



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

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

December 23, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 891, s. 2024

**UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM SUPPORT FUND OF ARH FOR FY 2024 THE
REFURBISHMENT, REACTIVATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARNER
SUPPORT CENTER IN SCHOOLS**

To: ASDS
Chief, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
All Public Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 634 s. 2024, this Office disseminates the attached communication from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services- School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) entitled **Utilization of the Program Support Funds of ARH for FY 2024 on the Refurbishment, Reactivation and Establishment of the Learner Support Center in Schools dated July 3, 2024**. This communication clearly states the R.A. No. 10354 and DepEd Order No. 28 s. 2018 as to the specifications and provisions in the implementation of the Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) Program where the learners benefit the most.
2. The refurbishment, reactivation and establishment of Learner Support Center aims to:
 - a. Provide the equipment and materials needed for the operationalization of the school based Learner Support Center for the identified 2 secondary schools in the division;
 - b. Provide orientation, training and continuous technical assistance in the operation of Learner Support Center;
 - c. Serve as the center for information, providing a supportive, accessible, and confidential environment for learners.
3. The identified two (2) secondary schools, **Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School-JHS** and **Mansasa National High School** shall be provided with a support fund amounting to P50,000.00 each to refurbish, reactivate and establish the Learner Support Center. School Heads shall submit **on or before March 20, 2025** to Mrs. Adeline Carmen Castaño-Dagamac the Procurement of items and materials that shall be based in the attached Proposed/Suggested Expenditure Items and Corresponding Activities with Program of Works.




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4. All procurement relative to the establishment of the Learner Support Center shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For more details, please refer to attached communication.
6. Compliance of this Memorandum is directed.

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2. Relatively, included in this memorandum is the sample template of the Work and Financial Plan of the Program Support Fund utilization which shall be the official reporting template for submission to this Office on the 2nd week of August 2024.
3. For more of the details, please refer to attached communication or contact this Office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD)
4. For guidance and appropriate action of this Memorandum.


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**TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
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ESSD AND SGOD CHIEFS
ARH FOCALS/COORDINATORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

**SUBJECT : UTILIZATION OF THE PROGRAM SUPPORT FUND OF ARH
FOR FY 2024 ON THE REFURBISHMENT, REACTIVATION
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARNER SUPPORT
CENTER IN SCHOOLS**

DATE : 3 July 2024

1. Pursuant to **R. A. No. 10354**, known as the **Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012**, under Section 11.03 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) states that DepEd shall provide young people in public schools with supportive environments where they have access to (a) Counseling and psycho-social support services; (b) Facilities for information on prevention of risky behaviors, including addiction; (c) Facilities for information on prevention and diagnosis and proper management/treatment of STIs; and (d) Facilities for referral to service providers on all RPRH concerns.
2. Furthermore, **DepEd Order No. 28, series of 2018** or the **Oplan Kalusugan Sa Department of Education (OK sa DepEd)** defines an Adolescent Reproductive Health Education (ARH) program as a program that aims to strengthen DepEd's delivery of its mandates under the RPRH Act of 2012, through a guidance and counseling program by enhancing capacities of guidance counselors or designated homeroom guidance teachers and selected non-teaching and health personnel, and develop a referral network to service providers for RPRH concerns.
3. The Program Support Fund (PSF) for the refurbishment, reactivation, and establishment of the school-based Learner Support Center (LSC) aims to:
 - a. Provide a safe, supportive, accessible, and confidential environment for learners;
 - b. provide the supplies and equipment essential for the operations of the school-based LSC for the SDO's identified schools; and



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c. provide orientation, training, technical assistance, and other activities related to the ARH program;

3. A Learner Support Center will serve as the center for information, providing a supportive, accessible, and confidential environment. It also provides guidance on positive sexual behaviors. It serves as a hub for learners with health, psychosocial, and RPRH concerns and other learner support services. It will also serve as an avenue for referral mechanisms to the community adolescent-friendly facility.

The LSC will be the generic name for the new and existing centers. However, the existing centers, such as the Teen Health Kiosk, Teen Center, Kabataan Center, KADA Center, TeenDig, etc, that partners and stakeholders support will retain their original brand names.

4. Structurally, schools may assign a room or corner as LSC. It can be an existing space, a separate space within the school premises, or an available room but not used as a classroom, where adolescents can congregate and receive information and services. Considering the sizes and the limited space, schools may provide a room or sufficient space for privacy and confidentiality that can be used for guidance or counseling. The center shall have the following areas, at the minimum:

- Reception area (which includes signages, way finders, etc.) It will serve as the learners' support desk, where the learner can assess queries and concerns of fellow learners and can be the point of referral to relevant support services;
- Guidance room/ corner; and
- Activity area which can be used for recreational activities.

5. The identified two (2) secondary schools per SDO will be provided with a program support fund amounting to P50,000.00 each to refurbish, reactivate, and establish the LSC. School Heads shall submit a signed Work and Financial Plan (Annex A) to the Schools Division Office (SDO) for reference.
6. For the procurement of supplies and equipment/ materials, please refer to the Unnumbered Memorandum entitled Implementing Guidelines on the Allocation, Utilization, Documentation, and Reporting of Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Field Implementation of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Program for FY 2024.
7. All procurements relative to the school-based LSC's refurbishment, reactivation, and establishment shall be subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. The Learner Support Center's comprehensive operational guidelines will be issued separately. For other references, please access this link: <https://rb.gv/vgaz7q>.
9. For questions and clarification, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief Health Program Officer, and **Ms. Phanny S. Ramos**, Health Education and Promotion Officer III of BLSS-School Health Division, via email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph, copy furnished arh@deped.gov.ph, or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

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