



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

October 8, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1223** s. 2024

REQUEST FOR LEARNER PARTICIPANTS FOR EVALUATION OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAM ON STOPPING CYBERCRIME AGAINST CHILDREN

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum LRPO 2024-09-158 dated September 16, 2024 from Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina, Officer-in-Charge, Director IV of the Bureau of Learner Support Services and Learner Rights and Protection Office, on the Request for Learner Participants for Evaluation of the Global Program on Stopping Cybercrime Against Children among learners ages 13-17 years old who have participated in the Classroom-based Session Combatting Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC-CSAEM) during the Safer Internet Day Celebration in February 2024.

2. Pursuant to the aforementioned Memorandum, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division - Special Programs and Projects Section (ESSD-SPPS), identified the number of requested learner representatives per Schools Division Office. The Schools Division Offices, in turn, should specifically select the learners corresponding to the number of participants identified:

Schools Division Office	Number of Pax	Schools Division Office	Number of Pax
Baybay City	1	Maasin City	1
Biliran	1	Northern Samar	3
Borongan City	1	Ormoc City	2
Calbayog City	2	Samar	3
Catbalogan City	1	Southern Leyte	2
Eastern Samar	3	Tacloban City	2
Leyte	3	TOTAL	25

3. The identified participants are requested to fill in this survey questionnaire on or before October 16, 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/GPSCAC>.

4. The Schools Division Superintendents, through their Division Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons, shall facilitate the participation of the learner representatives and the accomplishment of the consent forms attached in this memorandum.



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5. Strict and immediate compliance to this Memorandum is desired.


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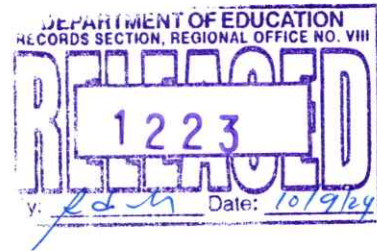
Enclosures: None

References: As stated

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

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LEARNER REPRESENTATIVES
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LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

LRPO 2024-09-158

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FROM : 
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Bureau of Learner Support Services and
Learner Rights and Protection Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR LEARNER PARTICIPANTS FOR EVALUATION
OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAM ON STOPPING CYBERCRIME
AGAINST CHILDREN**

DATE : September 16, 2024

This is to respectfully endorse the attached request from DevSuits Development Pursuits in partnership with the Stairway Foundation Inc., (SFI) relative to the evaluation of their Global Program on Stopping Cybercrime Against Children.

As a background, the Global Program on Stopping Cybercrime Against Children aims to:

- Ensure the safety of our children and adolescents from online violence
- Capacitate our personnel and strengthening their knowledge in handling child online protection and legal frameworks
- Empower our learners to protect themselves from sexual violence on the internet

- Develop evidence-based e-learning approach to strengthen interventions on child protection.

Relatedly, may we request learner representatives ages 13-17 years old who have participated in our Classroom-based Session (Combatting Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC-CSAEM) conducted last February of this year, in time for the Safer Internet Day Celebration.

Region	Requested Number of Participants
CALABARZON	25
MIMAROPA	25
Region VI	25
Region VIII	25
Region X	25
Region XI	25
TOTAL	150

The identified participants are advised to fill in the survey questionnaire, attached to the google form in the link below:

<https://forms.gle/41Kv8jFdxpWsDamEA>

The DepEd reminds strict observance and compliance of confidentiality and privacy requirement under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10173, or the *Data Privacy Act of 2012*.

Further, in compliance with DepEd Office Memorandum No. OUOPS-2024-05-03942 or the *Guidance on Posting Learners' Images or Data on Social Media*, we have enclosed the Evaluation Briefer and consent forms for our learners and their parents.

For details, inquiries, and clarification, you may reach the Learner Rights and Protection Office at lrpo@deped.gov.ph (copy furnished: maann.escobedo@deped.gov.ph) or contact 8638-1782.

For the Regional Directors' favorable action.

Thank you very much.

Copy furnished:

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EVALUATION BRIEFER

 **devsuits**
DEVELOPMENTAL PURSUITS 

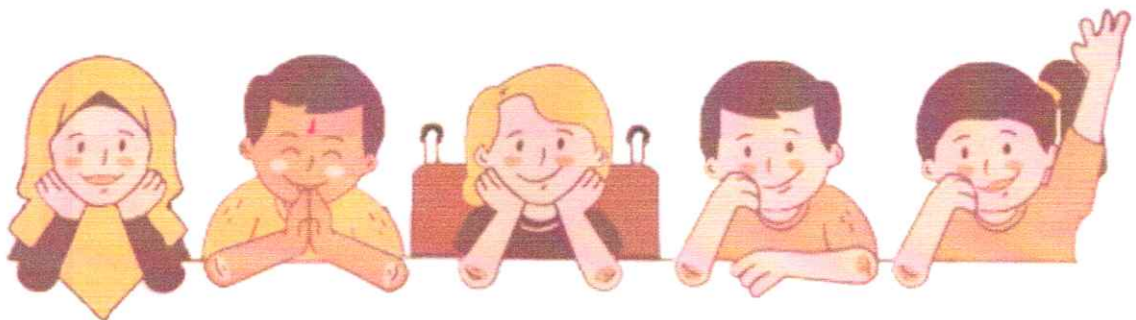


HELLO!

**HOPE ALL IS
WELL**



Please allow us to share the background, **the whys** and **the hows** of the evaluation study.



first, we **thank you** for your interest in participating in this study.



THE WHYS?

Kindernothilfe (KNH),

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An international nongovernment agency, it has been a partner of VOC, PKPA, and SFI in implementing Stopping Cybercrime against Children: More Safety and Protection on the Internet since 2021.

KNH has contracted Devsuits,



a development consultancy firm based in Kathmandu, Nepal, to assess the Program's performance.

The study aims to **assess the program's overall performance**, focusing on the outcomes or impact of the program/country-level interventions.

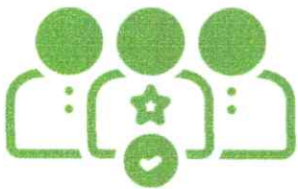
This study is part of good practice to improve the implementation in your country for Phase 2, which we hope to start by 2025.





NOW WHAT?

As a study participant, you were nominated by the partner NGOs in your country (from VOC, PKPA, or SFI).



You were nominated as a study participant because you have attended and participated in training provided by the NGOs mentioned.



Your participation in this review is entirely **voluntary**.



Remember, being in the study is up to you, and no one will be upset if you don't want to be in the research or if you decide to stop after we begin the conversations – that's okay.



You will be provided information about the project and why you were selected.

Your safeguarding officers will be present during and after the conversations.



Again, you **may decide to stop the conversations at any time during the interviews or survey; that's okay**; no one will be upset.



You will be asked questions about your project engagement and participation. We will record the conversation to ensure we capture what you say accurately. We will also record your attendance and may ask you to take your photograph for use in the evaluation report. But if you do not like to be recorded, that's also okay—no one will get upset.



You may use aliases or decide not to take your photos – that's also okay.



We will ensure safety and minimize risk during the whole conversations.



The first thing before the interview – an **Assent** form must be explained to you, and your parents or guardian should provide **consent** for your participation.





THAT'S ALL!



Please do connect with the following
for any questions:

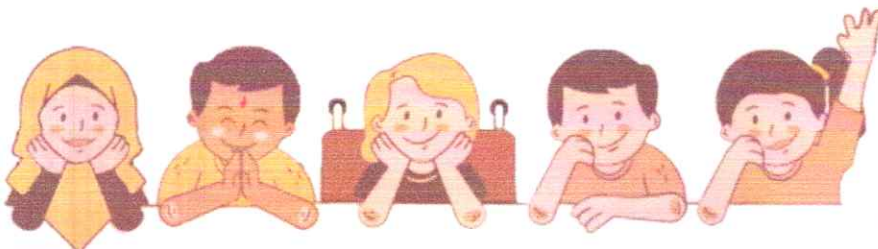
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see
you

Annex 4: Project Information and Informed Consent Form for Children and Youth Informants

Age Group: 15 to 17 years old

Stopping Cybercrime Against Children: More Safety and Protection in the Internet

This form is for both Survey Participants and Focus Group Discussions

'Stopping Cybercrime against Children: More Safety and Protection on the Internet' is a four-year project (2021-2025), co-financed by Kindernothilfe (KNH) and the Federal Ministry for Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project envisions that the protection of children and adolescents from cybercrime and their participation in Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines are improved by functioning national child protection structures with qualified and responsible child protection actors as well as by civil society cooperation at regional and global level.

Voluntary participation

Your participation in this review is entirely **voluntary**. Please read the information below (or it will be read to you). Please ask questions about anything you do not understand, before deciding whether to participate. You are being asked to participate in this study because you have been involved in the implementation of the project 'Stopping Cybercrime Against Children: More Safety and Protection in the Internet' or because you have received services under this project.

Remember, being in the study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don't want to be in the study or if you decide to stop after we begin, that's okay.

Purpose of the review

The purpose of this evaluation is to understand the effectiveness of the program, its successes, challenges and any lessons learned which could be useful for other projects, either here or in other countries.

Procedure

You will be asked some questions about your engagement and participation of the project. We will record the conversation to ensure we capture what you say accurately. We will also record your attendance and may ask to take your photograph for use in the evaluation report.

You may use aliases, or you may decide not to take your photos – that's also okay

Potential risks and discomforts

We will ensure safety and minimise risk

We do not expect that there will be any other risks, discomforts, or inconveniences. However, if you feel uncomfortable and do not want to continue, you can choose to withdraw your participation anytime during the conversations.

You may approach the Safeguarding officers, any time before, during or after the conversations.

Potential benefits to participants and/or to society

You will benefit directly from participation in this evaluation, the study should help implementers (duty bearers) learn how to improve services which may or may not include those available to you.

Payment for participation

You will not receive any payment or other compensation for participation in this study. There is also no cost to you for participation.

Confidentiality

Any information that can be identified with you will remain confidential. It will only be shared with your permission or as required by law. We will not use your name in any of the reports we produce from this study. All data will be kept in a secure location and only those directly involved with the study will have access to them.

The above principles will be upheld, except when information identifies that someone is in danger. In this case, the concern will be reported to rose.oximas@kindernothilfe.com.

Participation and withdrawal

- You can choose whether to be a part of this review. It will not affect any services you receive.
- If you are happy to participate in this study, you can withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. There is no penalty if you withdraw from the study. You will not lose any benefits.
- You can refuse to answer any questions you do not want to answer.
- You can refuse to have the conversation recorded or for photographs to be taken.

Key contacts

If you have any questions about this evaluation, you can contact:

Yagya Bikram Shahi, Lead Consultant, Devsuits, ybshahi@gmail.com

Representatives of this study commit to respect and fair treatment of all participants and partners. To report any improper conduct, you can email the following Safeguarding officers:

Rose Oximas, Regional Program Coordinator at rose.oximas@kindernothilfe.com,

Fandy Zulmi, Safeguarding Officer for Indonesia at fundzulmi88@gmail.com,

Govinda Koirala, Safeguarding Officer for Nepal, govinda@voiceofchildren.org.np

Vivian D. Escoton, Safeguarding Officer for Philippines at vivian@stairway.ngo

The Evaluation Team will ask you to sign this form:

I understand the procedures described. I have received satisfactory answers to my questions, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

PARENTAL and GUARDIAN CONSENT

I understand the procedures described. I have received satisfactory answers to my questions, including the questions of my daughter, son, niece, nephew (Others specify _____) and I am given my consent for his/her/their participation in this study. I have been given a copy of this form

Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

WITNESS

I understand the procedures described, I have explained well to the respondent and to the guardian / parents, and I confirm the procedures have been explained and understood by the respondents and the guardian / parents.

I further confirm that I have provided the necessary information and support to prepare the respondent with the data collection.

(VOC / PKPA / SFI Staff) Full Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____



Stairway Foundation Consent Form (for 18 and above)

Title of Evaluation: GP Evaluation

Purpose of the Evaluation:

Stairway Foundation via the Kindernoithilfe, is conducting an evaluation to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the Global program – Philippine country module. The findings will help us improve our services and support for children and families.

What You Will Be Asked to Do:

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to participate in the evaluation activity either via survey or focus group discussion. Participation is entirely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without any consequences.

Confidentiality:

Your privacy is of utmost importance to us. All information collected during the evaluation will be kept confidential. Only authorized personnel will have access to the data, which will be stored securely. Results will be reported in a way that does not identify any individual.

Risks and Benefits:

There are minimal risks involved in participating in this evaluation. You may experience some discomfort when discussing sensitive topics. The evaluator will inform you on what to do if you encounter any discomfort. However, your participation will help improve programs and services for children and families.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns about this evaluation, please contact vivian@stairway.ngo, the Philippines Global Program Coordinator.

Consent Statement:

I have read and understood the information provided above. I voluntarily agree to participate in this evaluation and understand that I can withdraw at any time without any consequences.

- **Participant's Name:**
- **Signature:**
- **Date:**

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Stairway Foundation Assent Form (For Children)

Title of Evaluation: GP Evaluation

Purpose:

Hello! We are conducting a project to learn more about the effectiveness of the implementation of the Global Program – Philippine project. This will help us make things better for you and other children.

What Will Happen:

If you want to join, you will be asked to either participate in a short survey, or focus group discussion. You can choose to stop at any time if you don't want to continue.

Privacy:

Your answers will be kept private. We will not tell anyone else what you say. Only the people who work on this project will see your answers.

Your Rights:

- You don't have to join if you don't want to.
- You can stop at any time.
- You can ask any questions you have.
- To tell the evaluator or any trusted adult if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe at any time during the evaluation process.

Why Join?:

By joining, you can help us understand how to make things better for you and other kids.

Questions?

If you have any questions, you can ask at Vivian via vivian@stairway.ngo or send us a message via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StairwayFoundation>

Assent Statement:

I have read and understood what this project is about. I want to take part in this evaluation, and I know I can stop at any time.

- **Child's Name:**
- **Signature:**
- **Date:**

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