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Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2026-158

**UPDATED REPORTING MECHANISM FOR THE SCHOOL-BASED DEWORMING PROGRAM AND THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL PARASITE PREVALENCE SURVEY (NPPS)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division of South Cotabato
Division of Sultan Kudarat
Division of Koronadal City

1. In reference to Office Memorandum No. **OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-08029**, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), reiterates its support to the Department of Health (DOH) in the implementation of the **Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases Mass Drug Administration (STH-MDA)** in schools and its coordination with the **Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)** in the implementation of the **National Parasite Prevalence Survey (NPPS)**.

2. As part of the preparations for the National Parasite Prevalence Survey, selected schools in the **Provinces of South Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat** have been identified as study sites.

3. In accordance with the RITM study protocol, schools located in **Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs)** and **Independent Component Cities (ICCs)** shall also be included in the survey sampling frame. However, the enrolment data from the Schools Division Office of Koronadal City was not included in the initial database. Hence, the **SGOD Chief of Koronadal City Division is directed to submit the List of All Public Schools and the Number of Enrollees for School Year 2025-2026 using the prescribed format below:**

| Name of school | School code | District | Kindergarten | Grade I | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 |
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| **Grade 5** | **Grade 6** | **Grade 7** | **Grade 8** | **Grade 9** | **Grade 10** | **Grade 11** | **Grade 12** |
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4. To facilitate the randomization and selection process for the survey, the requested data shall, whenever possible, be **submitted in Microsoft Excel format**.

5. Pursuant to the agreements from the Regional Orientation and Planning Workshop held on December 2–4, 2025, in Davao City, stool specimen collections

must occur at least three months post-MDA to maintain survey integrity. Because the National Parasite Prevalence Survey (NPPS) is scheduled for **June to September 2026** (pending RITM Institutional Review Board approval), the Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases-Mass Drug Administration (STH-MDA) in designated schools and grade levels is **temporarily deferred until October 2026**.

6. For further coordination and inquiries, contact **Ms. Sabrina Parungao** through telephone number (02) 8807-2631 local 343 or via email at npps2025@gmail.com.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are desired.

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Enclosure: As stated
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