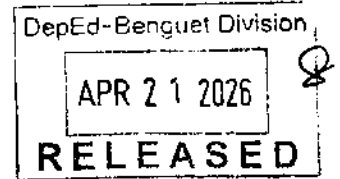




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Schools Division Office of Benguet



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**INVITATION TO A ONE-DAY MPOWER TRAINING BY TRANSCENDING INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITIES, INC.**

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/In-Charge of Atok, Bokod, Buguias and Kabayan  
Concerned Secondary School Heads of Ballay IS, Nawal IS, Camp 30 NHS, Atok NHS, Buguias High Schools

1. Transcending Institutions and Communities, Inc. (TRANSCEND), in partnership with Benguet State University, will be conducting a **one-day MPOWER Training at Benguet State University-Buguias Campus**, Loo, Buguias, Benguet on **April 24, 2026, 8:00am to 5:00pm**.
2. The activity seeks to enhance participants' understanding of the importance of expanding tobacco control advocates, emphasizing that effective tobacco control saves lives – not only of smokers but also of individuals exposed to second-hand smoke.
3. Relative hereto, concerned school heads are reminded to comply with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2025 in case there are pre-identified teacher-participants.
4. Meals and snacks will be provided by the sponsoring agency while transportation of participants may be charged to local funds subject to existing accounting, budgeting and COA rules and regulations.
5. Attached is the communication from TRANSCEND for reference.
6. Please be guided accordingly.

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**CARMEL F. MERIS**

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Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet

Dear **Ms. Meris**:

Greetings from Transcend!

Transcending Institutions and Communities, Inc. (TRANSCEND), in partnership with Benguet State University, will be conducting a **one-day MPOWER Training** aimed at strengthening local advocacy and implementation of tobacco control programs to include vaping. The activity seeks to enhance participants' understanding of the importance of expanding tobacco control advocates, emphasizing that effective tobacco control saves lives—not only of smokers but also of individuals exposed to second-hand smoke.

In this regard, we respectfully invite **SIX (6) participants**, composed of **teachers and nurses from selected high schools in Buguias** and to include **one participant each from Ballay Integrated School-Kabayan, Nawal Integrated School-Bokod, Camp 30 National High School-Atok & Atok National High School**, (total of 10) to attend the **MPOWER Training** scheduled on **April 24, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, to be held at the **Benguet State University – Buguias Campus, Loo, Buguias, Benguet**.

TRANSCEND will sponsor the **meals and snacks** of the participants during the activity, but the transportation of the participants will be shouldered by the sending agency.

Should you require further information or clarification, please feel free to contact **Ms. Ray-ann Bakidol** at **0929 371 6689** or **Ms. Christine Joy Fiasitao** at **0939 458 8875**.

Thank you very much & hoping for your support to tobacco control initiatives of the Province of Benguet. We look forward to your favorable response and partnership in promoting a healthier, smoke-free Benguet.

Very truly yours,

**MA. CECILIA AGPAWA**

Transcending Institutions and Communities, Inc.