CHEDRO-III MEMORANDUM No. (1/2 s. 2024

For

: ALL PRESIDENTS OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

IN REGION III

Subject

: SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY IN LINE WITH THE

CONDUCT OF CENTRAL LUZON POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING

CONFERENCE.

Date

: April 4, 2024

This Office reiterates the letter from the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in the conduct of the Central Luzon Population and Family Planning Conference (CLPFPC) on May 29, 2024. The conference's theme is "Advancing Population and Family Planning Strategies within the Changing Demographic Situations in the Philippines."

Relative to this, all State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) are encouraged to participate and submit oral presentations on topics related to population and family planning, including adolescent health and development. The deadline for submission on the aforementioned is April 15, 2024. Attached are the letter and sample of the executive summary for reference.

For inquiries and other details, all interested SUCs are advised to contact the Focal Persons through the information provided below:

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For the voluntary participation of all concerned.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Dear RD Yusi:

Greetings from the Commission on Population and Development - Region III!

In accordance with the outcomes of the quarterly meeting of the Special Regional Committee on Population and Development held on March 1, 2024, and through Advisory No. OL24-03-051, the Commission on Population and Development Region (CPD) III is set to organize the Central Luzon Population and Family Planning Conference (CLPFPC). The conference, themed "Advancing population and family planning strategies within the changing demographic situation in the Philippines," is scheduled for May 29, 2024. Detailed information will follow in a separate advisory.

In connection with this event, CPD III extends an invitation to all partners from the regional line agencies and local government units for oral presentations on topics related to Population and Family Planning, including Adolescent Health and Development.

Oral presentations for the 2024 CLPFPC may encompass either research/academic papers or local projects and good practices conducted in Central Luzon between 2019 and 2023, focusing on any of the following themes:

- 1. Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning
- 2. Adolescent Health and Development
- 3. Population and Development

In light of this, we kindly request your assistance in disseminating this advisory to our State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), as well as schools under your supervision.

All interested presenters are urged to submit either the abstract of the academic/research paper or the executive summary of the local project/practice by April 15, 2024, along with their names, academic institution/organization/agency, and contact details to region3@cpd.gov.ph. Please use the email subject line, "CLPFPC_submission_(title)_(presenter's full name)". Presenters with accepted abstracts/executive summaries will be notified by April 18, 2024. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to presenters at the CLFPC.

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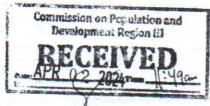
We shall be in constant coordination with you on this matter. For any inquiries or clarifications, please feel free to contact Mr. Adreal Denver C. Monterona and Ms. April M. Malonzo at 0933 0184 757 / 0922 841 0854 or through 045-455-2002.

Thank you for your continued support in the implementation of the Philippine Population and Development Plan of Action in the region.

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(title) K2TALK: MEDIA-CENTERED EDUCATION FOR IMPROVING ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

Angeles City, a highly urbanized area in the Philippines, continues to experience increasing numbers of pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and abortions among adolescents. Comprehensive Sexuality Education is needed to avert not only the burgeoning cases but also their adverse consequences which, on various occasions, have already foreclosed the future of many adolescents. Focus group discussions with adolescents as participants were carried out to explore how best to improve their sexual and reproductive health knowledge. Results suggest an overwhelming preference for a media- or a video-centered education and for similarly-aged adolescents to serve as education facilitators. K2Talk ("It's Okay to Talk"), a set of video materials, was planned, implemented and evaluated by the presenter and the Commission on Population and Development as a result of the research findings. Using a community-based approach, K2Talk was introduced as an intervention to 300 in-school adolescents in Angeles City. Evaluation results revealed an improvement in the level of sexual and reproductive health knowledge among these adolescents and high levels of commitment among them to share the said knowledge with their peers as well as to delay their sexual activity. K2Talk underscores the importance of media-centered and community-based approach to improving life-changing knowledge.

Keywords: sexual and reproductive health knowledge, adolescents, media-based education, community-based approach

(title) CAUSAL EFFECT OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ON FILIPINO WOMEN'S FERTILITY BEHAVIOR

Demographic dividend, or the economic sweet spot, presents an interplay of total fertility, contraceptive use, education, and employment. Hence, the study seeks to determine the 1) direct effects of (a) education, (b) employment, and (c) contraceptive use on total fertility, as well as the 2) indirect effects of (a) and (b) through (c) on total fertility. Path analysis was conducted using 4,713 cases from the dataset obtained from the 2017 Philippine National Demographic and Health Survey. The path model was tested through the three factors and their inter-relationships with total fertility. Education, employment, and contraceptive use have statistically significant direct effects on the outcome variable. However, results of the study showed that only employment, through contraceptive use, has significant causal effects on total fertility. The opposite effects and relationships found in the inter-relationships of the study's variables push for policy recommendations and a need for more path models to better understand the predictors of total fertility in the Philippine setting.

Keywords: total fertility, contraceptive use, education, employment, demographic dividend, NDHS, Philippines