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To: **Dr. Maria Aurora D. Luma-ad**  
**Jangie P. Duca, RN**

From: **Fay C. Luarez, PhD, EDD, TM, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

**PROVINCIAL HIV PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE WORKSHOP**

1. Attached herewith is the communication from the Provincial Health Office dated January 03, 2025 re: Provincial HIV Public Health Response Workshop.
2. You are hereby being mandated to attend the workshop.
3. Ms. Jangie P. Duca, RN shall attend in lieu of Ms. Joreylene C. Batingal, RN who is on leave during the workshop.
4. This Memorandum serves as **Travel Order**.
5. Travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged from MOOE or local funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. For dissemination and compliance.

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**DR. FAY C. LUAREZ**  
OIC - Schools Division Superintendent  
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**Thru: DR. WILFREDA O. FLOR**  
Chief - School Governance & Operations Division

Dear Dr. Luarez,

The Philippines has the fastest growing HIV epidemic in the Asia-Pacific region with a 410% increase in estimated annual new infections from 2010 to 2022. Newly diagnosed cases increased from 6 per day in 2011 to 50 per day in 2023. Majority of reported cases were seen among males (>90%) with most practicing male to male sex (MSM) with 47% of them aged 15-24 y.o.

As of December 2023, only 63% of the estimated People living with HIV (PLHIV) know their HIV status with about 69,844 cases remains to be undiagnosed. Many PLHIVs therefore are unaware of their HIV status, and/or diagnosed late with Advanced HIV Disease (AHD). HIV-infected persons who are unaware of their status are unable to access effective antiretroviral therapies that can improve their long-term prognosis and enhance their quality of life, and could also continue to transmit the infection to others.

In support of DOH efforts to enhance, expand and accelerate HIV interventions in the province, the Bohol Provincial Health Office in collaboration with ICAP Global Health, will organize the **Provincial HIV Public Health Response Workshop** in Kew Hotel in Tagbilaran City from **January 14-17, 2025**.

This workshop is convened to gather together stakeholders from Rural Health Units and selected LGU hospitals in Bohol for common understanding of the HIV situation and challenges in the region and galvanize a collaborative provincial response towards epidemic control.

In this regard, *we are very pleased to invite the following to participate in the activity:*

- **Dr. Maria Aurora D. Luma-ad**
- **Joreylene C. Banitngal, RN**

Hotel accommodation and food expenses of all participants will be shouldered by ICAP. However, transportation expenses including per diems during the travel days shall be charged to the sending facility.



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**Participants are expected to check-in the venue on the afternoon of January 14, 2025 (Tue). The workshop will start with lunch followed by the actual session starting at 1:00 pm of January 14 and will close at 12 noon on January 17 (Fri). Participants are expected to check-out of the venue at 12 noon of January 17, 2025 (Fri).**

For questions and/or clarifications, the following could be reached on their respective contact numbers:

- **Cris Estomago**, *Provincial HIV Program Coordinator*  
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Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

Truly yours,

  
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