

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TACLOBAN CITY

July 4, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 462, s. 2024

ROLL-OUT OF BATANG EMPOWERED AND RESILIENT TEAM (BERT)

To: **All Public Schools District Supervisors**
Division DRRM Officer
All Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepED Regional Office VIII Memorandum No. 521, s. 2024 dated May 2, 2024, titled "Roll-Out of Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT), the Department of Education Region VIII – Eastern Visayas in partnership with Save the Children Philippines, issues the enclosed guidelines on the **Roll- Out of Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT)** which aim to institutionalize the BERT in all public schools.


2. These guidelines provide the minimum instructions on how to begin with the roll-out of BERT. The School Watching Team (SWT) to every school described in DepEd Order No. 23, s.2015 shall act as BERT and shall adopt its programs and activities.

3. The BERT program supports DepEd Order No. 33, s.2021 titled School-based Disaster Preparedness and Response Measures for Tropical Cyclones, Flooding and Other Weather-related Disturbances and Calamities, which further ensures safety in schools as part of the disaster preparedness mechanisms and mitigation.

4. All public elementary and secondary schools are directed to utilize the BERT materials. Printing of the modules and other related expenses shall be charged against the Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (DPRP) Funds and/or other available sources of funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. For queries and concerns on the aforementioned matters, please contact the **SDO Tacloban City – Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service** through the Division DRRM Officer CRISVILL M. VILLAMOR at 09085564721 or email at crisvill.villamor@deped.gov.ph.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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