



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

April 18, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2023- 223

**SHARING OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
INCLUSIVE EYE HEALTH PROGRAM WITH THE
RESOURCES FOR THE BLIND, INC. (RBI)**

To: Director III
Functional Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from Ms. Joy C. Fedelis, Branch Director, RBI, informing the Office of the visit of the RBI Team and its partners on the afternoon of April 20, 2023 and requesting the participation of the CLMD Chief and the Regional Special Education (SPED) Supervisor to discuss accomplishments and updates on the implementation of the Inclusive Eye Health Program in the Region.
2. Details on the items that will be included in the discussion are also found in the letter.
3. Expenses that may be incurred during the conduct of this activity shall be charged to the CLMD Local Funds/MOEE or 2022 SPED Program Support Funds.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III
Regional Director 

Enclosures: As stated
References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

INCLUSIVE EYE HEALTH PROGRAM

OFFICE VISIT

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April 5, 2023

DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV

Regional Director

Department of Education, Region VIII

Government Compound, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Attention to: Dr. Harvie D. Villamor, Chief Education Supervisor, CLMD; Dr. Deanric Endriano, Regional SPED Supervisor

Dear Dr. Fetalvero,

Greetings from Resources for the Blind, Inc.!

Resources for the Blind Inc., (RBI), a non-government organization devoted to removing the obstacle and providing the services, trainings, materials, and equipment needed in order for blind Filipinos to reach the fullest potential in life and ministry that God has for them for 35 years now.

Our office in partnership with the Department of Education has actively collaborated in the summer training program for SPED teachers on Visual Impairment nationwide since 2000 up to 2017 in partnership with CNU-USEP-PNU. In partnership with CBM, provided a Resource room for SPED VI after Typhoon Haiyan in selected schools with SPED program in the region and other areas in Visayas. Also, we provided technical support to the trained SPED teachers, upgrade training, equipment needed in the SPED program and training & development for our students with visual impairment such as computer training, orientation and mobility, leadership training, and other blind skills training appropriate for them. Furthermore, we are in our 5-year Program on Inclusive Eye Health in partnership with the IEH Cluster- Department of Health Region 8, Eye Hear Foundation, Inc. and CBM in 2019-2023. For the current status of the program, we were able to provide low vision intervention to 1,547 students with disabilities in schools of region 8 and nationwide, dispensed 586 spectacles and low vision devices needed for the students to cope up with the daily activities in

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school for near and distance task. In addition, referred 899 persons with permanent blindness needing other services appropriate for them.

In line with this, we, RBI and the rest of the team in the Inclusive Eye Health Cluster, Department of Health Region 8, Eye Hear Foundation, Inc. together with CBM Global Country Director, Mr. Hercules Paradiang, Program Manager Mr. Genaro Sanchez, and the CBM Australia Program Coordinator Mr. Patrick Makenen is glad to visit your good office. The visit is scheduled on April 20, 2023 in the afternoon for your reference. The purpose of the visit is to know possible:

- I. Updates on accomplishments through the collaboration with RBI on inclusive eye health and other programs and services for persons with visual impairment.
  1. Present how RBI collaborates with the DepEd in Region 8.
  2. What are the agreements, mechanisms, or processes already in place?
- II. Impact
  1. What good things came about in terms of policies, programs/ services, and equitable access for children.
  2. What were the significant improvements in the life of the children accessing services through the project? (Can be developed into a story)
- III. Opportunities
  1. What are the significant learnings that we can pursue for further improvement/ refining our programs and services to children in schools that is aligned to the eye health system?
  2. What possible recommendations the DepEd can think of to better serve the children in schools with eye health services.
- IV. Gaps and Challenges
  1. What are the things that are hindering us from fully attaining our objectives that we need to address?

For further inquiries, you may reach us at 0905-285-1679 or email us at [joy\\_f@blind.org.ph/joyfedelis@gmail.com](mailto:joy_f@blind.org.ph/joyfedelis@gmail.com).

Thank you for partnering with us in our endeavor to help children with visual impairment have access to the services that they rightfully deserve.

Sincerely yours,



**JOY C. FEDELIS**

Branch Director/ Head, Low Vision Department

Noted by:



**AMELIA TORRENTE**

Executive Director, RBI