



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

April 2, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 176, s.2025

MPOWER TRAINING FOR HEALTHY LEARNING INSTITUTION

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Curriculum Implementation Division
Schools Governance and Operation Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads Concerned

1. Enclosed is a letter from the Regional Office dated March 25, 2025 regarding the conduct of **MPOWER** (**M**onitor Tobacco Use and Prevention Policies; **P**rotect People from Tobacco Smoke; **O**ffer Help to Quit Tobacco Use; **W**arn Against the Dangers of Tobacco Advertising; **E**nforce Ban on Tobacco Advertising; and **R**aise Taxes on Tobacco) Training on April 23-25, 2025 at Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo City.
2. The activity aims to empower the schools, workplaces and communities in aiming for a 100 percent Tobacco -Free Environment through implementation of Smokefree policies.
3. The list of participants is found in Annex A for your reference.
4. Travelling expenses of the participants are chargeable against School MOOE Funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ROEL F. BERMEJO
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure : as Stated
Reference: Letter from RO
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects



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March 25, 2025

DR. RAMIR B. UYTICO, CESO IV

Regional Director

Department of Education

Attention: DR. MELCHOR KIM KWAN
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DR. ROEL F. BERMEJO, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
SDO- Capiz

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Schools Division Superintendent
SDO - Guimaras

Dear **RD UYTICO**,

Greetings!

The Health Promotion Program: Smoke and Vape Free Communities in the New Normal localizes the World Health Organization's (WHO) MPOWER Strategy to protect communities from secondhand smoke, and prevent and reduce the use of tobacco and vape products, especially among the youth and other vulnerable groups. MPOWER is an acronym that denotes the six proven tobacco control policies namely: Monitor Tobacco use and prevention policies; Protect people from tobacco smoke; Offer help to quit tobacco use; Warn against the dangers of tobacco; Enforce ban on tobacco advertising; and Raise taxes on tobacco.

Moreover, the Department of Health Western Visayas, through its Health Promotion Unit, will conduct **MPOWER Training** to empower the schools, workplaces and communities in aiming for a 100% Tobacco-Free Environment through implementation of Smokefree policies.

In line with this, we would like to invite your **OKD Coordinator** and **Tobacco Program Coordinator** of each SDO of the following schools listed on **Annex A** to attend the said activity on **April 23-25, 2025** at Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo City.

Annex A: List of Schools from Capiz and Guimaras

SDO CAPIZ	
Madulano Esmadulano Elementary School	Bantigue Elementary School
Pandan Elementary School	Buntod Elementary School
Butacal Elementary School	Lanipga Elementary School



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Agbanog Elementary School	Sangkal Elementary School
Yating Elementary School	Maliao Elementary School
Navitas Elementary School	Libo-O Ps
Ameligan Elementary School	Bungsi Elementary School
Gabuc Elementary School	Masnang Elementary School
Manapao Elementary School	Diosdado Bayot Elementary School

SDO GUIMARAS	
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Tacay	Paaralan ng Buhay ng Atgang
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Naoway	Guiwanon Elementary School
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Calumingan	Paaralan ng Buhay ng Canhawan
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Montpiller	Unisan Multigrade School
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Sawang	Paaralan ng Buhay ng Maabay
Rizal Primary School	Paaralan ng Buhay ng Tando
Paaralan ng Buhay ng Tanag	Paaralan ng Buhay ng Taras
Miagos Primary School	Panobolon ES
Tangaw Primary School	Cabungahan Elementary School

The activity is live-in with accommodation and please be guided of the following schedule:

April 23, 2025 (Day 0)- This is for travel time and no activity yet. There will be accommodation and dinner only will be served


April 24-25, 2025 (Day 1 and 2)- Activity Proper. Registration will start at 8:00 am on April 22, 2025 and will commence on the following day.

Kindly fill up this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mvt45r3z> for the confirmation of attendance. We are looking for your positive response.

Should you have any concerns, you may contact Dr. Fritzi Ann Suzette D. Jeroso-Dequito, Head of Health Promotion Unit, through our email at hpu@dohwv.com.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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