



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Bohol

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

September 18, 2025

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**TO : SCHOOL HEALTH SECTION PERSONNEL
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM: FAY C. LUAREZ, EdD, PhD, TM, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

**SUBJECT: SCREENING OF DEPED LEARNERS FOR OPERATION SMILE CEBU
COMPREHENSIVE CLEFT CARE SERVICES**

1. This has reference to the Regional Memorandum No. 0552, s. 2025, Submission of DepEd Learners Database for Operation Smile Cebu Comprehensive Cleft Care Center of Excellence, which is self-explanatory.
2. DepEd learners who submitted their data as probable candidates for the procedure shall undergo **SCREENING** on September 22, 2025 at 8:00 AM at the: **Operation Smile Philippines Cebu Center of Excellence, 7th Floor Cebu City Medical Center (CCMC), Cebu City.**
3. The names and other pertinent data of DepEd Learners shall not be written in this memorandum to uphold patients' rights to privacy and confidentiality, and DepEd Child Protection Policy (DO no. 40, s. 2012). Instead, the School Health Personnel (Dentists and Nurses) assigned to their respective districts shall be the ones who shall directly coordinate with the enlisted DepEd Learners.
4. The comprehensive cleft care shall provide the following: free surgical operation, dental services, nutrition programs, speech therapy and psychosocial support. Also included are: reimbursement of travel expenses, free medication, meals and accommodation during treatment and recovery. They should be accompanied by their parents or legal guardian during the screening, actual conduct of surgical procedure and discharge.
5. For more details, refer to the attached regional memorandum and communication from Operation Smile Philippines dated February 5, 2025.
6. For widest dissemination and strict compliance.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0552** s. 2025

13 JUN 2025

**SUBMISSION OF DEPED LEARNERS DATABASE FOR OPERATION SMILE
CEBU COMPREHENSIVE CLEFT CARE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Region VII in partnership with Operation Smile Philippines, a non-government organization, shall transform the lives of children found with defects of cleft lip and palate. The Operation Smile Philippines shall provide a comprehensive cleft care services with all expenses free including accommodation as stated in the attached communication as to the inclusions.

2. It is with utmost consideration of the greatest advantage that our learner benefits and can boost their confidence level thus decreasing the possibility of drop-outs in school. It is desired that our learners together with the parents be encourage to submit in the procedure.

3. In this regard, this Office humbly request the submission of probable candidates for the procedure by encoding the names of the link provided.

<https://bit.ly/LearnersDatabaseOperationSmile>

4. For more of the details, please refer to attached communication or contact this Office through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD).

5. For dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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February 25, 2025

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Department of Education Region VII

Sudlon, Cebu City

Attention: **Dr. Rogelio John M. Villamor, MD, DPCOM, RMT**
Medical Officer IV – DepEd Region VII

Dear Dr. Jimenez,

Greetings from Operation Smile!

We hope this letter finds you well. We are reaching out on behalf of Operation Smile Philippines (OSP), a non-government organization dedicated to transforming the lives of children and adults with cleft lip and palate. For over four decades, OSP has provided comprehensive cleft care, including **free surgical operations, dental services, nutrition programs, speech therapy, and psychosocial support**. Additionally, we offer **reimbursement for travel expenses, as well as free medication, meals, and accommodation** during treatment and recovery.

In line with our commitment to expanding access to cleft care, OSP recently established a permanent center in the Visayas region. The **OSP Cebu Comprehensive Cleft Care Center of Excellence (OSP-C5OE)** located on the 7th floor of Cebu City Medical Center, N. Bacalso Ave., Cebu City. With this development, *we would like to formally request a meeting to present and discuss the free services available for learners and employees who have cleft in the Department of Education – Region 7.* We propose scheduling the meeting on **March 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM or at your available schedule.**

Should you require any further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact our Program Manager for Patient Services, **Mr. Cliff Japhet Cafe**, at **0998-570-2090** or via email at **Cliff.Cafe@operationsmile.org**.

We will be coordinating with your office a week after receipt of this letter. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to collaborate in providing life-changing cleft care to the learners and employees of DepEd Region 7.

Best regards,


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