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**INCEPTION MISSION OF SUSTAINING EDUCATION REFORM GAINS (SERG)
 PROJECT TEAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 Baybay City and Leyte Divisions
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a Memorandum dated December 17, 2019 entitled "Inception Mission of Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project Team." The conduct of the activity will be on January 14, 2020, 9:00 AM at the Convergence Zone, DepEd Compound, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.
2. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against local fund, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
3. Immediate dissemination of and appropriate action with this Memorandum are desired.

RAMIR B. UYTICO, Ed D, CESO IV
 Director IV

Enclosure: As stated

Reference: Memorandum dated December 17, 2019

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Regional Director GILBERT SADSAD, DepEd Region V
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Regional Director ARTURO BAYOCOT, DepEd Region X

FROM : *hym ane*
ATTY. NEPOMUCENO MALALUAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : INCEPTION MISSION OF SUSTAINING EDUCATION
REFORM GAINS (SERG) PROJECT TEAM

DATE : 17 December 2019

This refers to the Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG), a two-year (2019-2021) strategic successor project to the Basic Education Sector Transformation (BEST) Program, which intends to help the Department in improving the systems for teacher professional development.

Specifically, Project SERG aims to contribute to: (1) improved quality teaching in target schools particularly for boys and girls experiencing disadvantage; and (2) improved policies, systems, and processes for teacher professional development.

The key strategy of SERG project is the provision of targeted technical assistance to the DepEd Central Office and Regions V, VI, VIII and X and selected division offices (those involved in the BEST's Learning and Development system trial) to strengthen DepEd's capacity to design and implement effective teacher professional development (TPD), leveraging its own resources to meet its objectives. The technical assistance will be mobilized and managed by Save the Children under the strategic direction of DepEd and the Australian Embassy. (See enclosed brief on Project SERG)

In line with this, a team from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australia (DFAT) and Save the Children will have a courtesy visit and conduct an inception mission to the regional and selected division offices from 3rd week of December 2019 to 2nd week of January 2020.

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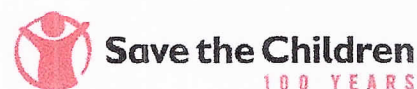
The inception mission aims to:

- obtain information on the current work of the Regions and selected Divisions regarding initiatives in teacher professional development, including the implementation of their respective Learning and Development (L&D) sustainability plans prepared during BEST program
- Discuss project scope, implementation arrangements and initial schedule of activities

In this regard, the Regional Office is requested to arrange for a meeting with the Regional Director, HRDD Chief and concerned Schools Division Superintendents and L&D Regional and Division Focal Persons on the aforementioned dates.

Kindly confer with Ms. Laine Velasco on your preferred meeting arrangements through telephone numbers 09178713006 or at email address adelina.velasco@savethechildren.org

Enclosure: Brief description of the Project SERG



SUSTAINING EDUCATION REFORM GAINS (SERG)

Project Overview

Australia has partnered with the Philippines for over 30 years to improve the quality, relevance and reach of its education system. Following the completion of the Basic Education Sector Transformation (BEST) program (2014-19), Australia's partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) will focus on improving the quality of teaching, as the most important factor in achieving better learning outcomes.

The Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG), which is being implemented for a two-year period from November 2019 until November 2021, seeks to extend and sustain the contributions of two education initiatives supported by Australia, notably: 1) the BEST Program, which contributed extensively to the formulation of a revised Learning and Development System for educators, and supported the development of substantial resources for teacher professional development; and 2) the partnership with the Research Center for Teacher Quality (RCTQ), which helped DepEd to develop the Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers (PPST), link them to career progression; and is now supporting the transformation of the National Educators Academy (NEAP).

The two expected End-of-Project Outcomes (EOPOs) for the SERG project are:

1. Improved quality of teaching in target schools particularly for boys and girls experiencing disadvantage
2. Improved policies, systems and processes for teacher professional development

These End of Program Outcomes will be achieved through targeted technical assistance to the DepEd Central Office, Regions V, VI, VIII and X and selected Division Offices to strengthen capacity to design and implement effective TPD. Specifically, the selected divisions are those that were involved during the BEST's Learning and Development system's trial, namely:

Regions	Schools Division	Regions	Schools Division
Region 5	Camarines Sur Iriga City Legaspi City Sorsogon City	Region 8	Baybay City Leyte
Region 6	Guimaras Iloilo City	Region 10	Bukidnon Cagayan de Oro City

The technical assistance will be mobilised and managed by Save the Children under the strategic direction of DepEd and the Australian Embassy. A small team of specialist advisers will be embedded in the NEAP at both Central and Regional levels, while Teacher Professional Development Coaches will be mobilized in target DepEd Division Offices to support Division and District supervisors to address the professional learning needs of teachers in around 54 target schools.

The support for implementation of TPD systems to improve the quality of teaching in the target schools (EOPO1) will also generate evidence for DepEd and NEAP on the effectiveness of TPD policies, systems and processes in different school settings and contexts, which will in turn inform ongoing refinement of TPD policies, systems and processes (EOPO2)