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Department of Education



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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRENGTHENING ASSETS AND CAPACITIES OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS, YEAR 2 (ACCORD-2) PROJECT

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

- 1. The Strengthening Assets and Capacities of Communities and Local Governments for Resilience to Disasters, Year 2 (ACCORD-2) Project has been implemented locally by the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Councils in the municipalities of Calabanga in Camarines Sur, Dingalan in Aurora, Saint Bernard in Southern Leyte, Jabonga in Agusan del Sur and Maragusan in Compostela Valley.
- 2. One of the components of the ACCORD-2 Project is building the capacities of schools in high-risk communities which include the following activities:
 - a. teachers' training on community-based disaster risk management, disaster preparedness and contingency planning;
 - drafting of school contingency plans and formation of school disaster risk management committees;
 - c. classroom discussion of disaster risk management messages and production of teachers' guide and instructional materials like flipcharts, posters, photo sets and flyers; and
 - d. conduct of art contests and quiz bee to ensure retention of DRM messages among students.
- 3. The school-based activities complement the barangay and municipal initiatives to make the residents more resilient during disasters.
- 4. In observance of the Disaster Preparedness Month in July 2009, the said activities will be conducted in twenty-two barangays. The elementary and high schools in the said areas will be the target beneficiaries in this undertaking.
- 5. For more information, please contact the Project Assistant, Ansherina Talavera at cellphone no.: 0922-487-9127; tel. no.: 687-9228.
- 6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference:

None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

CALAMITY **PROJECTS** SCHOOLS STUDENTS **TEACHERS**

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