



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS  
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **469** s. 2023

October 16, 2023

**2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs, CID, SGOD  
Public Elementary and Secondary School heads  
School WinS Coordinators  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office through the School Governance Operations Division- School Health and Nutrition Unit hereby disseminates the contents of Regional Memorandum No. 754 s. 2023 dated October 10, 2023, entitled **2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY** with the Theme, **Clean Hands are Within Reach**.
2. This global advocacy is celebrated every 15<sup>th</sup> day of October and is dedicated to increased awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap and water as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and its spread to other people and most importantly, to save lives.
3. In this regard, schools particularly the learners, Division and School WinS Coordinators are enjoined to watch the live broadcast of a short program titled **Malinis na kamay tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan** on **October 18, 2023, Wednesday at 1:30 -2:30 p.m** via **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page**. Kindly see the attached Memorandum and advisory for more details.
4. School WinS Coordinators are to submit pictures on the activities conducted related to the celebration to the Division WinS Focal, Mrs. Rowena L. Pizarra's messenger account on or before October 19, 2023.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is desired.

**WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

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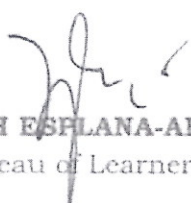


Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICE

Office of the Director

**ADVISORY**  
**October 11, 2023**

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) shall spearhead **this year's celebration of the Global Handwashing Day** with the theme "**Clean Hands are Within Reach.**" This global advocacy is celebrated annually every 15<sup>th</sup> day of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
2. This advisory is being issued to inform the field offices across governance levels that the activity for the **2023 Global Handwashing Day** shall be rescheduled and broadcasted **via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page** on **October 18, 2023 at 1:30-2:30 p.m.** (this was originally scheduled on October 13, 2023 per OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-03) to give enough time for the technical team to consolidate and edit all the videos submitted by the different regions. For the collaterals, please access this link: [bit.ly/GHD\\_2023](https://bit.ly/GHD_2023).
3. For questions and clarifications, you may contact Mr. Vonerich B. Berba, Education Program Specialist II through (02) 8632-9935 or email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph).

  
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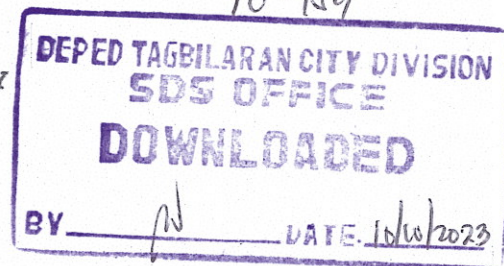
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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **754** s. 2023

**2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned



1. This Office disseminates the communication attached OUOPS No. 2023-03 dated September 27, 2023 entitled **2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**. It is clearly stated in this communication that it emphasizes on the issuance of DepEd Order 10, s. 2016, Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program. The creation of DepEd Order 10, s. 2016 is to promote corrective hygiene and sanitation practices among school children and a clean environment in and around schools to keep learners safe and healthy.

2. DepEd Order 10, s. 2016 is designed to achieve learning and health outcomes and improve school attendance of students through a comprehensive, sustainable and scalable school-based water, hygiene, sanitation and deworming program pursuant to the State's mandate under the 1987 constitution to defend the right of children to assistance including proper car, nutrition and special protection from prejudicial conditions to their development as well as to protect and promote the people's right to health and instill health consciousness among them.

3. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) shall be spearheading this year's celebration of the Global Handwashing Day with the theme "**Clean Hands are Within Reach**". This global advocacy is **celebrated every 15<sup>th</sup> day of October** and is dedicated to increase awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap and water as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and its spread to other people and most important, to save lives.



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4. In line with this, there shall be a short program titled **Malinis na Kamay tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan** and shall be on broadcast via **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page on October 13, 2023 @ 1:30pm-2:30pm**. It is highly requested that all DepEd Offices, schools particularly the learners, Regional, Division and School WinS Coordinators/Focal Persons are enjoined to watch the event.

5. Furthermore, attached as Annex A is the plotted indicative program of the broadcast activity for viewing. It can be noted that in this communication, there is a requirement of the submission of handwashing jingle, **please disregard this**.

6. Top management is highly requested to monitor on the activities conducted related to the celebration and the continuity, sustainability of the program implementation thereafter. Should there be more queries on more of the details, please refer to the attached communication and please don't hesitate to contact this Office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD).



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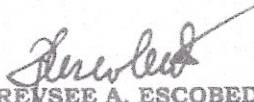
Director IV  
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Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2023-03-\_\_\_\_  
**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
ESSD Chief  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
SGOD and CID Chiefs  
School Health and Nutrition Section  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

FROM :   
**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY**

DATE: 27 September 2023

The **Department of Education (DepEd)**, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), issued **DepEd Order 10, s. 2016 (DO 10, s. 2016) or the Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program** to promote correct hygiene and sanitation practices among school children and a clean environment in and around schools to keep learners safe and healthy. DO 10, s. 2016 is designed to achieve learning and health outcomes and improve school attendance of students through a comprehensive, sustainable, and scalable school-based water, hygiene, sanitation, and deworming program pursuant to the State's mandate, under the 1987 Constitution, to defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from conditions prejudicial to their development as well as to protect and promote the people's right to health and instill health consciousness among them.

DepEd, through the BLSS-SHD, in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) shall spearhead **this year's celebration of the Global Handwashing Day** with the theme "**Clean Hands are Within Reach.**" This global advocacy is celebrated annually every 15<sup>th</sup> day of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

In line with the said celebration, a short program titled **Malinis na Kamay tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan** shall be broadcasted via the **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page on October 13, 2023 (Friday), 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** This

activity aims to highlight the importance of promoting a culture of hand hygiene and to emphasize hand hygiene as a critical public health measure to ensure safe schools and communities. To showcase best practices in hand hygiene-related initiatives, the event shall feature handwashing jingles with videos submitted by regions.

In this regard, each region is requested to submit a **30- to 45-second handwashing jingle with an accompanying video** that highlights the importance of handwashing in the promotion of general health and prevention of the transmission of infection. Five (5) regions with the best Jingles shall be selected to be broadcasted via DepEd Philippines FB page during the actual conduct of the program. In addition, a **commitment video** to show support of each region for the observance of the 2023 Global Handwashing Day will also be shown during the program (for details, please see attached Enclosures).

Further, all DepEd offices and schools, particularly learners, are enjoined to participate in the said activity.

All Regional, Division, and School WinS Coordinators are requested to watch the broadcast of the event via the **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page**.

The Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are enjoined to ensure and monitor the participation of personnel and learners to the said activity.

For more information, please contact **Mr. Vonerich B. Berba**, Education Program Specialist II of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) through email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph) or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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**Annex A**

**Malinis na Kamay Tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan**

13 October 2023 (Friday) at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Via DepEd Philippines Facebook Page

**Indicative Program**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1:30 – 1:40 p.m.	Opening Remarks	<b>DIR. NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD</b> Director IV Bureau of Learner Support Services
	Keynote Speaker	<b>DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN</b> Assistant Secretary for Operations
1:40 – 1:55 p.m.	Best Practices in Handwashing Activities of Seal of Excellence School-Awardees	SDO Sagay
1:55 – 2:10 p.m.	Announcement and presentation of Top 5 Best Handwashing Jingles	Emcee
2:10 – 2:20 p.m.	Commitment Video	ALL DepEd Regions
2:20 – 2:30 p.m.	Closing Message	<b>DR. MARIA CORAZON C. DUMLAO</b> Chief, BLSS-School Health Division

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