DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 444, s. 2017

TO: Chief - Curriculum Implementation Division  
Chief - School Governance and Operations Division  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary and Secondary School Principals

FROM: WINNIE E. BATOON, Ed.D.  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: Division GAD Focal Point System (GFPS)

DATE: August 2, 2017

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2017, re: GENDER-RESPONSIVE BASIC EDUCATION POLICY, this office announces the composition of Digos City Division GAD Focal Point System (GFPS), to wit:

   Chairperson: WINNIE E. BATOON, Ed.D.  
               OIC-Office of the SDS

   Technical Working Group

   Head: SOLLIE B. OLIVER  
          EPS/OIC Chief-SGOD

   Members: RONILYN P. NIEVES  
             EPS/GAD Division Coordinator  
             BEVERLY S. DAUGDAUG, Ed.D.  
             Chief-CID  
             NORELIZA A. MISAL  
             Accountant III  
             FRANCIS JUDE D. ALCOMENDRAS  
             Administrative Officer V  
             AIRON C. ALEJANDRO  
             Planning Officer II

   Secretariat Head: RONALD B. DEDACE  
                     SEPS for Human Resource Development

   Monitoring and Evaluation: MARIA C. JADLOC  
                            EPS II- M & E

2. The GFPS at all levels of governance shall follow the duties and functions as prescribed in the attached DepEd Order No. 27, s. 2013 entitled Guidelines and Procedures on the establishment of DepEd Gender and Development Focal Point System of the Regional, Division, and School levels.

3. For your information and guidance.
DepEd ORDER
No. 27, s. 2013

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPED GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) FOCAL POINT SYSTEM (GFPS) AT THE REGIONAL, DIVISION AND SCHOOL LEVELS

To: Undersecretaries
   Assistant Secretaries
   Bureau Directors
   Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
   Regional Directors
   Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
   All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 36-b of Republic Act (RA) No. 9710 also known as the Magna Carta of Women (MCW), all government agencies are mandated to establish and institutionalize the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point Systems (GFPS). The GFPS is one of the institutional mechanisms that will ensure gender mainstreaming in government offices, its attached agencies and local government units (LGUs).

2. In view of this, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues the Guidelines and Procedures on the Establishment of GFPS at the Regional, Division and School Levels as follows:

   a. The regional directors (RDs) and schools division/city superintendents (SDSs) shall issue directives for the establishment of the GFPS in their respective offices. Schools will be assisted by their SDS in the establishment of the School GFPS;

   b. The composition of the GFPS shall be as follows:

   - **Regional Level**

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g. All GAD plans containing projects, programs and activities shall be part of the Work and Financial Plans (WFP), Annual Procurement Plan (APP), Regional Education Development Plan (REDP) and School Improvement Plans (SIPs). Development of the GAD plans and budgets shall be within the budget cycle and the processes stipulated in DepEd Order No. 63, s. 2012 on the Guidelines for the Preparation of GAD Plans, Utilization of GAD Budget and Submission of Accomplishment Reports.

3. The functions of the GAD Focal/Point Persons are as follows:
   a. lead in the gender mainstreaming in policies, plans and programs projects and activities (PPAs) and in the assessment of gender-responsiveness of systems, structures, policies, procedures and programs based on priority thrusts, needs and concerns of DepEd for its stakeholders, particularly students, teachers and employees;
   b. analyze programs and projects using the Harmonized GAD Guidelines for Programs and Projects to determine their gender sensitivity;
   c. recommend formulation/revision of policies in advancing women’s status and child protection;
   d. lead in the review and updating of sex-disaggregated data for GAD database to serve as basis in performance-based gender responsive planning;
   e. implement advocacy activities, including the development of information, education and communication materials to ensure consciousness-building and generating support for GAD;
   f. identify gender issues arising from gender analysis and audit to serve as basis for determining PPAs in the GAD Plan;
   g. prepare GAD plans and budgets and accomplishment reports and ensure their timely submission to the Central Office (CO) GAD Focal Point Person (Attention: GAD Secretariat, Staff Development Division-Human Resource Development Service (SDD-HRDS), 2F Teodora Alonzo Bldg., DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City);
   h. ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the GAD Plan and PPAs and the judicious utilization of the GAD budget;
   i. recommend awards, recognition and other incentives (including performance-based bonus (PBB) to outstanding institutional GAD programs, activities and projects for GAD Focal Point members and other personnel/teachers;
   j. build and strengthen partnership with all GAD Focal Point Persons in the Department, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), GAD-non-government organizations (NGOs) and other partners; and
   k. coordinate GAD efforts of all offices/units.

4. The GFPS chairperson or head shall approve GAD plans and budgets of the office and shall submit to the CO-GAD Focal Point Person and shall also spearhead the implementation of the plan. He/She shall also designate a Secretariat and M&E Team for GAD. The Secretariat shall provide administrative support to the GFPS, document GAD activities and minutes of meeting, assist in the
preparation of GAD plan and accomplishment reports and in the conduct of GAD activities, programs and projects. The M&E Team shall lead the gender audit and evaluation of all GAD PPAs.

5. All RDs and SDSs shall be guided by the provisions of this DepEd Order in the establishment of GFPS in their offices. They shall submit to the CO GAD Focal Point Persons the composition and members of the local GFPS.

6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Reference:

DepEd Order: (No. 63, s. 2012)

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

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