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**Reiteration of DOH Advisory on the Harmonized Schedule and Combined
Mass Drug Administration (HSCMDA) for Lymphatic Filariasis and
Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis**

Please advise all health personnel to coordinate with the Local Government Units and Rural Health Units/ Health Centers for the distribution of deworming drugs through school-based approach and implement the Round 1 Harmonized Schedule and Combined Drug Administration which started on January 3, 2025, up to January 31, 2025.

It is further advised that all eligible populations in the Schools Division Office of Zamboanga del Norte are provided with HSCMDA services within the month for Lymphatic Filariasis and all other Division Offices to undertake deworming activities for Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis.

Kindly take note of this request for coordination and ensure that the information is disseminated to all relevant parties.

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Director IV

TO: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS/IMPLEMENTATION UNITS,
PROVINCIAL DOH OFFICES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
OTHER PARTNERS

SUBJECT: HARMONIZED SCHEDULE AND COMBINED MASS DRUG
ADMINISTRATION (HSCMDA) FOR LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS (LF)
AND SOIL-TRANSMITTED HELMINTHIASIS (STH)

DATE: December 23, 2024

This advisory is issued to inform and guide the conduct of the 2025 Round 1 Harmonized Schedule and Combined Mass Drug Administration (HSCMDA) for Lymphatic Filariasis utilizing the Triple Combination Drugs in Zamboanga del Norte and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH).

1. All implementing Local Government Units (LGUs) utilizing the individual and community-based platform shall ensure the practice of **Direct Observed Treatment (DOT)** both for Lymphatic endemic area and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis, while the Department of Education (DepED) thru the clinic nurses or teachers may assist in the distribution of deworming drugs through school-based approach with proper coordination with the Rural Health Units/Health Centers.
2. Implementation of the Round 1 Harmonized Schedule and Combined Mass Drug Administration (HSCMDA) will commence on January 3, 2025 and will end on January 31, 2025. Ensure that the eligible population be provided with HSCMDA services within the month for Lymphatic Filariasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis.
3. The province of Zamboanga del Norte and the municipalities are directed to make available the approved microplan for the implementation of HSCMDA.
4. Reiterate the target population and strategy for Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis Mass Drug administration (MDA).

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DISEASE	TARGET POPULATION	STRATEGY	COVERAGE AREA
Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis	1-4 years old	Community and School based	Entire Zamboanga Peninsula
	5-9 years old		
	10-19 years old		
Lymphatic Filariasis	2 years old and above	Community based	Zamboanga del Norte only

- Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition scholar (BNS) and HRH deployed at the different barangay health station (BHS) with the local health personnel shall be mobilized to implement the HSCMDA.
- All local government units/implementation units must ensure correct dosage during the administration of MDA for the different age groups and special risk groups both for Lymphatic Filariasis and Soil-Transmission Helminthiasis. The dosages mentioned herein are based on the Department Memorandum No. 2022-0496 dated October 26, 2022 regarding "Recommended dosages for Ivermectin, Diethylcarbamazine Citrate, and Albendazole or Mebendazole during Mass Drug Administration (MDA)". Health workers may use either age or height, depending on convenience during MDA. Please refer on the table below:

		LF	LF	LF	LF and STH	STH
		Ivermectin (IVM) 3 mg	DEC 50 mg	DEC 100 mg	ALB 400 mg	MBD 500mg
By age group	12-23 Months	n/a	n/a	n/a	½ tablet (200 mg)	1 tablet (500 mg)
	2-5 years old	n/a	2 tablets (100 mg)	1 tablet (100 mg)	1 tablet (400 mg)	1 tablet (500 mg)
	6-15 years old	n/a	4 tablets (200 mg)	2 tablets (200 mg)	1 tablet (400 mg)	1 tablet (500 mg)
	>15 years old	n/a	6 tablets (300 mg)	3 tablets (300 mg)	1 tablet (400 mg)	1 tablet (400 mg)
By Height	90-119 cm	1 tablet (3 mg)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	120-140 cm	2 tablets (6 mg)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	141-159 cm	3 tablets (9 mg)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	>159 cm	4 tablets (12 mg)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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7. All LGUs shall ensure the availability of deworming drugs (Albendazole or Mebendazole) and early prepositioning to the various implementing units.
8. For information education and communication (IEC) materials you may access this link: bit.ly/2025HSCMDACompacts
9. Recording and Reporting System
 - a) Ensure proper recording and daily/on-time submission of the report
 - b) All provinces/cities/municipalities shall utilize the HSCMDA reporting matrix for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) and use these links: bit.ly/ZDNLFHSCMDA2025, while for Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis: bit.ly/HSCMDASTH2025 for data submission to access the template. Also, make available the Tally Board for easy data/progress analysis in the different BHSS/RHUs.
 - c) MDA Reports from school-based will be submitted to their respective Rural Health Unit/Health Center for consolidation.
 - d) Schedule on the submission of HSCMDA reports is shown below:
 - > Weekly partial reports shall be submitted every Friday @ 4:00 pm during HSCMDA for Lymphatic Filariasis & Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis. Moreover, final report submission will follow the schedule found below:

WEEKLY PARTIAL REPORTS			
FROM	TO	SCHEDULE	CUT OFF TIME
Barangay Health Station	Rural Health Unit	Every Thursday	4 PM
School	Rural Health Unit	Every Thursday	4 PM
Rural Health Unit	Provincial Health Office (cc: Provincial DOH Office)	Every Friday	10 AM
Provincial Health Office /Provincial DOH Office	Regional Office	Every Friday	4PM

FINAL HSCMDA REPORTS		
FROM	TO	DATE
Rural Health Unit/City Health Office	Provincial Health Office (cc: Provincial DOH Office)	February 28, 2025

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Provincial Health Office /Provincial DOH Office	Regional Office	February 28, 2025
Regional Office	Central Office	March 7, 2025

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