

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS FOR BETTER HEALTH SERVICES

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Amidst the pandemic that we are experiencing for almost two years now, there is a need to enhance and improve health care services in our country specifically in all private and public schools including divisions, departments and units . There must be clear direction and beneficial programs for all learners to ensure their physical conditions and well- being. It is the primary responsibility of health care personnel in schools as well as the school administrators and teachers to foster an environment that can provide necessary and quality health care at maximum profit. In doing this, sickness and other health problems can be avoided.

Different projects and programs of the Department of Education like School-Based Feeding Programs (SBFP) , Dental Health Care and WINS (WASH in Schools) which focuses on Comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools helped a lot to eradicate malnutrition and promotes proper health practices among school children and maintained clean environment in and around the school vicinities to keep learners safe and secured. WASH program in schools aimed to defend the right of children to dignity, assistance and protection from harmful health conditions.

Schools faced a big challenge today in terms of health practices brought about by Covid-19. In spite of the Distance Learning modality being imposed by schools today, they need to establish a climate that encourages and does not stigmatize health and physical activities of all children enrolled in the school. It can be done thru online classes or by reminding those parents who are going to school to pick-up modules so that their health will not be at risk.

An improved Health care management in schools results in providing learning opportunities to reinforce good healthy behavior among children and implements comprehensive physical education and health education programs.

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