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

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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DISSEMINATION AND UTILIZATION OF THE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) MATERIAL ON SUPER EL NINO PREPAREDNESS IN SCHOOLS

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC-Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
District and School DRRM Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. In view of the potential impacts of strong El Niño conditions, including extreme heat, prolonged dry spells, water scarcity, health risks, and possible disruptions to teaching and learning, all public elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Capiz are hereby directed to disseminate and utilize the developed Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material on **Super El Niño Preparedness in Schools**.

2. This initiative aims to strengthen awareness and preparedness among learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, parents, and other education stakeholders and to promote proactive measures that safeguard health, ensure access to safe drinking water, conserve resources, and maintain a safe and conducive learning environment during periods of extreme heat and water shortage.

3. All school heads through their respective school DRRM coordinators shall undertake the following activities:

a. **disseminate** the IEC material through school bulletin boards, official social media pages, school communication channels, classroom information boards, and other appropriate platforms;

b. **orient and inform** learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and parents on the recommended preparedness measures, including proper hydration, heat protection, recognition of heat-related illnesses, water conservation, and environmental protection;

c. **integrate** the key messages of the IEC into appropriate school DRRM activities, homeroom sessions, flag ceremonies, health and safety orientations, and other relevant school activities;

d. **monitor** local weather conditions and official advisories from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), the Department of Education (DepEd), and concerned government agencies;

e. **ensure preparedness** by reviewing and implementing applicable school DRRM and contingency plans, particularly measures addressing extreme heat, water shortage, fire risks, and other hazards associated with prolonged dry conditions;

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f. **observe applicable learning continuity guidelines**, including the appropriate implementation of the 4H Framework pursuant to DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2026, or the *Guidelines on Learning Continuity During Emergencies*, when necessary. Schools may also consider shifting to the Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM) of Learning when the temperature reaches 40°C or higher, subject to applicable DepEd policies, official advisories, and the assessment of prevailing conditions; and

g. **document dissemination activities** through photographs, screenshots, or other appropriate means for monitoring and reporting purposes.

4. School heads shall ensure that the IEC material is prominently displayed and made accessible to the school community. The dissemination shall be undertaken in a manner appropriate to the age, needs, and circumstances of learners and shall be consistent with the principles of learner protection, safety, and well-being.

5. To access and download the aforementioned IEC, kindly visit the following Google Drive link *https://tinyurl.com/SchoolIECSuperElNino*.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:

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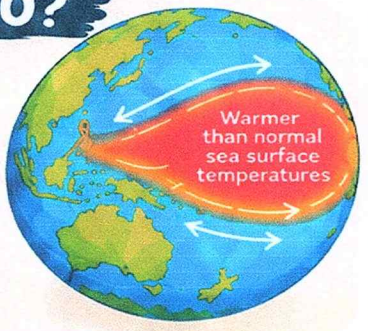
BE READY FOR SUPER EL NIÑO!

Hotter Days. Drier Conditions. Greater Risks.
Let's keep our schools safe and our learners healthy!

WHAT IS SUPER EL NIÑO?

El Niño is a climate phenomenon associated with warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean.

Strong El Niño conditions may contribute to hotter temperatures, below-normal rainfall, and prolonged dry spells in the Philippines.





HOW CAN IT AFFECT OUR SCHOOLS?

EXTREME HEAT
Uncomfortable classrooms and increased risk of heat-related illnesses.

WATER SHORTAGE
Limited drinking water and water supply for sanitation.

HEALTH RISKS
Dehydration, heat exhaustion, and fatigue among learners and personnel.

ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS
Dry vegetation, increased fire risk, and stressed school gardens.

LEARNING DISRUPTIONS
Possible class adjustments or suspensions when conditions warrant.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

STAY HYDRATED.
Drink sufficient clean and safe water.

BEAT THE HEAT.
Wear light clothing when appropriate, use shaded areas, and limit strenuous outdoor activities during extreme heat.

KEEP HEALTHY.
Recognize signs of heat-related illness and seek immediate assistance when needed.

BE PREPARED.
Follow school DRRM plans, monitor official advisories, and implement appropriate preparedness measures.

CONSERVE WATER.
Prevent wastage and ensure safe water storage and sanitation.

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.
Care for trees and school gardens while observing fire-prevention measures.

WORK TOGETHER.
School heads, teachers, learners, parents and community partners must work hand in hand to protect everyone.

When the temperature reaches 40°C or higher, schools may opt to shift to the Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM) of Learning.

REMEMBER:

- School heads should monitor local conditions and official PAGASA and DepEd advisories, ensure access to safe drinking water, and implement appropriate measures to protect learners and personnel.
- When necessary, implement the appropriate 4H framework level in accordance with DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on Learning Continuity During Emergencies.

Prepared Schools Today, Safer and Healthier Learners Tomorrow!

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