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Department of Education



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ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON TALES OF DISASTERS

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau/Center Directors  
All Regional Directors  
Principals/School Heads  
Administrative Officers of the 17 Regions  
Heads, Disaster Risk Management Offices/Calamity Disaster and Fire  
Control Groups

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) in its efforts to raise the level of awareness among schoolchildren and the public on what to do before, during and after any hazard occurrences, in cooperation with all members of the Education in Emergencies cluster developed a Philippine version of the project called "Tales of Disasters". The project is composed of five puppet film adventures that help teach children and communities about how to stay safe during natural disasters plus peace education. The use of puppets in classroom instructions has been proven to have a kind of magic, funny, unthreatening, and can sustain the attention of schoolchildren. It is also one of the instructional materials considered to be a dynamic and highly effective medium to present vital safety messages to people affected by conflict or disaster

2. The idea of using puppets as a tool for teaching life-saving messages was introduced by No Strings International, founded by Johnie McGlade during his work as an emergency aid coordinator. Plan International, an active member of the Education Cluster proposed this project for adoption in the Philippine setting and has initiated the translation and "Filipinization" of the script and puppet production for use of the teachers in teaching disaster risk reduction in schools.

3. In view of this, an orientation workshop on how to use the puppet film adventures in classroom instruction will be undertaken on February 15-20 exclusive of travel time at Crown Regency Hotel, Cebu City. The orientation workshop aims to:

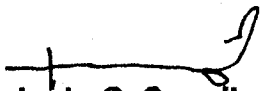

- a) train trainers on how to use puppets as a tool for teaching life-saving messages to schoolchildren;

- b) introduce a series of culturally sensitive films to present key educational messages that can save a child's life;
- c) devise a scheme to sustain and maintain its utilization in all schools through the Education in Emergencies Cluster;
- d) develop a plan of action to conduct echo training to all school heads, principals and teachers nationwide; and
- e) maintain a pool of trainers which can be tapped for demonstration lessons to schools and other institutions of learning as needed.

4. Participants to this orientation workshop are Education Supervisors II/ and Administrative Officers from the seventeen (17) regions who will compose the pool of trainers to train teachers in their respective regions, interested cluster members and Non-government Organizations. No Strings will facilitate the workshop/training session along with two (2) staff each of Plan International, Save the Children and DepED. A Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop Evaluation instrument will also be distributed to participants to elicit comments and suggestions to help improve its facilitators/training

5. All expenses for this activity shall be charged against local funds for regional participants and OSEC funds for Central Office participants, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants of cluster members shall take charge of their transportation expenses, per diem and miscellaneous expenses.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge 

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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