



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

August 28, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD No. 105, s. 2024

**OBSERVANCE OF WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY WITH THE THEME
“CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON SUICIDE”**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation and
Schools Governance and Operations Divisions
Cluster Heads
School Heads
Elementary and Secondary Schools (Public & Private)
Alternative Learning System
This Division

1. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) suicide is a major public health challenge, with more than 700,000 deaths each year globally. Each suicide has far-reaching social, emotional, and economic consequences, and deeply affects individuals and communities worldwide.

2. The triennial theme for World Suicide Prevention Day for 2024-2026 is **“Changing the Narrative on Suicide”** with the call to action “Start the Conversation”. This theme aims to raise awareness about the importance of reducing stigma and encouraging open conversations to prevent suicides. Changing the narrative on suicide is about transforming how we perceive this complex issue and shifting from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding and support.

3. Anent this, the Schools Division Office of Tacurong City enjoined all public and private elementary and secondary schools including ALS to conduct activities in observance of the world celebration. Hereunder are the suggested activities:

- Putting up or displaying tarpaulins
- Mental Health Lecture (big group or classroom-based)
- Wear Yellow Day
- Social Media Campaigns
- Yellow Ribbon Campaign



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- Information Booths with SBCC Materials
- Helpline Promotion
- Candlelight Vigil

4. With these, School heads are requested to submit an accomplishment report on the activities conducted on or before September 16, 2024.
5. For queries and clarifications, you may contact Ms. Jonalee Y. Arquiza, RN, the Division School Mental Health Coordinator thru this number 09691882995.
6. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


GILDO G. MOSQUEDA, CEO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: 1

References: MENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2018 (R.A. 11036)

Allotment: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

CELEBRATION PREVENTION SUICIDE WORLD

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