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Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

ESSD-2026-204

EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT OF PFA PROVIDERS FOR BANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- SDO South Cotabato
- SDO Koronadal City
- SDO Sultan Kudarat
- SDO Tacurong City
- SDO General Santos City

1. In view of the recent shooting incident at Banga National High School, immediate **Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS)** interventions are necessary to address the psychosocial and mental health needs of affected learners, teaching personnel, and non-teaching personnel. Consequently, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), has coordinated with concerned agencies for the conduct of interagency support interventions.

2. Accordingly, all ESSD School Health personnel are directed to immediately mobilize available PFA providers to proceed to **Banga, South Cotabato** on **September 20, 2026**, to support the conduct of the Interagency Psychological First Aid activity and provide the necessary psychosocial assistance to the affected school community.

3. The following offices are directed to deploy the indicated number of Psychological First Aid (PFA) Providers to support the conduct of the Interagency Psychological First Aid Activity.

Office	Number of PFA Provider
Regional Office	5
SDO South Cotabato	15
SDO Sultan Kudarat	3
SDO Tacurong	6
SDO General Santos City	10
SDO Koronadal City	6
Total	45

4. Meals, accommodations, fuel, travel and other expenses related to the conduct of activities may be charged to local funds and Program Support Fund (PSF), subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Compensatory time-off (CTO) shall be granted to personnel who participated on disaster response, as applicable, computed against the actual days that they had



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participated in the activity, in accordance with existing Civil Service Commission rules and regulations.

6. For more information and concerns, contact Dr. Edelyn Grace A. Jamila, Medical Officer IV at mobile number 09295825738 (Smart) or through email at edelyngrace.jamila@deped.gov.ph .

7. For dissemination and compliance.


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Regional Director

Encls.: None

References: None

Allotment: local funds/ MOOE/Program Support Fund (PSF)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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