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

November 24, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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CELEBRATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY 2026

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation and
Schools Governance and Operations Division
Cluster Heads
School Heads
Elementary and Secondary Schools
This Division

1. In observance of **World AIDS Day on December 1, 2026 with the theme "Ending AIDS starts with Access"**, all public schools in the Schools Division of Tacurong City are encouraged to conduct school-based activities to raise awareness on HIV and AIDS, promote prevention and health education, and foster compassion, respect, and a stigma-free environment for all.

2. The celebration aims to:
   - Increase awareness and understanding of HIV and AIDS, including transmission, prevention, testing, and treatment;
   - Promote accurate, age-appropriate, and evidence-based health information among learners;
   - Address stigma, discrimination, and misconceptions surrounding HIV and AIDS; and
   - Encourage compassion, inclusivity, and support for individuals affected by HIV.

3. Schools are encouraged to conduct relevant activities such as:
   - Wearing of red ribbons as a symbol of solidarity;
   - Information dissemination through posters, bulletin boards, and school announcements;
   - Classroom discussions and health education sessions on HIV and AIDS;
   - Advocacy campaigns, quizzes, slogan-making, poster-making, and other awareness activities; and
   - Other appropriate activities aligned with the objectives of the celebration.

4. School heads, school adolescent reproductive health coordinators, and other concerned personnel are enjoined to facilitate the conduct of the activities and ensure that discussions are age-appropriate, factual, respectful, and sensitive to the rights, privacy, and dignity of all individuals.

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5. Schools are encouraged to document their activities and submit a brief narrative report with photos to the School Health and Nutrition Section through the designated reporting channel on or before **December 11, 2026**.

6. For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

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