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DepEd to reopen *Brigada Eskwela* in Marawi

PASIG CITY, June 16, 2017 – The collaborative spirit being fostered by *Brigada Eskwela* among communities will once again play a crucial role in the preparation of a safe, secure, and nurturing learning environment for children – this time to help rebuild the lives of learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, affected by the siege in Marawi City.

In coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office (CO), the DepEd ARMM will conduct *Brigada Eskwela* anew as soon as the situation has cleared in the war-torn city.

To help address the needs of its displaced learners and workforce, and to prepare them in re-establishing a sense of normalcy, the Department is calling on the surrounding communities, public and private partner agencies and offices, and other education stakeholders to never waver in extending support – whether by becoming volunteers or donating in-kind.

“The Department will immediately conduct damage assessment after the area has been cleared and will rehabilitate schools destroyed, replace learning materials lost, and with the assistance of our partners, provide school supplies to our learners,” Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said in an earlier statement.

Current efforts by DepEd ARMM, DepEd CO, through its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), DepEd Region 10, and private institutions already include mobilization of eight (8) Learner and Personnel Tracking Teams from June 5-9; information dissemination in evacuation centers on nearby accommodating schools; facilitation of the conduct of Psychological First Aid Training from June 6-9; and mobilization of resources to augment the donations of Education Cluster Partners.

As of June 9, partial data shows that *Brigada Eskwela* 2017 has generated a total of P1,475,929,831.47 (4,239,298 volunteer turnout; P158,973,675 worth of man-hour services, P1,316,956,156.47 worth of donations in-kind).

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