YAFS) conducted by the University of the Philippines Population Institute revealed that the regions with the highest teenage childbearing rates are CAR, Region 2 and NCR. Same study also mentioned some realities such as: teen-age pregnancy has tripled from year 2002 to 2013; 2 out of 5 Pinoy youth have already experienced pre-marital sex, 25 percent or 1 in 4 had a birth before age 20 or were teenage mothers and youth have very low knowledge on HIV/AIDS.
3. With the increasing trend of teenage pregnancy year after year and to help the youth in avoiding risky behaviors that would eventually lead them to early sexual encounters and early pregnancy, the mandate of educating the young people about sexuality and reproductive health is not only the concern of POPCOM but for all agencies of the government to do their part especially our department.
4. To intensify our campaign on responsible parenthood and reproductive health, this office hereby advise the Schools Division Superintendents to encourage their School Heads to coordinate with their Provincial, City, and Municipal Population Officers for the conduct of lectures/activities on "Adolescent Reproductive Health in their schools.
5. Quarterly Accomplishment reports on the components of the program shall be submitted at the Education Support Services Division, Regional Office or email at [essd.depedcar@gmail.com](mailto:essd.depedcar@gmail.com) or [car@deped.gov.ph](mailto:car@deped.gov.ph). Attached is a template to be used for the accomplishment report.
6. For information and compliance.

