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**Kagawaran ng Edukasyon**  
REHIYON V  
**SANGAY NG MGA PAARALAN NG LUNGSOD NAGA**

May 3, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. III, s. 2023

**BATANG EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENT TEAM (BERT) TRAINING AND  
SCHOOL WATCHING APPLICATION FIELD TESTING**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs of Functional Divisions  
CID, SGOD, and OSDS Unit/Section Heads  
Public Schools District Supervisors Concerned  
School Heads Concerned  
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the communication letter from the Save the Children Philippines dated April 13, 2023, this Office informs the concerned School Heads that a **School-Based Training on Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT) and School Watching Application Field Testing** will be conducted by the Save the Children Philippines. The Venue will be at the participating two (2) pilot schools and the Schedule are as follows:

Name of School/Venue	Schedule of BERT Training
1. Julian B. Meliton Elementary School	May 24-25, 2023
2. Tinago National High School	May 26-27, 2023

2. The said training is part of the "Education Safe from Disasters Project: Developing an Ecosystem for Comprehensive School Safety in the Philippines" initiated by the Save the Children Philippines which aims to introduce the Batang Empowerment and Resilient Team (BERT), a child-led DRR Module.

3. The concerned School Heads are expected to:

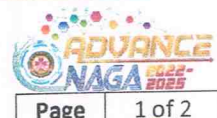
- organize the participants who shall be as follows:
  - Ten (10) pre-selected students;
  - School Head;
  - School DRRM Coordinator; and
  - School ICT Coordinator.
- assist the Save the Children in securing consent forms from parents or guardian of the learner participants;
- ensure strict observance of the minimum health protocols during the conduct of this activity.

4. Food and materials will be provided by Save the Children Philippines while other expenses relative to the activity may be charged against Local Funds and School MOOE subject to usual accounting auditing rules and regulations.

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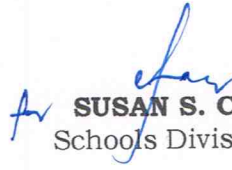


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5. Enclosed for reference are letter of the Save the Children Philippines and the Consent Form for the learner participants.
6. For other clarifications and concerns, contact the Project Development Officer II for DRRM, Engr. Marie Christine Ignacio through this email address [mariechristine.ignacio@deped.gov.ph](mailto:mariechristine.ignacio@deped.gov.ph) or through this CP number: 09478908948.
7. For information and guidance.

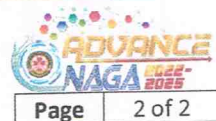
  
**SUSAN S. COLLANO CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent



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April 13, 2023

**SUSAN S. COLLANO, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Naga City

**Attention: Marie Christine C. Ignacio**  
Schools Division DRRM Coordinator

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Dear SDS Collano,

Greetings from Save the Children Philippines!

Save the Children is the world's leading independent children's organization. It has been working in the Philippines for over three decades and is dedicated to helping children learn, survive, and be protected. In the Philippines and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from harm.

Save the Children has been working in partnership with the Department of Education's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) and Information, Communication, and Technology Service (ICTS) to implement the Education Safe from Disasters Project: Developing an Ecosystem for Comprehensive School Safety in the Philippines, with the support of Prudence Foundation. Now on its third year of implementation, we continue our pilot testing in Region 3 while preparing for rollout to another region later this year.

We are pleased to inform you that we successfully conducted the 3-day School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Team Training last March 29 - 31, 2023 at Naga City. The training is participated by 4 Divisions DRR Coordinators, School Head/Principal, IT and DRR Schools Coordinators, GPTA and BLGU officials from selected schools. Part of the training is the introduction of the Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT), a child-led DRR module initiated by Save the Children. In this light, we are requesting permission for 10 selected students from **Tinago National High School** and **Julian B. Mellton Elementary School** to participate in our follow-up activity, entitled **Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT) Training and School Watching Application Field Testing** to be held in the respective schools. We will conduct this activity face-to-face on **May 24-25, 2023 (Wednesday-Thursday) Julian B. Mellton Elementary School** and **May 26-27, 2023 (Friday-Saturday) at Tinago National High School** from 9:00 - 12:00NN for the morning sessions and 1:00 - 4:30 PM for the afternoon sessions.

SCP will strictly comply with and implement the minimum health protocols. We will also provide food for the participants and obtain signed consent forms from the children and their parents or guardians, signifying their willingness to participate in this activity.

Please feel free to communicate with our DRR Coordinator, Pepito Romero, at mobile number, +63 9173204877 or email: [pepito.romero@savethechildren.org](mailto:pepito.romero@savethechildren.org) for any questions or clarifications regarding this activity.

Sincerely,

**Marlon Matuguina**  
Program Manager  
Risk Reduction and Resilience in Education and Governance  
Save the Children Philippines



FOR THE VOLUNTEERS OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

CONSENT FORM FOR THE CHILD

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (your full name), would like to volunteer in:

**Title of Activity** : BERT Training and SWApp Field Testing  
**Date of Activity** : May \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
**Time of Activity** : 9 AM-4:30PM  
**Venue/Address of Activity** : \_\_\_\_\_  
**Staff-in-charge** : \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this activity is part of the Education Safe from Disasters Project of Save the Children which aims to develop an Ecosystem for Comprehensive School Safety in the Philippines.

I volunteer because I understand and support the purpose and objectives of the activity. I believe that my involvement in this activity will be beneficial to other children and will help develop my knowledge and skills.

I expect to assume roles that are fit to my interests and capacity; and I understand that I have the right to withdraw my commitment to the activity, especially if I feel uncomfortable being involved in it.

I expect and know that Save the Children will, at all times, observe the Child Safeguarding Policy to ensure my safety and well-being while taking part in the activity. However, I understand that participation in the activity carries with it certain risks that are beyond the control of the organization. Should anything harmful happen to me, I understand that I can report to SDRRM Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_, someone that I trust to take immediate action regarding my report.

I acknowledge that I am signing this consent freely and voluntarily.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature above printed name of the child

\_\_\_\_\_  
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