



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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MORATORIUM ON THE CONDUCT OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) ACTIVITIES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND TRAINING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL PREMISES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ENERGY CONSERVATION DIRECTIVE UNDER MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 114

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary & Secondary School Heads
GAD Coordinators / Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum Circular No. 114 issued by the Office of the President, directing all government agencies to implement measures on energy conservation, and pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 18, s. 2026 titled *“Implementation of Energy Conservation Protocols and Flexible Work Arrangements in the Department of Education Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 114,”* this Office hereby issues a **moratorium on the conduct of Gender and Development (GAD) activities, professional development programs and trainings, and other activities that require travel, gatherings, or activities conducted outside the office or school premises.**

To wit:

“...4. All Meetings for inter-agency coordination, consultations, and conferences shall be held virtually. Physical meetings or workshops are allowed only when necessary or operationally indispensable.”

2. In view thereof, **all previously approved GAD activities, training proposals, and activities outside school premises** at the school and district levels, including those that are currently being proposed, are hereby recalled and temporarily withheld pending the lifting of the energy conservation directive issued by the Office of the President.
3. For the GAD, schools and offices with GAD activities and other activities outside school premises originally scheduled for implementation within the month of March are advised to reschedule these activities to a later date once the directive on energy conservation has been lifted and normal operations are fully restored.



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4. Another alternative is that schools may conduct the scheduled GAD activities within the school premises (school-based) instead of holding them outside the school, provided that the objectives of the activity remain aligned with the approved GAD Plan and Budget and that such implementation complies with the prescribed energy conservation protocols, and auditing and accounting rules and regulations.
5. To ensure the continuous utilization and timely liquidation of approved GAD funds and other monthly school expenses, schools and offices may realign the schedule of expenses within their approved GAD Plan and Budget. This means that budget allocations intended for activities scheduled in later months may be utilized during the current month, provided that the equivalent expenses originally scheduled for March shall correspondingly be moved to the later rescheduled activity date.
6. Such realignment or interchange of scheduled expenses shall be allowed subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The total approved GAD budget allocation remains unchanged;
 - b. The amount of expenses interchanged are the substantially the same or nearly equivalent;
 - c. The nature and purpose of the expenses remain aligned with the approved GAD activities; and
 - d. All expenditures shall comply with existing government accounting, auditing, and liquidation guidelines.
7. The conduct of the activities outside the school premises shall remain under moratorium until such time that the energy conservation directive issued through Memorandum Circular No. 114 by the Office of the President is lifted or upon the issuance of a subsequent advisory or notice from this Office.
8. For guidance, this moratorium applies only to activities initiated and conducted by our Division Office and its schools and districts. Activities initiated, mandated, or directed by the Regional Office and the Central Office shall not be covered by this moratorium.
9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby directed.

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