



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025- 001

To : SGOD and CID Chief
Public School District Supervisor
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Other Concerned

Subject : **CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN
DECEMBER 2025**

Date : December 15, 2025

Pursuant to the Memorandum Circular No. 01-2025 dated November 12, 2025 titled: "*Celebration of the National Volunteer Month in December 2025*", with the theme: "*Volunteerism for Inclusive Development: Empowering Communities Toward a Just and Resilient Future*", this Office enjoins all to actively participate in the observance of the National Volunteer Month 2025. This celebration serves as a common platform to highlight volunteerism as a key enabler of national and local development.

The National Volunteer Month aims to:

- Build nationwide public awareness and appreciation of volunteerism and its role in social, economic, and political development of the country;
- Create an environment that fosters and encourages voluntary action for development; and
- Recognize the noble acts of volunteerism by individuals, families, institutions, and communities as vital partners in economic and community development

Attached is the Memorandum Circular No. 01-2025 for more information.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For and in the absence of the
Schools Division Superintendent:

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT



National Volunteer Month Steering Committee

Memorandum Circular No. 01-2025

FOR : All Heads of Departments, Agencies, Bureaus, Offices, Commissions, Instrumentalities of the National Government, Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations, Government Financing Institutions, State Universities and Colleges, and Local Government Units

SUBJECT : Celebration of the National Volunteer Month in December 2025

DATE : 12 November 2025

I. RATIONALE

The culture of volunteerism is a proud legacy of the Filipino people and a testament to the “*bayanihan*” spirit. Volunteers play a critical role in development, contributing their time, effort, and resources to those in need, ultimately improving the quality of life for individuals and communities.

In recognition of the tireless efforts and dedicated service of volunteers, the Philippine Government declared the month of December as the National Volunteer Month (NVM) through Presidential Proclamation No. 55, series of 1998 (Annex A). This annual celebration honors efforts of volunteers and strengthens volunteerism as a vital force for inclusive and sustainable development.

II. PURPOSE

This Memorandum Circular enjoins all government agencies, local government units, and academic institutions to actively participate in the observance of the NVM 2025. The celebration serves as a common platform to highlight volunteerism as a key enabler of national and local development.

III. OBJECTIVES

The NVM celebration aims to:

- Build nationwide public awareness and appreciation of volunteerism and its role in social, economic, and political development of the country;
- Create an environment that fosters and encourages voluntary action for development; and
- Recognize the noble acts of volunteerism by individuals, families, institutions, and communities as vital partners in economic and community development.

IV. THEME FOR 2025-2026

“Volunteerism for Inclusive Development: Empowering Communities Toward a Just and Resilient Future”

V. SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

To promote participation and awareness, agencies, organizations, and institutions are encouraged to undertake the following activities:

- **Information and Advocacy.** Disseminate NVM information through display of banners and posters; posting of announcements; and sharing of the NVM 2025 promotional materials via official publications, bulletin boards, social media platforms (using the hashtag **#NVM2025**). Materials may be accessed through <https://bit.ly/NVM2025COLLATERALS>.
- **Engagement Activities.** Organize or participate in forums, volunteer fairs, community service projects, and other advocacy events aligned with the NVM theme, before and during December 2025. Updates on official NVM activities will be posted on the PNVSCA Facebook page. Interested agencies or institutions are encouraged to accomplish the online participation form accessible through <https://bit.ly/NVM2025PARTICIPATIONFORM> (Annex B).
- **Recognition and Sharing of Good Practices.** Highlight and document volunteer initiatives and best practices through awards, feature stories, and reports showcasing the contributions of volunteers and partners.

VI. FOCAL AGENCY

The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) serves as the focal agency and secretariat of the NVM.

VII. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The PNVSCA is supported by the NVM Steering Committee (NVM-SC) in the planning, advocacy, and implementation of NVM events and activities. The NVM-SC is composed of the following:

Chair	Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev)
Co-Chairs	Department of Foreign Affairs Department of the Interior and Local Government
Vice Chair	PNVSCA
Members	Civil Service Commission (CSC) Commission on Higher Education Department of Budget and Management Department of Education National Youth Commission Philippine Information Agency Technical Education and Skills Development Authority UP System Ugnayan ng Pahinungod United Nations Development Programme Philippines United States Peace Corps Filipino UN Volunteers Association Philippine Association for Volunteer Effort Kabisig ng Kalahi, Inc.

VIII. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

To ensure broader participation and more effective implementation of the NVM activities, NVM Regional Committees (NVM-RCs) are organized to coordinate and oversee celebrations at the regional level. The NVM Regional Committees (NVM-RCs) are organized and chaired by the following:

- DEPDev Regional Offices (DROs) in the regions;
- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in the National Capital Region; and
- Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

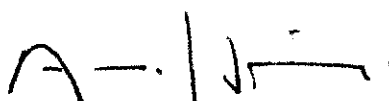
All institutions and organizations in the regions are encouraged to coordinate with their respective DROs, MMDA, or BPDA-BARMM for the planning, implementation, and reporting of NVM activities to ensure alignment with the overall national celebration.


IX. SUBMISSION AND SHARING OF ACTIVITIES

The conduct of NVM activities by national government agencies, government-owned and -controlled corporations, and state universities and colleges operating at the sub-national level is also in pursuit of Regional Development Council resolutions promoting volunteerism as a strategy of development.


Additionally, **CSC Memorandum Circular No. 23, s. 2012** enjoins all heads of agencies to establish volunteer programs on top of the agencies' regular mandate and function to promote the value of volunteerism in the public sector.

The submission of post-activity report is strongly encouraged. Submission of such shall be not later than **15 January 2026** to patsd@pnvsca.gov.ph. The post-activity report template can be accessed through <https://bit.ly/NVM2025ActivityReport>.


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Chairperson, NVM-SC



Attested:


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and Vice Chairperson, NVM-SC

Annex A. NVM IRR and Proclamation No. 55, series of 1998
Annex B. NVM 2025 Participation Form
Annex C. NVM 2025 Promotional Materials