



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

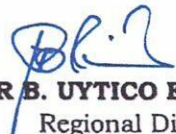
REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 521, s. 2026

MAY 28 2026

**ATTENDANCE TO THE NATIONAL PARASITE PREVALENCE STUDY REGIONAL  
ORIENTATION AND PLANNING WORKSHOP**

To: Schools Division Offices of Negros Occidental,  
Cadiz City, San Carlos City, and Siquijor City  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached communication from the **Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)** dated May 19, 2026 regarding the conduct of the Regional Orientation for stakeholders in preparation for the implementation of the study titled, **“Updating the prevalence and distribution of soil-transmitted helminths (STH) and schistosomiasis among preschool (PRESAC) and school-aged children (SAC) in selected provinces in the Philippines: A cross-sectional study (NPPS 2025),”** which is self-explanatory.
2. The participants are requested to confirm their attendance on or before May 25, 2025 through this link <https://tinyurl.com/NPPSVIandNIR>.
3. Meals and accommodation during the activity shall be provided by the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM), while travel expenses and incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against any available local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. For information and other concerns, contact Dr. Mishell Marie V. Gabas, Medical Officer IV, through the email address [mishell.gabas@deped.gov.ph](mailto:mishell.gabas@deped.gov.ph)
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Reference: As Stated  
Incl: As Stated  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

HEALTH

PROGRAMS

STUDENTS

MNO/ESSD-RM/ Regional Orientation for Stakeholders in Preparation for the Implementation  
of the National Parasite Prevalence Survey (NPPS) 2025/May 21, 2026



Address: Batinguel, Dumaguete City, 6200  
Telephone Nos:  
Email Address: [nir@deped.gov.ph](mailto:nir@deped.gov.ph)  
Website: <https://tinyurl.com/nir-gov-ph>



Republika ng Pilipinas

Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION

MEMORANDUM  
OM-OUGOPS-2026-08 08029

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL SCHOOL HEADS CONCERNED  
ALL OTHER CONCERNED

FROM :   
MALCOLM S. GARMA  
Undersecretary



SUBJECT : UPDATED REPORTING MECHANISM FOR SCHOOL-BASED  
DEWORMING PROGRAM AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL  
PARASITE PREVALENCE SURVEY (NPPS)

DATE : January 5, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), supports the Department of Health (DOH) on the implementation of the Soil Transmitted Helminthiases Mass Drug Administration (STH MDA) in schools, and the conduct of the National Parasite Prevalence Survey in coordination with the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM).

A. School-Based Deworming Program

Following the issuance of the DOH Department Circular No. 2025-0537 titled *“Advisory on the Conduct of Harmonized Mass Drug Administration Activities for Schistosomiasis and Soil-transmitted Helminthiasis”* to facilitate timely reporting and accurate evaluation of STH MDA coverage in schools and communities, the reporting mechanism for school-based deworming program shall adopt the following changes, effective January 2026 onwards:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| New Age Disaggregation Data Reporting      | 1-4 years old<br>5-14 years old<br>15-19 years old  |
| Names of Rounds and Deadline for Reporting | <b>January Round:</b><br>Every March 31 <sup>st</sup><br><br><b>July Round:</b><br>Every September 30 <sup>th</sup> |



16<sup>th</sup> floor, Techzone Building, 213 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., San Antonio Village, Makati, Metro Manila, 1203  
Telephone Nos.: (02) 8633 5313; (02) 8631 8492  
Email Address: [ougops@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ougops@deped.gov.ph) | Website: [www.deped.gov.ph](http://www.deped.gov.ph)



Certified for ISO 9001  
2015:2015

School Health and Nutrition personnel are encouraged to **closely coordinate with the DOH Center for Health Development (CHD) STH MDA program managers** for the facilitation of the deworming rounds and submission of reports based on the updated reporting mechanism.

B. National Parasite Prevalence Survey (NPPS)

In 2025, DOH and RITM has collaborated to conduct the first phase of the NPPS to establish an updated baseline data to support national targets as outlined in the Philippine Multi-Disease Elimination Plan 2024-2030. To support this, DepEd, through the Governance and Operations Strand has issued *OUGOPS Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2025-08-05567* titled "*Regional Orientation and Planning Workshop for the Conduct of National Parasite Prevalence Survey*" which involved survey sites in Region III and CAR.

For 2026, we respectfully request the **assistance and support of Regional and School Division Offices (ROs and SDOs) through the School Health and Nutrition Unit** for the continued implementation of the national survey. ROs and SDOs, through their respective Compliance Officers for Privacy, shall ensure that activities related to the administration of surveys adhere to the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the *Data Privacy Act of 2012*, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other relevant issuances from the National Privacy Commission. Further, updates regarding the activities related to the conduct of NPPS may be communicated through a separate advisory by the Bureau of Learner Support Services.

Accommodation expenses for the conduct of the activities related to NPPS shall be borne by the organizer, DOH and RITM. Meanwhile, transportation and other related expenses of DepEd participants shall be charged to local funds or program support funds (PSF), subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For questions and concerns, please contact the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division, through (02) 8632-9935 or email at [biss\\_shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:biss_shd@deped.gov.ph).



16<sup>th</sup> floor, Techzone Building, 213 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., San Antonio Village, Makati, Metro Manila, 1203  
Telephone Nos.: (02) 8633 5313; (02) 8631-8492  
Email Address: [ops@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ops@deped.gov.ph) | Website: [www.deped.gov.ph](http://www.deped.gov.ph)





May 19, 2026

**DIRECTOR RAMIR UYTICO**

Regional Director  
Department of Education Negros Island Region  
Brgy. Batinguel, Dumaguete City

Thru: Head of School Health and Nutrition Unit

Attention: School Divisions of Negros Occidental, Cadiz City, San Carlos City  
School Division of Siquijor

Dear Director Uytico,

**Subject:** Attendance to the NPPS Regional Orientation and Planning Workshop

The Department of Parasitology of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) serving as the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for Malaria and Other Parasites, was commissioned by the Department of Health Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP) and Schistosomiasis Control and Elimination Program (SCEP) to conduct the study entitled, "Updating the prevalence and distribution of soil-transmitted helminths (STH) and schistosomiasis among preschool (PRESAC) and school-aged children (SAC) in selected provinces in the Philippines: A cross-sectional study (NPPS 2025)". For this year, the survey will be conducted in these randomly selected schools in **Negros Occidental and Siquijor**:

**Negros Occidental:**

| Schistosomiasis-endemic              |   |                                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Division                             | District                                    | School Name                       | Grade Level       |
| School division of Negros Occidental | Calatrava II District                       | Hinab-ongan ES                    | Kinder to Grade 3 |
|                                      |   | Harbort ES                        | Grade 4 to 6      |
|                                      |   | Col. Griffin National High School | Grade 7 to 10     |
|                                      |   | Col. Griffin National High School | Grade 11 to 12    |
| Non-schistosomiasis endemic          |   |                                   |                   |
| Division                             | District                                    | School Name                       | Grade Level       |
| School division of Negros Occidental | Cauayan I District                          | Molobolo ES                       | Kinder to Grade 3 |
| School division of Cadiz City        | Cadiz City Division (West II area/district) | Cadiz West II ES                  | Grade 4 to 6      |
| School division of Negros Occidental | Toboso District                             | Tinongan NHS                      | Grade 7 to 10     |
| School division of San Carlos City   | District 6                                  | Julio Ledesma NHS                 | Grade 11 to 12    |



**Siquijor:**

| Division                    | District          | School Name                | Grade Level       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| School division of Siquijor | Siquijor District | Cang-alwang ES             | Kinder to Grade 3 |
|                             | Siquijor District | Candanay ES                | Grade 4 to 6      |
|                             | Siquijor District | Catulayan NHS              | Grade 7 to 10     |
|                             | Siquijor District | Siquijor Integrated School | Grade 11 to 12    |

In preparation for the study implementation, we will conduct a regional orientation for our stakeholders on **June 15-18, 2026 at Sotogrande Hotel, Iloilo City**. The event will provide detailed information about the study including the methodology, specimen handling, expected output, consent and assent taking. Finalization of schedule will also be discussed during the activity. With this we would like to invite **one personnel** from the following offices/units:

| NEGROS OCCIDENTAL                           |   |
|---|---|
| <b>School division of Negros Occidental</b> | Division Medical Officer or Nurse<br>School and District nurse of Calatrava II<br>School and District nurse of Cauayan I District<br>School and District nurse of Toboso District |
| <b>School division of Cadiz City</b>        | Division Medical Officer or Nurse<br>School and District nurse of Cadiz City Division (West II area/district)   |
| <b>School division of San Carlos City</b>   | Division Medical Officer or Nurse<br>School and District nurse of District 6  |
| SIQUIJOR                                    |   |
| <b>School division of Siquijor</b>          | Division Medical Officer or Nurse<br>School and District nurse of Siquijor District   |

RITM will provide meals and accommodation for this activity, but we request that travel expenses be covered by the sending agency. Your participation and technical insights are crucial to the success of this activity.


We would also like to request the **list of sections per grade level and their corresponding number of enrollees** for the above-mentioned schools.

Attached is the copy of the endorsement from DepEd Central Office for your reference.

Kindly confirm your attendance **by May 25, 2025 using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NPPSVIandNIR>**. Our staff, Ms. Sabrina Parungao, will coordinate with your office regarding this matter. You may also email us at [npps2025@gmail.com](mailto:npps2025@gmail.com) or call at (02) 8807-2631 local 343.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your positive response and remain available to discuss the survey in further detail at your convenience, if needed.

Sincerely,

  
**JENNIFER S. LUCHAVEZ, MSc.**  
Principal Investigator and OIC Head  
Parasitology Department

