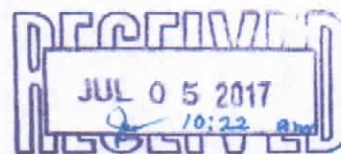


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June 30, 2017

Ms. ALMA RUBY C. TORIO
Regional Director
Department of Education
Regional Office I
City of San Fernando, La Union

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Dear Dir. Torio:

The nationwide celebration of the World Population Day on July 11, 2017 ~~enjoins all~~ partner agencies to conduct simultaneous activities to highlight the theme, "Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations" ("Pagpapalano ng Pamilya: Lakas ng sambayanan, kaunlaran ng pamayanan").

In light of this, your office may wish to conduct any of these suggested activities or the like:

1. Press conference.
2. Hang streamers with the logo and theme. You may wish to translate it in your local dialect. (Theme in local dialect should appear the first line followed by the theme in English in the second line). Template of the streamer is attached for your reference.
3. Highlight in the social media the WPD 2017 theme using the event hashtags #HerTomorrow and #HerTomorrowPH in uploading photos of your families or other photos relevant to the theme.

For queries and clarifications, you may call the Information and Communications Unit (IMCU) and look for any of the following: Ms. Kristine Diane O. Padilla/Cristina F. Martinez/Mr. Roy Gerson B. Torres at telephone number (072) 607-3334

Thank you very much.

RELEASE
DATE: July 4, 2017
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Very truly yours,

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ERMA R. YAPIT
Regional Director

Handwritten notes:
VC - July 4-17
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DC - July 5-17
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REGION I
City of San Fernando, La Union 2500

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Divisions

July 4, 2017

For information and appropriate action.

DIRECTOR TORIO

For and in the absence of the Regional Director:

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Republic of the Philippines
DepED
Region I
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE
Dagupan City

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CES, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All other concerned

July 6, 2017

For information and guidance of all concerned.

[Signature]
DR. LORNA G. BUGAYONG, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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June 30, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD POPULATION DAY 2017 PROMOTES FAMILY PLANNING

July 11 is observed by the international community as World Population Day. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme highlights this day to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

This year's theme, "Family Planning: Empowering People, Developing Nations" captures the benefits of family planning as a central to gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as the key to reducing poverty. Investments in making family planning accessible and available yield economic and other gains that can propel development forward (UNFPA, 2017).

Region 1 is not far from the situation of most women around the world. Many women and individuals are still tagged with "unmet need"—not using any effective, modern family planning (FP) method that would enable birth spacing and limiting their number of children.

In 2016, POPCOM and its local counterparts have reached 45,168 couples in the region through various demand generation activities. 20.79% of them were identified to have unmet need for family planning. These of which couples and individuals do not use any modern FP methods or are currently using the traditional methods as withdrawal, calendar etc. and are mostly flocked in the province of Pangasinan.

Predominantly, most of these women and individuals with unmet need are the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the government. Common reasons for not using modern FP methods include lack of access to information and services, no spousal consent and the strong influence of myths and misconceptions being spread around neighborhood and acquaintances.

For this year, around 2,052 women and individuals have been identified to have unmet need for modern FP in the region. As of 2nd quarter of 2017, there were already 2,043 new acceptors of the modern FP—an indication that many are still left untracked and unidentified. This significantly compels more efforts among FP implementers and policy makers to reach these women and individuals.

POPCOM and DOH lead in mapping out unmet need for modern FP. Various activities on responsible parenthood and family planning are consistently implemented around the region to capture bigger audience who mostly need the program. Voluntary Family Planning is a human right. It empowers families and is considered as one of the most cost-effective development investments. (MCM/POPCOM-1)