



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

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 598 s. 2025

EMPATHETIC EDUCATION: EQUIPPING EDUCATORS WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief-SGOD & CID
Public Schools District Supervisor
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Division LRP Focal/ Alternate
Schools Learner Rights Protection Focal
All Others Concerned

1. In compliance to **Department of Education (DepEd) no. 40 s. 2012** known as the "**Child Protection Policy**", this Office, through the Learners Rights and Protection under Social Mobilization Unit of School Governance and Operations Division (**SGOD**), in partnership with Plan International Inc., will conduct a **1-day training entitled Empathetic Education: Equipping Educators with Psychological First Aid Skills Training on September 4, 2025 at SDO Tacloban Conference Hall, Tacloban City.**

2. Generally, this program is designed to empower educators with the necessary skills to address the psychological needs of our students, ensuring that they receive the support they need in times of emotional distress. Specifically, it aims to help the participants:

- Enhance their understanding of the psychological impacts of trauma on students and role of PFA in mitigating these effects;
- Help them develop practical skills to develop to provide immediate psychological support to students in distress;
- Develop a cadre of trainers who can further disseminate PFA knowledge and skills within their respective institutions and communities; and
- Foster a culture of empathy and emotional support within education settings, promoting overall well-being of students.
- Fostering mutual respect, empathy and problem solving rather than using punishment.
- Secure learning environment to learners.

3. The following are the key participants: (See Enclosure 1)

4. Meals and venue for the participants will be charged to Plan International Inc. funds.

5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum and compliance thereto are highly desired.

Sherlita A. Palma
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Enclosure: as stated
References: As stated

