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FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF HEALTH; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, SANITARIA, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Circulation of the Guidelines on Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT)

The Department of Health has released the Guidelines on Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT): A Practical Guide for the Use of Hospitals and Other Health Facilities, developed in partnership with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children’s Fund. The WASH FIT guidelines were simplified to allow the straightforward application and the prompt development of water, sanitation and hygiene improvement plans.

WASH FIT recognizes that water efficiency, sanitation and hygiene are part of the performance standards of the DOH Green and Safe Health Facilities Manual (or the Green Manual). The guidelines on WASH FIT aim to contribute to the attainment of the country’s goals towards sustainable development, climate action, and universal health care. As with the Green Manual, WASH FIT shall complement the implementation of the Philippine Health Facility Development Plan 2020-2040, which serves as the country’s roadmap to accessible health care anchored to a modern, resilient, and sustainable healthcare system.

You may download a copy of the guidelines through <https://bit.ly/WASHFITguide>. For additional inquiries and assistance, contact the Health Facility Development Bureau at phone number (02) 8651-7800 local 1406, or email hfdb@doh.gov.ph.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lilibeth C. David".

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