

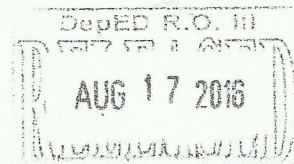
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To : Schools Division Superintendents
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From : *f* **MALCOLM S. GARMA, CESO V**
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for

Subject: 2016 Family Planning Month Celebration

Date : August 15, 2016

The Commission on Population (POPCOM), per letter of **Director ELEANOR M. CURA**, encourages partner agencies to conduct activities that highlight Family Planning Month Celebration with this year's theme: ***"Breastfeeding and Family Planning: Keys to Sustainable Development"***.

Attached herewith are Director Cura's letter, Press Statement on the 2016 Family Planning Month, and tarpaulin template for reproduction and display.

For details, questions and clarification, schools may contact Ms. Pamela Pangilinan or Ms. Raisa Leona Tan at Tel. No. 455-2002/193.

For information.

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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE 2016 FAMILY PLANNING MONTH

August of every year is commemorated as the Family Planning (FP) Month. As part of the government's goal to address unmet need for modern family planning in the country, POPCOM continues to support the celebration of the FP month to promote awareness about programs of the government in FP and actions parents can take if they want to plan for the number and spacing of their children

The conduct of activities for the 2016 FP month also serves as a response to the President's pronouncement of support during the first State of the Nation Address stating that "the implementation of the **Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law** must be put into full force and effect."

With the Duterte Health Agenda's "**All for Health towards Health for All**", focusing on achieving zero unmet need for modern family planning, there is a pressing need for the government to promote awareness on RPRH and FP rights and to link demand generation with quality service delivery.

The 2016 Family Planning Month, themed "Breastfeeding and Family Planning: Keys to Sustainable Development," opens another opportunity to advocate and generate demand for FP and RH services.

Hence, POPCOM Region III is set to conduct various activities within the month of August in order to reach intended audiences to further address unmet need for modern FP methods which include both natural (basal body temperature, cervical mucus, sympto-thermal, standard days, and Lactational-amenorrhea) and artificial and permanent FP methods (condom, contraceptive pills, injectable, intra-uterine device, bilateral tubal ligation, and non-scalpel vasectomy).

Different activities for the FP Month include information dissemination and FP counseling in selected public areas, offices, and establishments, capacity building of regional staff on FP, and coordination with regional and local partners in the conduct of FP month-related activities.

Through these, we hope to contribute to the current administration's vision of achieving zero unmet for modern FP, which is defined as either a) individuals and/or couples that would like to practice modern FP but have no access to services or means to do so, or b) traditional FP users.

We enjoin everyone in the commemoration of the Family Planning Month for the attainment of well-planned, happy, healthy, and empowered Filipino families in Central Luzon.

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DIR. MALCOLM S. GARMA, CESO V
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Dear Dir. Garma:

Greetings from the Commission on Population (POPCOM) Region III!

August of every year is commemorated as the Family Planning (FP) Month based on Proclamation No. 429 s. 1994. As part of our goal to address the unmet need for family planning in the country and to support the President Duterte's pronouncement during his First State of the Nation Address stating that "the implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law must be put into full force and effect", the POPCOM continues to support the celebration of Family Planning Month with the theme "Breastfeeding and Family Planning: Keys to Sustainable Development".


Relative to this, the Commission on Population Region III encourages the partner agencies to conduct the following activities:

- Draft of press releases highlighting the importance of breastfeeding and family planning among families towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Conduct an activity highlighting the importance of Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health and emphasizing the importance of breastfeeding and family planning in achieving well-planned, happy, healthy and prosperous families.
- Hang streamers with the logo and theme. (Please see attached copy.)

For questions and clarifications, you may call Ms. Pamela Pangilinan or Ms. Raisa Leona S., Tan at Tel. No. 455-2002/1993.

Thank you very much and we look forward for your favorable response on our request.

Very truly yours,


ELEANOR M. CURA
Regional Director



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Breastfeeding and Family Planning Month

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