



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**MULTIGRADE ONLINE SUMMIT: CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP AND MILESTONES
 TOWARDS A STRENGTHENED MULTIGRADE PROGRAM
 IN PHILIPPINE EDUCATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from Dr. Ramon C. Bacani, Center Director, SEAMEO INNOTECH, re: Multigrade Online Summit: Celebrating Partnership and Milestones towards a Strengthened Multigrade Program in Philippine Education as a tripartite cooperation project of DepEd, UNICEF and SEAMEO-INNOTECH. The online Summit will be streamed through SEAMEO INNOTECH's Official Facebook page www.facebook.com/SEAMEOINNOTECH on August 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. -12:00 nn.

2. The activity aims to:
 a. celebrate partnership that promotes meaningful collaborative work;
 b. share project milestones as models for potential replication or adaptation ; and
 c. identify next steps for sustaining and possible scale-up of project gains.

3. The participants to this activity are the Regional/Division Multigrade Focal Persons, Public Schools District Supervisors, school heads, and teachers of the 12 SDOs implementing the Multigrade Program.

4. For more information and/or clarification, please contact the CLMD thru Dr. Amenia C. Aspa, Education Program Supervisor, at mobile no. 0917-136-8271 or email address: amenia.aspa001@deped.gov.ph


5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Enclosures: None
 References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
 EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION REGION VIII MULTIGRADE/EASTERN VISAYAS SUMMIT

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 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS
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 2:30
 PROJECT LEAD





Strengthening Delivery of Multigrade Program in Region 8 (SDMG R8) Project

Multigrade Online Summit: Celebrating Partnerships and Milestones towards a Strengthened Multigrade Program in Philippine Education

31 August 2020 | via Facebook

INFORMATION NOTE

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In April 2017, the Department of Education (DepEd), UNICEF and SEAMEO INNOTECH entered into a six-year tripartite agreement (2017-2022) to improve access to quality learning delivery for disadvantaged children in remote and rural areas. The Multigrade Program in Philippine Education (MPPE) was identified as one of the areas of collaboration under the said agreement.

A national-level technical assistance to DepEd's MPPE was implemented from 2017 to 2019 through the Technical Support to Multigrade Program in Philippine Education (TS-MPPE) project. The TS-MPPE had a three-pronged objective: 1) comprehensive Multigrade program review, 2) development of the Philippine Multigrade Schools Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMS-MES), and 3) capacity building on the PMS-MES.

Informed by initial results of the Multigrade program review, the Strengthening Delivery of Multigrade Program in Region 8 (SDMG R8) project was launched in May 2018 to: 1) enhance capacity for Multigrade policy and program quality assurance monitoring system at the national level, 2) enhance capacity of DepEd Region 8 in contextualizing Multigrade teaching and learning materials, and 3) strengthen Multigrade education delivery mechanisms in Samar and Northern Samar.

ACTIVITY RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

Partnership has played an important role in the success of the TS-MPPE and SDMG R8 projects. Under the technical leadership of the Department of Education, UNICEF and SEAMEO INNOTECH supported and implemented various interventions leading to a strengthened Multigrade program delivery in the country.

The Multigrade program review revealed that many successful Multigrade schools are backed by a strong school-community partnership, with parents, caregivers, and community members providing various forms of support to fill the needs of the school and its learners through the spirit of cooperation (*bayanihan/pintakasi/dagyaw*). The Review also highlighted the importance of school leadership in developing such valuable partnerships.

Support generated from the private sector, i.e., Smart Communications, during project implementation has likewise gone a long way in promoting the use of appropriate technological learning resources to assist in improving teaching and learning delivery in selected Multigrade schools in Samar and Northern Samar.

For these reasons, the Multigrade Online Summit aims to share these good practices and lessons learned from the implementation of the Multigrade projects under the tripartite cooperation agreement and for possible replication or scale-up in the country.

Specifically, the Multigrade Online Summit aims to:

1. Celebrate partnerships that promote meaningful collaborative work;
2. Share project milestones as models for potential replication or adaptation; and
3. Identify next steps for sustaining and possible scale-up of project gains.

METHODOLOGY, EXPECTED OUTPUTS, AND INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

Methodology

The three-hour Multigrade Online Summit will be organized and facilitated by DepEd, UNICEF and SEAMEO INNOTECH. Key officials from said organizations and other implementing partners/participants will be invited as guest speakers.

The online Summit will be streamed through SEAMEO INNOTECH's official Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SEAMEOINNOTECH), which will be promoted through various Multigrade Facebook groups generated under the TS-MPPE and SDMG R8 projects. Said Facebook groups consist of Multigrade supervisors, school heads and teachers who have been participants of different capacity building programs implemented under the two projects. The Summit will also be streamed through the Department of Education's official Facebook page (*to be confirmed*; www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH).

Streaming through INNOTECH's Facebook page will increase access to the Summit by other non-Multigrade education stakeholders.

An e-Registration through Google Forms will be held to generate a profile of Summit participants to determine if the knowledge sharing activity has reached its target audience (i.e., Multigrade program stakeholders) and to serve as input to planning activities for future similar projects.

See the indicative programme for a more detailed flow of activities.

Expected Outputs

At the end of the Multigrade Online Summit, it is expected that project milestones, as well as experiences from selected project implementation partners/participants, will be shared among Multigrade program implementers and other education stakeholders as models for potential replication or adaptation. The Summit is also expected to generate concrete steps in sustaining and possible scale-up of project gains within DepEd Region VIII and other regions as well.

Indicative Programme

Following is the indicative flow of activities of the Multigrade Online Summit:

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 – 9:20 AM	e-REGISTRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Attendance • e-Consent form
9:20 – 9:25 AM	OPENING PROGRAM National Anthem Prayer Ms. Maegan D. Matarum Grade 6 Student Arawane Elementary School
9:25 – 9:30 AM	WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS Dr. Rosalina Villaneza (TBC) Chief, Teaching and Learning Division, Bureau of Learning Delivery Department of Education
9:30 – 9:40 AM	OPENING MESSAGES Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Department of Education Ms. Oyunsai Khan Dendevnorov (TBC) Country Representative UNICEF Philippines Dr. Ramon C. Bacani Center Director SEAMEO INNOTECH
9:40 – 9:50 AM	
9:50 – 10:00 AM	
10:00 – 10:30 AM	HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIPARTITE COOPERATION AND PROJECT MILESTONES Dr. Leila P. Areola Director IV, Bureau of Learning Delivery Department of Education
10:30 – 10:35 AM	SHARING OF EXPERIENCES ON MULTIGRADE LEARNING JOURNEY Mr. Romel Costales Curriculum and Learning Management Division Department of Education – Region II TBC Multigrade Teacher (participant of Multigrade Instruction Training Program) TBC Parent (Multigrade School-Community Project)
10:35 – 10:40 AM	
10:40 – 10:45 AM	

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:45 – 11:30 AM	MOVING FORWARD: SUSTAINING AND SCALING-UP PROJECT GAINS <i>Dr. Carmela Tamayo</i> Superintendent Department of Education – Schools Division of Samar <i>Dr. Gorgonio Diaz, Jr.</i> Superintendent Department of Education – Schools Division of Northern Samar <i>Dr. Rosemarie Guino</i> OIC-Chief, Curriculum and Learning Management Division Department of Education – Region VIII <i>Mr. Ramon Isberto (TBC)</i> Public Affairs Group Head Smart Communications, Inc.
11:30 – 11:45 AM	OPEN FORUM
11:45AM – 11:55 AM	FINAL MESSAGE <i>Mr. Isy Faingold (TBC)</i> Chief of Education UNICEF Philippines
11:55 AM – 12:00 NN	WRAP-UP
<i>Ms. Lauren Nerisse S. Bautista and Ms. Emmy Anne Yanga-Domingo</i> <i>Summit Facilitators</i>	

PARTICIPANTS

The Multigrade Online Summit is expected to be participated in by Multigrade program stakeholders, including officials from the Department of Education Central Office, regional and division offices; Multigrade supervisors, school heads and teachers; and representatives of UNICEF Philippines, SEAMEO INNOTECH, and Smart Communications.

As the activity will be streamed through the INNOTECH official Facebook page, it is likewise expected that other education stakeholders might access the online Summit.

SUMMIT ACTIVITY TEAM

- Department of Education
 - Mr. James Bunga, Supervising Education Program Specialist, Department of Education – Bureau of Learning Delivery (DepEd-BLD)
 - Ms. Rosalinda Serrano, Senior Education Program Specialist, DepEd-BLD
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 - Mr. Warren Quisada, Senior Education Program Specialist, DepEd-BLD
 - Ms. Joselita Gulapa, Senior Education Program Specialist, DepEd-BLD

- UNICEF
 - Ms. Tess Felipe, Education Specialist, UNICEF
 - Mr. Carl Moog, Education Officer, UNICEF

- SEAMEO INNOTECH
 - Mr. Philip J. Purnell, Manager, Educational Research and Innovation Office (ERIO)
 - Ms. Yolanda C. De Las Alas, Senior Specialist, ERIO-Educational Innovations Unit (ERIO-EIU)
 - Ms. Lauren Nerisse S. Bautista, Specialist, ERIO-EIU
 - Ms. Emmy Anne Yanga-Domingo, ERIO-EIU
 - Ms. Kaylene Fernandez, Project Associate, ERIO-EIU
 - Ms. Susan Cristie Belmonte, Project Consultant, ERIO-EIU
 - Mr. Rolan Mallare, Senior Officer, Systems Management Unit, Quality Systems and Office (QSMO)

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