



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

September 26, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2023- 1032

ADDENDUM TO REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1018, S. 2023
RE: PARTICIPATION TO THE GRAND CLOSING CEREMONY
OF THE BETTER LIFE PROJECT

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 (Leyte and Tacloban City Divisions)
 All Others Concerned

1. In addition to the participation of two Alternative Learning System (ALS) teachers and two other ALS learners from Leyte and Tacloban City Divisions, their respective ALS focal persons listed below are also invited to attend, namely:

- (a) DR. MARIE JOY A. ARIAS, ALS Focal Person, Leyte Division; and
- (b) MR. RANULFO I. BAAY, ALS Focal Person, Tacloban City Division.

2. Other details are stipulated in the attached communication from the UNESCO.

3. The provisions of earlier issuances that are consistent with this Memorandum shall remain in force and in effect.

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

for: *mmj*
EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
 Regional Director

Enclosures: None
 References: As Stated
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
ALS BETTER LIFE PROJECT CONFERENCES
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September 22, 2023

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CLMD-2023- **1018**

**PARTICIPATION TO THE GRAND CLOSING CEREMONY
OF THE BETTER LIFE PROJECT**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
(Leyte and Tacloban City Divisions)
Chief, CLMD, DepEd Regional Office VIII
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the official communications from the National Project Officer of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) received by this Office on September 20, 2023, and from the International Cooperation Office (ICO), Department of Education (DepEd), Central Office on September 8, 2023, requesting our participation during the **Grand Closing Ceremony of the Better Life Project** on **October 6-7, 2023** in Manila, the following DepEd Regional Office VIII official and personnel shall be at the designated venue as scheduled, to wit:

- (a) DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV, Regional Director; and
- (b) DR. ALFREDO P. CAFÉ, EPS, Regional ALS Focal Person.

2. In addition, the participation of two Alternative Learning System (ALS) teachers and two other ALS learners from Leyte and Tacloban City Divisions is called for. The concerned Schools Division Superintendents, through their ALS focal persons, shall therefore confirm the attendance of their respective participants to the Regional ALS focal person via email at alfredo.cafe@deped.gov.ph.

3. There is **no registration fee**. The participants' airfare, board and lodging, and incidental expenses during the event will be shouldered by the UNESCO, while land trips and other expenses relative to this activity which are not covered by the organizer shall be charged against the downloaded ALS Program Support Funds at the respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. All other details are stipulated in the above-mentioned communications from the UNESCO and the ICO.

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



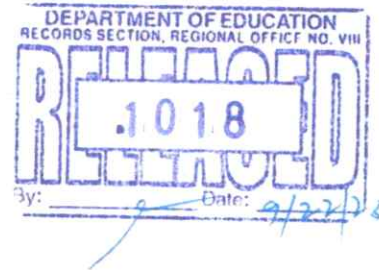
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SIGNED MEMO_ INVITATION TO THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF PROJECT "BETTER LIFE FOR OUT- OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO FIGHT POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES" October 6-7, 2023 MANILA

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Dear Sir Fred,

Here's the reinforcement as to the information to invite ALS teachers and learners from Deped Region VIII.

Looking forward to receive the names of the ALS teachers and learners from Tacloban City and Palo (Leyte) soonest.

Thank you and kind regards,

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Remegio "Redj" A. Alquitran

National Project Officer

Education Unit

UNESCO Jakarta

Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice Project

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Dear Regional Partnership Focal Persons:

We would like to follow up the confirmation of attendance per region for the following participants:

1 Regional Director

1 Regional ALS Focal Person

5 ALS Teachers per region, except Region VIII and NCR

For DepEd Region VIII: 4 ALS teachers and 4 ALS Learners

For NCR: 20 ALS Teachers and 20 ALS Learners

For confirmed participants, please accomplish the travel statement and vendor form and provide your preferred flight details for UNESCO to book your airline tickets for the October 6-7 closing event in Manila. UNESCO will also deposit/transfer your DSA allowance for hotel and food expenses to your bank account stated in the vendor form. In the event that DSA will be credited to your account after the event, we are requesting for each participant to pay first the hotel accommodation.

Thank you so much!

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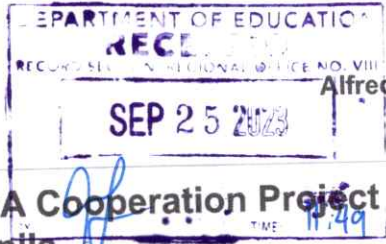
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Invitation to UNESCO-DepEd-KOICA Cooperation Project Ceremony: Grand Project Closure on 6-7 October 2023 in Manila

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This message is sent on behalf of Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa, Director and Representative of UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta

21 September 2023

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This Grand Ceremony is a celebration of achievements and milestones of the project in its implementation and as an activity with high visibility impact for Education sector, specifically in Alternative Learning System (ALS).

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Yours sincerely,

Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa
Director and Representative

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Ms. Marie Joy A. Arias
ALS Focal Person
Leyte Schools Division
Department of Education
Palo, Leyte

21 September 2023

Ref. JAK/ED/L/23/00506

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Tacloban City, Leyte

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Grand Ceremony of UNESCO-DepEd-KOICA Cooperation Project: *Milestones for Out-of-School Girls Education for Poverty and in Justice in the Philippines*

6-7 October 2023 | Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila

CONCEPT NOTE

1. BACKGROUND

UNESCO supports the Philippine Government through the Department of Education (DepEd) in its Alternative Learning System (ALS) Programme with the implementation of the “Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines” Project. The overall goal of the Project is to improve quality of life for girls living in poverty particularly supporting out-of-school girls registered in ALS or non-formal education for their further education opportunities and/or future job chances. The project is envisioned to contribute to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the Philippines, particularly SDG4, with the generous financial assistance of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The 2023 is the expected completion of the project by the end of December 2023. Under the project workplan, a final meeting and ceremony will be held with the stakeholders of the project dubbed as the Grand Project Ceremony to be organized to celebrate achievements and milestones of the project in its implementation and as an activity with high visibility impact for Education sector, specifically in the area of ALS.

The activity shall be organized for two days to be held on 6-7 October 2023 in the National Capital Region Manila, the Philippines.

2. OBJECTIVES

The Grand Project Meeting and Ceremony will gather together representatives from the three (3) project stakeholders such as UNESCO, DepEd and KOICA including relevant stakeholders of the project and the public at large to celebrate the successes and achievements of the project during its implementation until project completion.

Specifically, the activity aims to:

1. Undertake the final meeting for the project and report its progress and achievements until completion of its activities including key lessons learned from its implementation.
2. Showcase the results and achievements of the project through an exhibition for high level visibility and impact and public awareness.
3. Gather experts for a discussion on relevant topics and issues highlighting the Alternative Learning System (ALS) programme in the Philippines and the way forward for ALS programme through a “Talk Show” session.
4. Gather selected ALS teachers and learners to share experiences on the impact of ALS programme to their respective lives showcasing the programmes’ contribution to better their lives as ALS teachers and learners through a “Talk Show” session.

3. DATE AND VENUE

Date: 6-7 October 2023 | 09:00 – 16:00

Venue: Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila

4. PARTICIPANTS

- ALS Teachers and Learners
- Regional Directors and Regional ALS Focal Points from 17 regions
- Department of Education Central Office
- Republic of Korea (RoK): Embassy of RoK in the Philippines and KOICA
- UN Agencies Representatives and International Development Partners
- National Commissions for UNESCO (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste)
- Philippine Government Agencies
- Education Institutions and Universities
- Private Companies

5. PROGRAMME AGENDA (PROVISIONAL)

Time	Agenda	Responsible
Day 1: Friday, 6 October 2023 Celebration of Project's Milestones and Achievements		
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants and registration	
Opening Session		
09:00 – 09:30	National Anthem	
	Opening Prayer	DepEd Staff
	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director and Representative, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta
	Remarks	H. E. Lee Sang-hwa , Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines
	Remarks	Mr. Gustavo González , United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Philippines
	Remarks	Dr. Ivan Anthony Henares , Secretary General, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines
	Opening Remarks	H.E. Sara Z. Duterte , Vice President and Secretary of the Department of Education
Group Photo		
Session 1 – Project Brief		
09:30 – 09:35	Video Presentation of the Project Highlights	
09:35 – 09:45	Presentations on Overall Activities and Achievements of the Project	Dr. Mee Young Choi , Head of Education Unit, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta
09:45 – 10:00	ALS Teacher and Learner's Stories	ALS Learners (3 ALS Learners from DepEd R8)
10:00 – 10:10	Art Performance	
Session 2 – ALS and Futures of Education		

10:10 – 10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Girls Education Centre (GEC) and its future program and activities ALS Curriculum: Implementation and Focus and Strengthening the Capacity of ALS Teachers Out-of-School Girls Education and Life Skills (up skilling and re-skilling) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Evelyn R. Fetalvero, CESO IV Regional Director, Department of Education Regional Office VIII Dr. Lynn Padillo, Director III Bureau of Alternative Education, Department of Education TESDA c/o Pak Zakki
Session 3 – Opening of Exhibition		
10:40 – 10:50	Cutting of the Ribbon for Opening of the Exhibition	
10:50 – 11:30	Exhibition Visit	
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch	
Session 4 – Experts' Talk show		
13:00 – 14:30	Quality Inclusive ALS in the Philippines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Education Expert/Women Leader World Bank Parliamentary Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippine Normal University c/o ICO TBC (Contact UN Women) c/o Nikka TBC c/o Nikka Sen. Emmanuel Joel Jose Villanueva c/o Redj for confirmation
14:30 – 16:00	Closing and Exhibition Viewing	
Day 2: Saturday, 7 October 2023		
Learning Event: Project's Contributions to a Sustainable Future		
Opening Session		
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Remarks	Dr. Mee Young Choi , Head of Education Unit, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta
09:10 – 09:20	Video Presentation	
Session 1 – Talk Show: The Champion Story from ALS Graduates		
09:20 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture and Arts Development Media and Communication Start-up and Enterprises Environment and Youth Empowerment 	ALS Learners/ALS Graduates
10:20 – 10:35	Game/Quiz Session	
Session 2 – Talk Show: Private Sectors' Support for ALS Graduates		
10:35 – 11:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Trainings to Enhance ALS Graduates' Competencies Job Opportunities for ALS Graduates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) TBC, Private Companies (2)
11:35 – 11:50	Game/Quiz Session	
11:50 – 12:00	Closing Remarks	Ms. G. H. S. Ambat , Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching- Education Assessment and Alternative Learning System, DepEd Dr. Mee Young Choi , Head of Education Unit, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 16:00	Exhibition Viewing	

Talk Show Host: c/o DepEd Central Office or DepEd Region VIII

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