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Department of Education
REGION II – CAGAYAN VALLEY

MEMORANDUM

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

From: **ESTELA LEON CARIÑO, Ed.D., CESO IV**
Director IV/ Regional Director

Date: January 20, 2020

Subject: **INTEGRATION OF PARENTING EDUCATION ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES**

The Regional Development Council 2, through Resolution No. 02-15-2019 (S, 2019), approving the integration and institutionalization of Parenting Education on Adolescent Health and Development in the regular Parents-Teachers Association activities in all schools in Region 02 is hereto attached for your information and reference.

The Schools Division Offices, through the School Governance and Operations Division - Health and Nutrition Section is directed to ensure the implementation of such activities during General PTA meetings.

Implementers are advised to partner with their provincial Population Commission and Department of Health field offices for relevant materials and technical assistance.

For information and guidance.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL II

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2019 IN GAMU, ISABELA

RDC2 Resolution No. 02-15-2019 (S. 2019)

"SUPPORTING THE DECLARATION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AS A NATIONAL SOCIAL EMERGENCY AND ADOPTING THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY ACTION TO CURB ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AS GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET OF ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES"

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and the Cagayan Valley Regional Development Plan (RDP) for 2017-2022, as the medium-term plans to operationalize the Ambisyon Natin 2040, aim to lay down a solid foundation for more inclusive growth, a high-trust and resilient society, and a globally competitive knowledge economy;

WHEREAS, in attaining its objectives, the PDP and the RDP highlight the importance of addressing rapid population growth and reducing unplanned pregnancies towards achieving human capital development and reaping the demographic dividend;

WHEREAS, the Philippine population has continued to grow by 1.37 percent per year, with the current population of 108 million expected to increase to 140 million by year 2045;

WHEREAS, it is expected that a significant portion of the country's population growth is attributed to adolescent pregnancies as data from the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics covering 2016 to 2017 showed that the 10 to 19 age group accounted for a total of 399,563 pregnancies;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the high incidence of adolescent pregnancy can threaten future quality of human capital, along with negative effects such as poor health conditions of the mother and the child, under nutrition and stunting, lower levels of education, poor socioeconomic conditions, unemployment, high fertility, and higher risks of psychological and mental health, thereby considered a gender and development issue;

WHEREAS, in 2013, according to the result of the Young Adult Fertility and Sexuality Study, Region 2 ranked second in teenage pregnancy incidence in the country, which until now remains a problem that needs collaborative action;

WHEREAS, the high incidence of adolescent pregnancy brings negative effects especially to the mother and the child, such as poor health conditions, undernutrition and stunting, lower levels of education, unemployment, and higher risks of psychological and mental health, all of which are considered gender and development (GAD) issues;

WHEREAS, the current rate of adolescent pregnancy is regarded as a national social emergency as it threatens not only the future quality of the country's human capital, but also its socioeconomic development as a whole;

WHEREAS, a collaborative and multi-faceted approach, as laid out in the Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster Performance and Projects Roadmap 2019-2022, to immediately identify and implement specific programs and activities to curb adolescent pregnancy is imperative;

WHEREAS, during the National-Regional Social Development Committee (SDC) Consultative Meeting held on October 23-24, 2019, the body jointly resolved that all SDC member agencies shall identify programs and activities directed at curbing adolescent pregnancy utilizing their respective GAD budgets;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council 2 (RDC2)-SDC, during its meeting held on November 27, 2019, identified and adopted purposive inter-agency actions to address adolescent pregnancy in the region, such as the:

1. Implementation of RDC2 Resolution No. 02-36-2014, s. 2014, approving the integration and institutionalization of Parenting Education on Adolescent Health and Development in the regular Parents-Teachers Association activities in all schools in Region 2 through the issuance of a Memorandum Circular by the Department of Education (DepEd);
2. Standardization of training designs of Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) capability building activities being carried out by various youth-serving agencies in the region;
3. Mobilization of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of relevant AHD activities and mandating the integration of such activities in the SK's annual youth investment program;
4. Organization of a functional AHD committee or local special body in local government units (LGUs), which will look into the promotion, implementation, and monitoring of AHD programs in their respective localities;
5. Regulation of the operation of dormitories and boarding houses for students, prohibiting coed arrangements and promotion of illicit activities, through local ordinances; and
6. Regular conduct of AHD activities by all LGUs and schools, which include but not limited to conduct of U4U (You-for-You) training, peer education on AHD, and fora on teenage pregnancy;

NOW THEREFORE, the RDC2, in session assembled, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to support the declaration of adolescent pregnancy as a national social emergency and to adopt the regional inter-agency action to curb adolescent pregnancy in the region as GAD activities to be funded under the GAD budget of all concerned agencies, LGUs, and state universities and colleges (SUCs);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Regional Offices of the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and the Department of Health (DOH) shall act as the lead agencies for the implementation of this regional inter-agency action;


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Regional Offices of the POPCOM, DOH, DepEd, LGUs and SUCs in the region for support and appropriate action.

APPROVED this 5th day of December 2019 in Gamu, Isabela.

Certified Correct:


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Approved:


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