REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 22, s. 2021

ONLINE SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEEKLY IRON WITH FOLIC ACID (WIFA) SUPPLEMENTATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum Number OUA MEMO 00-0321-0118 issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration regarding the Weekly Iron with Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation in Secondary Schools.

2. In view of this, to identify the facilitating and hindering factors that affected its program implementation during the School Year 2018-2019 and School Year 2019-2020, as well as to recognize best practices and innovative strategies developed by the schools to improve program implementation, an Online Survey entitled “Making Girl Learners Fit for School, Fit for Life: A Program Evaluation Study on the DepEd- DOH WIFA Supplementation in Public High Schools:

3. Secondary School Administrators, assisted by the School Nurses and/or designated WIFA Coordinators are requested to fill up the questionnaire in the link http://bit.ly/DepEdDOHWIFASupplementationinPublicHighSchools on or before March 31, 2021. Only one submission per Secondary School is expected.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Encls: As Stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum Number OUA MEMO 00-0321-0118
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

Folic Acid Health Programs Iron Deficiency

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Iron deficiency anemia (IDA) is a widespread nutritional disorder around the globe. The exact toll of iron deficiency and anemia lies hidden in the statistics of overall death rates, maternal hemorrhage, reduced school performance, and lowered productivity (WHO, 2019). To address the devastating health and productivity consequences of IDA, the Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) implemented the Weekly Iron with Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation for Female Adolescent Learners in Public High Schools in 2018. This is in accordance with DepEd Order No. 59, s. 2017 which bears the guidelines for the said program.

To identify the facilitating factors and barriers that affected program implementation in School Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, as well as recognize best practices and innovative strategies developed by the schools to improve program implementation, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) hereby disseminates the online survey titled *Making Girl Learners Fit for School, Fit for Life: A Program Evaluation Study on the DepEd – DOH WIFA Supplementation in Public High Schools*. This is for the provision of research-based recommendations in aid of policy and program design.

In this regard, Secondary School Administrators, assisted by School Nurses and/or designated WIFA Coordinators, are requested to fill up the questionnaire at [http://bit.ly/DepEdDOHWIFASupplementationinPublicHighSchools](http://bit.ly/DepEdDOHWIFASupplementationinPublicHighSchools) on or before 31 March 2021. Only one submission per secondary school is expected.
For more information, questions and concerns on this matter, please contact Dr. Ella Cecilia G. Naliponguit through +63 917 587 3379 or email at ella.naliponguit@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate and appropriate action.

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