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**CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR GAWAD KALUSUGAN 2026:
HEALTH PROMOTION AWARDS**

In reference to the regional circular No. DOH Ilocos CHD 2026-0121 from the Department of Health (DOH) – Ilocos Center for Health Development on the call for submission of entries for Gawad Kalusugan 2026: Health Promotion. The call for participants is open until **October 22, 2026; 12:00 nn** through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GawadHLI> provided in the official DOH circular.

The initiative aims to recognize and give due acknowledgement to outstanding efforts, exemplary practices, and significant contributions in the promotion of health and wellness among individuals, schools, workplace and communities.

Eligible participants of the Healthy Learning Institutions are **only Elementary schools covering both last Mile Elementary School (LMES) and Non-Last Mile Elementary Schools (Non-LMES) categories**. However, participation on this activity shall be encouraged and submit their entries in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and requirements.

Attached is the regional circular from the DOH for reference.



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Date Thu 15/10/2026 15:09

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Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2026 at 11:16 AM

Subject: REGIONAL CIRCULAR No. DOH Ilocos CHD 2026-0121 Call for submission of Entries for Gawad Kalusugan 2026: Health Promotion Awards

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Good day, Ma'am/Sir,

Please see the attached file for your reference and we ask your assistance in disseminating the Regional Circular to all other concerned.

Thank you,

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October 13, 2026

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No. DOH Ilocos CHD 2026- 0121

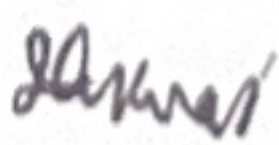
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- ALL PROVINCIAL HEALTH TEAM LEADERS
- ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICERS
- ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Call for Submission of Entries for Gawad Kalusugan 2026: Health Promotion Awards

The Department of Health (DOH) Ilocos Center for Health Development, through its Health Promotion Unit, respectfully invites all concerned offices, institutions, organizations, and other eligible stakeholders to submit their respective entries for **Gawad Kalusugan 2026: Health Promotion Awards**. This initiative aims to recognize and give due acknowledgment to outstanding efforts, exemplary practices, and significant contributions in the promotion of health and wellness among individuals, schools, workplaces and communities. In this regard, all concerned are encouraged to participate and submit their entries in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and requirements. For further information regarding the award categories, eligibility criteria, submission procedures, and other relevant details, please refer to **Annex A**, which provides the particulars of the said awards.

Thank you.


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Annex A. Awards and Criteria for Gawad Kalusugan 2026: Health Promotion Awards

I. Healthy Governance: Outstanding Public Health Unit

Deadline of Submission: October 20, 2026

Eligible Participants: Public Health Units (PHUs) of DOH Hospitals, District Hospitals, Private Hospitals and LGUs.

Criteria	Description	MOV	Points
Governance	- Is the Public Health Unit (PHU) formally established? - Does the unit align with Universal Health Care (UHC) policies and national health promotion mandates?	- Organizational structure and functions - Attestation from the Chief of Hospital/ Medical Center Chief or Authorized Hospital Representative	30%
Program Implementation and Reach	- What health promotion programs and campaigns have the unit implemented? - How many people were reached? - What are the measurable impacts of these initiatives (e.g., improved health literacy, increased preventive health behaviors, improved health outcomes)?	- Activity reports - Attendance sheets or documentation of community engagement - Health outcome data (e.g., vaccination rates, health screenings, reduced incidence of diseases)	25%
Intersectoral Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement	- Does the PHU collaborate with LGUs, NGOs, and other agencies? - Are there MOU/MOAs, partnerships, or joint projects that strengthen health promotion efforts?	- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or MOU with partners - Meeting minutes and documentation of collaborative activities - Testimonies from stakeholders	20%
Sustainability and Institutional Support	- Are the unit's programs sustained beyond one-time activities? - Is there funding or institutional commitment to ensure long-term operations?	- Annual Work and Financial Plan - Budget allocation document or LGU resolution approving funds for HEPO Unit - Proof of continued implementation (e.g., reports,	15%

	- Has the institution allocated resources (budget, personnel, etc.) for the PHU?	monitoring, and evaluation data)	
Innovation and Adaptability	- Has the PHU introduced innovative approaches to health promotion (e.g., digital campaigns, community-based interventions, creative IEC materials)? - How have traditional strategies been adapted to meet local health challenges?	- Photos, videos, or documentation of innovative health promotion initiatives - Reports on adapted interventions - Testimonials from beneficiaries	10%
TOTAL			100%

II. Healthy Governance: Outstanding Provincial/City HPU Award

Eligible Participants: Health Education and Promotion Officers (HEPO) of DOH Hospitals, District Hospitals, Private Hospitals and LGUs

Criteria	Description	MOV	Points
Institutionalization and Governance	- Is the HEPO Unit formally established through an SP Resolution, Ordinance, or Executive Order? - Does the unit align with Universal Health Care (UHC) policies and national health promotion mandates?	- SP Resolution, Ordinance, or Executive Order creating or strengthening the HEPO Unit - Organizational structure and functions - Attestation from the Provincial/City Health Officer	30%
Program Implementation and Reach	- What health promotion programs and campaigns have the unit implemented? - How many people were reached? - What are the measurable impacts of these initiatives (e.g., improved health literacy, increased preventive health behaviors, improved health outcomes)?	- Activity reports - Attendance sheets or documentation of community engagement - Health outcome data (e.g., vaccination rates, health screenings, reduced incidence of diseases)	25%

Intersectoral Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement	- Does the HEPO Unit collaborate with LGUs, NGOs, and other agencies? - Are there MOUs, partnerships, or joint projects that strengthen health promotion efforts?	- MOA/or MOU with partners - Meeting minutes and documentation of collaborative activities - Testimonies from stakeholders	20%
Sustainability and Institutional Support	- Are the unit's programs sustained beyond one-time activities? - Is there funding or institutional commitment to ensure long-term operations? - Has the LGU allocated resources (budget, personnel, etc.) for the HEPO Unit?	- Annual Work and Financial Plan - Budget allocation document or LGU resolution approving funds for HEPO Unit - Proof of continued implementation (e.g., reports, monitoring, and evaluation data)	15%
Innovation and Adaptability	- Has the HEPO Unit introduced innovative approaches to health promotion (e.g., digital campaigns, community-based interventions, creative IEC materials)? - How have traditional strategies been adapted to meet local health challenges?	- Photos, videos, or documentation of innovative health promotion initiatives - Reports on adapted interventions - Testimonials from beneficiaries	10%
TOTAL			100%

III. Healthy Learning Institutions

1. **Eligible Participants.** Only Elementary Schools are eligible to participate, covering both Last Mile Elementary Schools (LMES) and Non-Last Mile Elementary Schools (Non-LMES) categories.
2. **Self-Appraisal Checklist (SAC).** Schools must use the 2026 HLI Self-Appraisal Checklist (SAC) for their assessment and submission.
3. **Means of Verification (MOVs).** All submitted MOVs must cover the period Calendar Year 2025–2026 and correspond to the applicable indicators in the new HLI SAC.
4. **Deadline and Mode of Submission.** All required documents must be submitted on or before October 20, 2026, through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/GawadHLI>.

IV. Healthy Communities Awards

Requirement: Accomplished LGU Monitoring Form which can be accessed through bit.ly/HC2025LGUForm		
Coverage of MOVs: 2025		
Eligible Participants: All P/CWHS of Ilocos Region		
	Deadline of Submission	Submission Protocol
Gawad Kalusugan Entry	October 16, 2026	Via e-mail to hpu@ilocos.doh.gov.ph
National Level Recognition	November 6, 2026	Via e-mail to healthycommunities@doh.gov.ph cc: hpu@ilocos.doh.gov.ph

V. Healthy Workplace

Eligible participants: Provincial Health Offices, City Health Offices, DOH Hospitals, TRCs, District Hospitals, LGUs who have successfully submitted FITool1 and FITool2 with passing score of at least 8 points in each priority area of FITool2

Healthy Workplace Awards shall align with the DOH-DOLE-CSC Joint Administrative Order No. 2023-0001 (National Policy Framework on the Promotion of Healthy Workplaces) and the implementation of workplace health promotion interventions.

FITool Forms:

FITool 1 (Letter of Commitment): bit.ly/HW_Fitool1

FITool 2 (Self Assessment Tool): bit.ly/HW_Fitool2

SCORING SYSTEM AND ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

The assessment and scoring of participating workplaces shall be based on FITool 2 and the following additional criteria for recognizing exemplary workplace health promotion practices:

1. **Uniqueness and Innovation** – Demonstrates creative, innovative, and context-specific approaches to promoting health and well-being in the workplace. (20%)
2. **Exemplary Implementation** – Demonstrates outstanding implementation of workplace health promotion interventions that go beyond routine activities and may serve as a model for other workplaces. (20%)
3. **Impact and Effectiveness** – Demonstrates positive and measurable outcomes in improving employees' health, well-being, safety, and overall workplace environment. (20%)

4. **Sustainability** – Demonstrates continuity of health promotion initiatives through institutionalized policies, allocated resources, and sustained management commitment. (20%)
5. **Inclusivity and Employee Engagement** – Promotes meaningful employee participation and ensures that workplace health initiatives are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to employees' needs. (20%)

The additional criteria shall be used to identify and recognize outstanding practices among qualified workplaces during validation. The minimum passing score of at least 8 points in each priority area of FITool 2 shall remain a requirement for eligibility, subject to applicable national guidelines.

Submission Folder: bit.ly/HWFitool2_Regional

Deadline of Submission: October 21, 2026

VI. **Healthy Literacy**

Eligible participants: Provincial Health Offices, City Health Office, and Municipal/Rural Health Offices

Health Literacy Awards shall recognize outstanding health offices that have demonstrated excellence in promoting health literacy through innovative, evidence-based, and sustainable health promotion initiatives.

Nomination form can be accessed thru: tinyurl.com/HealthLiteracyNomination

Deadline of Submission: October 20, 2026

Activity	Means of Verification
Title:	Activity Proposal/ Concept Note:
Date:	Post Activity Report:
Venue:	Consolidated Knowledge Retention Evaluation:
Health Event Celebrated:	Improved health indicators: