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 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendent of Northern Samar Division
 All Others Concerned

**CONDUCT OF SURVEY ON STRENGTHENING AND COSTING ON
 FUNCTIONALITY OF CHILD PROTECTION
 COMMITTEES IN SCHOOLS**

1. Attached is a Memorandum from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Field Operations, *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, DEACO, and Child Protection Unit (CPU), dated June 21, 2022, requesting the Schools Division Office of Northern Samar to endorse two public elementary schools and two public secondary schools that have established the Child Protection Committees in the municipality of Mapanas, based on the criteria stipulated on page 3, for the survey and interviews for the research on the functionality of Child Protection Committees (CPC) in Schools.
2. The list of schools to participate in this research should be endorsed to the CPU through email at cpu@deped.gov.ph copy furnished this Region at eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph.
3. The background of the activity, the objectives, and the case study questions are all stipulated in the above-cited Memorandum.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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 Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF SURVEY ON STRENGTHENING AND
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Pursuant to Department of Education (DepEd) Order No. 3, s. 2021, the Child Protection Unit (CPU) is mandated to “serve as the lead office in planning, implementing, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating programs, projects and activities”. Further, in accordance with DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012, “all public and private elementary and secondary schools shall establish a Child Protection Committee (CPC).”

Thus, the CPU is empowered to ensure the functionality of the CPCs in schools by implementing and monitoring programs. As reflected in the CPU’s “Comprehensive Strategic Plan on Child Protection in Schools and Other Learning Environments for 2022-2024”, Outcome 3 of the plan where DepEd has supportive and functional child protection (CP) structures, enabling policies that are standardized, implemented,

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monitored and evaluated in all levels of governance, and adequately resourced. One of the important outputs of the plan is to come up with CPU and CPC structures that are fully functional as measured by indicators which include among others:

- 1) a completed Costing Study;
- 2) Highly satisfactory functionality based on monitoring and evaluation conducted semi-annually;
- 3) 80% of schools with established functional CPCs;
- 4) Functionality of CPU is completely enforced;
- 5) All identified CPU related *plantilla* items for regional, division, and school level are created and/or re-classified.

This activity is a collaborative project, entitled "Strengthening and Costing on Functionality of Child Protection Committees in Schools", of CPU, Social Watch Philippines (SWP), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The following are the specific objectives of the project:

1. Conduct case studies to document and analyze good practices of school CPCs, using as framework the relevant legal and policy mandates, specifically DepEd's child protection policies;
2. Identify relevant indicators for determining the functionality of school CPCs, building on DepEd's existing checklist on the implementation status of its child protection policy;
3. Design and conduct costing implementation plan for strengthening school CPCs; and
4. Support policy development and capacity-building program to ensure the implementation of DepEd's Child Protection Policy, particularly the strengthening of school CPCs.

In conducting the case study and developing the functionality indicators, the project will refer further to existing frameworks and guidelines on child protection in educational settings developed by UNICEF and other international institutions and agencies. It aims to contribute to efforts to strengthen the child protection system in the learning environment.

The DepEd checklist provides a good starting point to build the functionality indicators of the CPCs. This will be discussed further in the inception report.

The project will propose to CPU how to monitor the CPCs at school level and their functionality to generate data or information on cases of violence against children. The evaluation system for the CP program will have to be developed separately and is not covered in this project.

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In view of the foregoing, the CPU, SWP, and UNICEF are requesting the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) of Valenzuela City and Northern Samar to endorse the prospective schools that have established CPCs based on the criteria below and submit the list of endorsed schools to CPU through email at cpu@deped.gov.ph:

1. Elementary and High Schools with high performing and functional CPC based on the existing checklist of status of implementation of the Child Protection Policy.

Schools with long-standing functional CPCs will be prioritized. Schools with top scores, based on the existing "School-Based Child Protection/Anti-Bullying Policy Implementation Checklist", will be selected.

2. Two schools (one elementary and one junior or senior high school) located in separate barangays, with existing but not necessarily high performing CPC.
3. Preferably, separate elementary and secondary schools in different locations.
4. For SDO Valenzuela City, include schools that have implemented the face-to-face program since December 2021.

The case study will address the following questions:

1. Are child's rights safeguarded in schools? Or Are child's right to protection against abuse, exploitation and violence safeguarded in schools?
2. Is there a child protection system operating in the schools? (Does the school have a definition and common understanding of child protection and child protection system?)
3. Are there gaps and challenges in this child protection system?
4. Does the school have a child protection policy? (Has the school adopted the DepEd Child protection policy? Has the policy been localized to suit the context? What has the school done to implement the policy?)

The research will use both quantitative and qualitative methods in responding to the above research questions. There will be a survey of children or learners and their parents using the quota sampling method. Key informant interviews (KII) of School head/Principal, Guidance, Teacher/ CP focal, parents, local government unit (LGU)/ Local Social Welfare Development Office (LSWDO), DepEd Division level CP focal, will also be conducted. In addition, focus group discussions (FGDs) will also be held with the CPCs.

The study will cover eight (8) schools in two (2) local areas: Valenzuela City, and Mapanas Municipality, Northern Samar Province. For each local area, two public elementary schools and two Secondary/High schools (junior to senior high school levels) will be selected for the survey and interviews, including at least a school with face-to-face classes.

We look forward to your positive response regarding our request.

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For your immediate compliance.

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