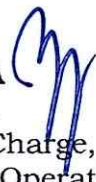


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ORD-2025- 538

TO : **CARLEEN S. SEDILLA**
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division of Quezon City

SHERYLL T. GAYOLA
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division of Pasig City

FROM : **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA** 
Regional Director, NCR
Concurrent Officer-In-Charge, Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **ROLL OUT OF THE TB FREE SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY
INC. (PTSI)**

DATE : **June 20, 2025**

1. Attached is a copy of Unnumbered Memorandum from Dr. Dexter A. Galban, Assistant Secretary for Operations, regarding the provision of free tuberculosis screenings for 1) public school teachers, 2) non-teaching staff, and 3) learners aged 15 and above through the TB Free Schools Program in partnership with Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. (PTSI).
2. The Schools Divisions concerned are requested to identify eligible public schools within the specified radius and coordinate the rollout of the screenings. Participation is **completely voluntary and free of charge**.
3. For immediate and appropriate action.

Encl.:
As stated

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
NCR, Regions II, V-VIII, XI

SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN
Assistant Secretary for Operations, Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

**SUBJECT : ROLL-OUT OF THE TB FREE SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY
INC. (PTSI)**

DATE : February 13, 2025

In line with the World Health Organization's 90-90-90 Strategy to eliminate tuberculosis (TB), the Department of Education (DepEd), in partnership with the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. (PTSI), will provide free tuberculosis screenings for 1) public school teachers, 2) non-teaching staff, and 3) learners aged 15 and above through the *TB Free Schools Program*.

Utilizing advanced ultraportable X-ray technology with artificial intelligence (AI), the *TB Free Schools Program* will be available for identified schools within a 20-kilometer radius of the following PTSI branches:

1. **Quezon Institute** – Quezon City, Metro Manila
2. **Cagayan Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Province
3. **Albay Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Legazpi City, Albay
4. **Iloilo Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Iloilo City
5. **Roxas Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Roxas City, Capiz
6. **Negros Oriental Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental
7. **Eastern Visayas Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Tacloban City, Leyte
8. **Davao Chest Clinic & Dispensary** – Tagum City, Davao del Norte

To ensure the successful implementation of this program, we request your offices to **identify eligible public schools within the specified radius, and coordinate the rollout of the screenings. Participation is COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY and FREE OF CHARGE.**

Attached are the following documents for your reference:

- **Active Case Finding Procedure in Schools**, provided by PTSI, outlining the step-by-step implementation of the program.
- **Registration and Consent Form**
- **Masterlist Template**

For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact the External Partnerships Service-Local Partnerships via email at externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph or through phone at **8368-8637**.

For your appropriate action.

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EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN**
Assistant Secretary for Operations

FROM : 
GRACIELA E. MENDOZA
Director IV

SUBJECT : **PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY INC. ON "TB FREE SCHOOLS PROGRAM"**

DATE : January 27, 2025

The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. (PTSI), established in 1910, has joined forces with Department of Health (DOH), local government units (LGUs), and other stakeholders to combat tuberculosis (TB). The recent acquisition of Ultra-Portable Chest X-ray (UPCXR) machines has facilitated mass screenings, allowing the screening of 400-500 individuals daily. While significant progress has been made, greater efforts are required to meet the 90-90-90 TB elimination targets by 2035.

In this effort, PTSI has partnered with the Department of Education (DepEd) to implement the "TB Free Schools Program." The program's objective is to conduct TB screenings for teachers, non-teaching staff, and learners (ages 15 and older) in schools located within a 20-kilometer radius of the following PTSI branches:

1. Quezon Institute – Quezon City, Metro Manila;
2. Cagayan Chest Clinic & Dispensary – Tuguegarao City, Cagayan Province;
3. Albay Chest Clinic & Dispensary – Legazpi City, Albay;
4. Iloilo Chest Clinic & Dispensary – Iloilo City;
5. Roxas Chest Clinic & Dispensary – Roxas City, Capiz;
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8. Davao Chest Clinic & Dispensary – Tagum City, Davao del Norte

To operationalize this program, we seek the assistance of the Operations Strand in issuing a memorandum to the target Regional and Schools Division Offices mentioned above.

For your reference and guidance, the following documents are attached:

- Copy of MOU with PTSI (signed and notarized)
- Mechanics of Active Case Finding (ACF)
- Registration Form with Consent
- Masterlist Template

Should you have any questions or require further details, your staff may coordinate with Mr. John Joshua Cruz via email at johnjoshua.cruz@deped.gov.ph copy furnish jhoana.llana@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance in this vital initiative of PTSI.