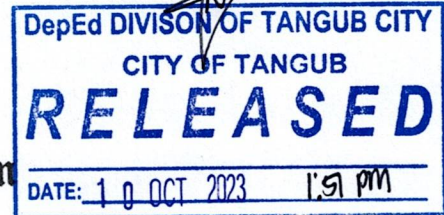




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region X
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TANGUB CITY



October 9, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 197 , s. 2023

DISSEMINATION OF 2023 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID & SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District In-Charge
Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. Relative to DepEd Order No. 10 s. 2016, Policy Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program, DepED through the Bureau of Learners Support Services- School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) issued OUOPS Memorandum No. 2023-03 re: "2023 Global Handwashing Day".
2. 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 15th day of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soaps an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
3. In line with the said celebration, all DepED schools and personnel are encouraged to watch the short program titled "Malinis na Kamay Tulay sa Malusog at Matatag na Kinabukasan" which shall be broadcast via the DepED Philippines Facebook Page on October 13,2023 (Friday) at 1:30-2:30p.m.
4. All schools are encouraged to have handwashing day on October 16,2023 in lieu of October 15,2023 which is Sunday for 30 to 45 minutes that highlights the importance of handwashing in the promotion of general health and prevention of the transmission of infection.
5. Enclosed is the OUOPS No.2023-03 Memorandum
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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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 15th 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 Annexes).

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 or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	Opening Remarks	DIR. NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA, PhD Director IV Bureau of Learner Support Services
	Keynote Speaker	DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN 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	DR. MARIA CORAZON C. DUMLAO Chief, BLSS-School Health Division