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PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID (PFÄ) TO LEARNERS AFFECTED BY THE ERUPTION OF TAAL VOLCANO

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Chiefs, School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)

- 1. The eruption of Taal Volcano has affected the lives of the residents particularly that of the schoolchildren. While situation have somehow normalized there is a need to assist and identify learners and personnel who might need further professional help to cope with their traumatic experience.
- 2. To support the rehabilitation efforts of the affected schools division, DepEd-CAR will organize a team to conduct Psychological First Aid to affected learners. Deployment shall be on the second week of March (Exact date to be announced). Schools Divisions are requested to submit to the DRRM Coordinator, Education Support Services Division, DepEd-CAR Regional Office the names of 2 PFA-trained personnel willing to join the PFA deployment to the Schools Division of Batangas. Deadline for Submission is on February 27, 2020.
- 3. Schools Divisions may also organize and deploy their own PFA Team to Batangas but shall inform the regional office for proper coordination. PFA providers shall follow the set of guidelines provided by the DepEd and the Department of Health (DOH) when interacting with affected students.
- 4. The PFA shall be conducted in coordination with personnel from the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Services (DRRMS). An orientation with all participating PFA-providers shall be conducted prior to deployment.
- 5. Transportation, accommodation and other incidental expenses shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 6. For information and guidance.

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