



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Caraga Region  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**

**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

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Division MEMORANDUM

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**31st NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH CELEBRATION**

To: Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads  
All Teaching and Non-teaching Personnel  
Youth Formation Section  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) joins the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), local government units, and private organizations including the civil society, private enterprises, and nongovernment, civic, and people's organizations, and the whole nation in celebrating the 31st National Children's Month (NCM), with the theme, **"Healthy, Nourished, Sheltered: Ensuring the Right to Life for All."**

2. The NCM is annually celebrated every November pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10661, titled An Act Declaring the Month of November of Every Year as the National Children's Month, seeking to promote the protection of children's rights. Section 4 thereof mandates DepEd to facilitate and encourage the commemoration of the National Children's Month in all schools, public and private, nationwide.

3. In line with the foregoing celebration, the schools/districts shall undertake a simultaneous **Kick-Off Program** in celebration of the 31st National Children's Month on **November 11, 2023** and the **Culminating Program** on **November 27-30, 2023** in their respective schools/districts.

4. Anent to this, school level celebration shall focus on these following activities:

- a. Discussion of Republic Act No. 11930 or "An Act Punishing Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC). Penalizing the Production, Distribution, Possession, and Access of Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM)".
- b. Enhance Learner Protection Policy
- c. Guidelines on the Implementation of the Safe Space Act in Basic Education
- d. DepEd Policy on Child in Situations of Armed Conflict
- e. Importance of Access to available and quality healthcare for children
- f. Learning session on Health and Protection Rights
- g. 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children
- h. Participate in Complementary Feeding Program



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5. In addition, the Council in the Welfare of Children (CWC) will host the following activities and everyone is encourage to support:

a.) Social Media Campaign encouraging individuals and organizations to join the online campaign using the 2023 NCM photo frame on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter in their profile picture, including a customized template caption, which reads, "*Ako si (pangalan), at ngayong #BuwanNgMgaBata, #LusogSaPaglaki ang aking hangad para sa lahat ng bata!*".

b.) #BlueKadaBiyernes Campaign enjoining everyone to wear **blue-colored clothing every Friday of November** to show support for the month-long celebration, joining personnel are requested to:

- i. Capture a group photo wearing blue-colored clothing
- ii. Upload the photo to your respective Facebook Page
- iii. Use the hashtag #BlueKadaBiyernes in the caption

c.) Panatang Makabata schools conducting National Children's Month activities are requested to deliver the *Panatang Makabata* in their opening ceremonies.

6. Thus, Schools are required to submit a report to document the activities undertaken during the 31st National Children's Month. The School's Youth Formation Coordinator together with the SELG/SSLG Officers will be the one to document the activities taken in their respective schools and will submit the file through this link <https://tinyurl.com/4vtfcpwu> on or before **December 11, 2023**.

7. For relevant query please contact the Division Youth Formation Coordinator: Ms. Linny Christi G. Mananquil through 09125986730 or [linnychristi.mananquil@deped.gov.ph](mailto:linnychristi.mananquil@deped.gov.ph).

8. Full support and cooperation is highly encouraged among Schools.

9. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
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