



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

19 MAY 2023

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 35, s. 2023

**INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDELIGHT MEMORIAL 2023**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Senior Education Program Specialists/Education Program Specialists  
Public Schools Districts Supervisor/Districts-In-Charge  
Public Elementary/Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the OUOPS MEMO NO. 2023-03-4281 entitled **International Aids Candlelight Memorial 2023** with the theme **“Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities”** as it highlights the Stigma and Self-Stigma experienced by people living with HIV, this Office through the School Health Section encourages all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel and student learners to participate on the following activities on Monday, May 22, 2023:
  - a. Candlelight memorial activity to be done during the Virtual Flag Ceremony. All SDO Personnel will be provided with candle and red ribbon, which represents HIV/AIDS awareness.
  - b. All elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to participate and document all related activities with adherence in ensuring that classes are not disrupted and in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2003 titled “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.”
  - c. It is requested to use given hashtags #IAMCM2023, #AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepedPhilippines when posting pictures and sharing contents in an online platform. Posting of messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media is highly encouraged. Information materials can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>. Please utilize the Adolescent And Reproductive Health SDO Division of Negros Oriental Facebook page ([bit.ly/3pNLsZP](https://bit.ly/3pNLsZP)) for sharing and sending of MOVs.



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2. For relevant queries and concerns, you may contact Mrs. Farrenn Leigh Yurong Hababag, RN (Division ARH Focal Person) at 09482960188 and [farrennleigh.yurong@deped.gov.ph](mailto:farrennleigh.yurong@deped.gov.ph).
3. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is strongly desired.

  
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**INTERNATIONAL AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL 2023**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant School Division Superintendent  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates the attached communication from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations Memorandum OUOPS No. 2023-03-4281 entitled **International Aids Candlelight Memorial 2023**. This is an annual commemoration to remember those who died of AIDS and honor those people dedicated their lives in helping those living with and affected by HIV positive individuals. This is also to raise social consciousness about HIV/AIDS and how to address the stigma and discrimination.
2. In this regard, the country shall have its commemoration on **May 21, 2023** with the theme, **"Spread Love and Solidarity to Build Stronger Communities"**. All DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, student leaders and adolescent learners are highly encouraged to participate in all activities stipulated in the attached communication.
3. Furthermore, it is requested to use #IACM2023, #AIDScandlelightmemorial2023, #OKsaDeped, #MATATAG, #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa, #DepEdPhilippines when posting and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>. Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers and Youth Formation Officers of your Schools Division Office are highly requested to disseminate this and join in the activities.
4. For your immediate dissemination, support and compliance to this Memorandum.

  
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3. distribution of educational materials;
4. posting messages of support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in social media;
5. conducting of HIV/AIDS awareness seminars/symposiums; and
6. a candlelight memorial activity.

It is requested to use #IACM2023, #AIDScandlelightmemorial2023, and #OKsaDepEd, #MATATAG #BansangMakabata #BatangMakabansa #DepEdPhilippines when posting pictures and sharing content in an online platform. Information materials can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/IACM-2023>.

Adolescent Reproductive Health Focal Persons, Information Officers, and Youth Formation Officers are requested to disseminate the information and join in the activities.

For more information and concerns, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Health Program Officer, or Phanny S. Ramos, Health Education and Promotion Officer III, BLSS-SHD through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph) / [arh@deped.gov.ph](mailto:arh@deped.gov.ph) .

For immediate and appropriate action.