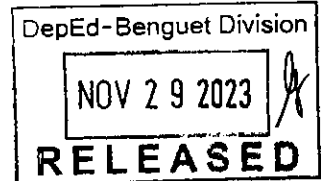




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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 448 s.2023

**PARTICIPATION TO THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT –
“DEPED’S 236,000 TREES – A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE CHILDREN”**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, CID
Chief Education Supervisor, SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Schools District In – charge
School Heads, Public Secondary, Elementary, and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 069, s. 2023, this Office enjoins all public elementary, secondary, and integrated schools to participate in the Tree Planting Project entitled, “**DepEd’s 236,000 Trees – A Christmas Gift for the Children.**”
2. It aims to provide a unique educational opportunity for students to actively participate in tree planting activities, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental issues and promoting conservation efforts. Through hands-on learning and practical application of environmental concepts, students will develop a strong sense of responsibility towards the environment.
3. The activity shall be simultaneously conducted across all schools in the country on **December 6, 2023**. Classes in all DepEd public schools will be on **asynchronous mode** for this day.
4. Each participating school must plant a minimum of 5 seedlings of fruit-bearing trees, Philippine native species trees, or any tree that thrives in the community. If the DENR cannot provide the seedlings, schools with nurseries may use their own seedlings or they can request directly from their local Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office.
5. Public School District Supervisors or District In-charge shall monitor the activity. Schools shall designate a team consisting of teachers, learners, and staff members responsible for planning, implementing, and reporting on the tree



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- planting efforts. The team should include at least one teacher in-charge and student representatives. There should be no more than 10 teachers and not more than 20 learners who will participate in the activity. Only a maximum of 30 individuals should join the tree planting.
6. To ensure efficient implementation of the activity and care for the trees, schools should consider the necessary resources for the activity, such as tree planting tools and materials for tree care. However, it should be emphasized that there is no need to buy the materials for the tree planting activity. Schools within close proximity to one another may share a venue for this endeavor.
 7. To mark the area of the planting activity, a signage bearing the project title, "236,000 Trees – A Christmas Gift for the Children" must be visible and a tree guard shall be built around each planted seedling afterwards. No standard design for the tree guard is required.
 8. Simultaneous social media broadcasts through Facebook Live shall be conducted by the participants using their school's official Facebook accounts. The official hashtag for the post should be **#depedxmastrees**.
 9. A one-page report, attached as Enclosure 1, containing the details of the activity shall be submitted by the schools on or before December 12, 2023 through E-mail at **sgod.smn@gmail.com**
 10. Post-care must be ensured and regular inspections by the PSDSs or PSDIs and school officials shall be done in order to assess the condition of the trees, identifying any potential risks or diseases, and promptly addressing them.
 11. SDO Focal for this endeavor will be **Mr. Arvin Doman** of the School Mobilization and Networking unit of the SGOD.
 12. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is directed.


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Enclosure 1: Official Activity Report

**DepEd's 236,000 Trees – A Christmas Gift for the Children
Activity Report**

1. Name of School, District, Region

2. Types/Species of Trees Planted

3. Number of Trees Planted

4. Photos of the Activity (2 photos only with caption)



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