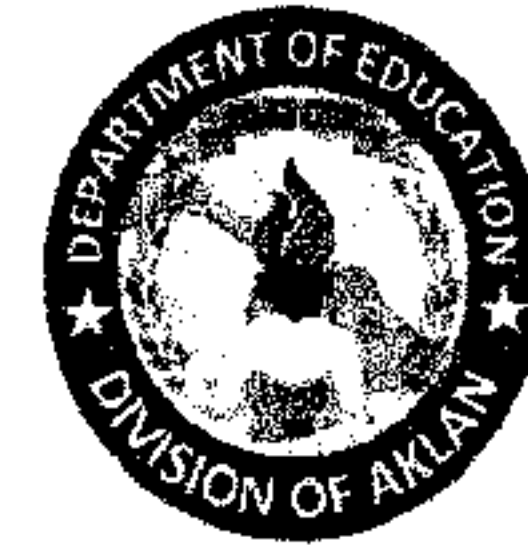




Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
DIVISION OF AKLAN
Kalibo, Aklan



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 061, s. 2018

2018 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

To: **Chief Education Supervisors**
Education Program Supervisors
Division Gender and Development Focal Point System
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals/Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Heads, Public and Private Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
District GAD Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 227 s. 1998 the Month of March shall be observed as "Women's Role in History Month" and Republic Act (RA) 6949 declaring March 8 of every year as "National Women's Day".
2. In 2017, the PCW Board Members and Inter-Agency Technical Working Group identified the NWMC theme "We Make Change Work for Women", which shall be used from 2017-2022. It highlights the empowerment of women as active contributors to and claimholders of development. This pursuit of development under the new administration is also anchored on the commitment of "Malasakit at Pagbabago" or True Compassion and Real Change.
3. The elements of the theme are:
 - **WE** stands for **Women' Empowerment** – empowering women enables them to confidently and meaningfully engage with appropriate institutions to ensure that they contribute to and benefit from development and changes. Thus, women's empowerment will make the change that we are espousing or any development effort responsive of women's concerns.
 - **Make Change Work = MCW = Magna Carta of Women** – making change work for women necessitates strengthening the implementation of the MCW at all levels. It means putting in place *"May katawhayan ag kalipayan sa among mga escuelahan."*

functional mechanisms as well as implementing and making known to citizens, programs and services that address strategic gender needs of women.

- **Change** – Compassionate and Harmonized Actions and Networks for Gender Equality.
- **We / us or “kami / tayo” in Filipino** – who is going to pave the way for an enabling environment for women to be empowered? Who is going to ensure that the MCW is implemented at all levels? Who is going to make change work for women? It all of us, in our various capacities whether as government officials and employees, members of the private sector, the academe, non-government organizations, or as private individuals can be partners for a change that is gender-responsive. It emphasizes our collective effort, collaboration and participation to ensure that women will not be left behind in the pursuit of change.

The theme emphasizes that women should be active drivers in bringing about positive changes, and that they should also reap from development efforts. This can be made possible by empowering women – enabling them to meaningfully engage with other development stakeholders, and by fully implementing the MCW.

4. This year's celebration aims to:

- inform and engage** women as stakeholders of government programs and services – to promote citizen-centric governance and make “change” a conscious effort to know, understand, and provide what ALL citizens need;
- create and facilitate** platforms to discuss good practices, gaps, challenges , and commitments in pursuing gender and development (GAD) – to strengthen implementation of the Magna Carta of Women; and
- inspire and empower women** and girls to be agents of change – to contribute in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of all women.

5. In connection with this celebration, this Office is encouraging all public and private elementary, secondary and integrated schools and district offices to conduct related activities like information dissemination drive through symposium, poster and slogan contests, card making, and the like.

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6. All private and public schools are directed to submit narrative report with pictures. The District office through the District GAD Coordinator, should consolidate school's report and submit to the Division Office on or before April 13, 2018, Attention: Mr. Roland F. Democrito, Education Program Specialist II/Division GAD/Child Protection Coordinator.
7. Expenses incurred shall be charge against the 5% GAD budget, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:



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In-Charge of the Division



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