



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

October 31, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2024- 1400

**PARTICIPATION TO THE FINAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE
(PSC) MEETING OF THE BETTER LIFE PROJECT**

To: OIC-Chief, CLMD, DepEd Regional Office VIII
All Others Concerned

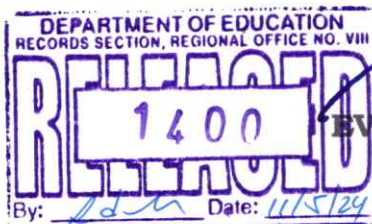
1. In reference to the official communication dated October 28, 2024, from the Director and Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), through the National Project Officer, requesting this Region's participation during the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the Better Life Project on December 3, 2024 at the Seda BGC Hotel, Taguig City, Manila, the following DepEd Region VIII official and personnel shall be at the designated venue as scheduled:

- a. DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III, Regional Director;
- b. DR. GERTRUDES C. MABUTIN, OIC-Chief, CLMD; and
- c. DR. ALFREDO P. CAFÉ, EPS, Regional ALS Focal Person.

2. There is **no registration fee**. The participants' airfare, board, and lodging expenses during the event shall be charged against the UNESCO, while the other expenses relative to this activity, which are not covered by the organizer, shall be charged against the downloaded Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program Support Funds at the Regional Office subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

3. All other details are stipulated in the aforementioned communication from the UNESCO.

4. 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:

ALS CONFERENCES GIRLS EDUCATION

CLMD-APC

CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

FINAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

"Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines"

Tuesday, 3 December 2024 | 10:00AM – 13:30PM

Seda BGC Hotel, Metro Manila, Philippines

BACKGROUND

UNESCO, in collaboration with the Department of Education of the Philippines (DepEd), is actively engaged in supporting the implementation of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Programme through the Project "Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines". The aim of the Project is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life for girls living in poverty, especially out-of-school girls registered in the National ALS Programme, for their continuity of learning and future job opportunities. The project is implemented since 2017 with the financial support from the Government of Republic of Korea through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

As part of the Project Workplan in completing the remaining activities of the project this year 2024, a final Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting shall be convened on 3 December 2024 in Manila. The meeting will be participated by the Co-chairs of the Project Steering Committee consisting of representatives from UNESCO, DepEd, and KOICA to report the progress of the remaining activities and overall achievements of the project and wrap up the project.

OBJECTIVES

- Report on the follow-ups from the last PSC Meeting of 14 June 2024.
- Update on the Project Progress from 15 June 2024 – 3 December 2024 including implementation of the remaining project activities.
- Present the overall achievements and milestones of the project (cumulative achievements).
- Closing remarks from the Co-Chairs of the Project Steering Committee/celebratory messages.

DATE & VENUE

- Date and time: Tuesday, 3 December 2024 | 10:00AM – 13:30PM
- Venue: Seda BGC Hotel, Metro Manila, Philippines

PARTICIPANTS

- 1) Co-chairs of the Project Steering Committee:
 - Kim Eunsub, Country Director, KOICA Philippines Office
 - Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa, Director, UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office Jakarta.
 - Janir T. Datukan, Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
- 2) Officials from DepEd Central Office, DepEd-R8, KOICA Philippines Office, and Project Team of UNESCO Regional Office in Jakarta.

MEETING AGENDA

Time	Agenda	
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival and Registration	
Session 1: Opening and Remarks		
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome remarks	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director and Representative, UNESCO
	Key remarks	Kim Eunsub , Country Director, KOICA Philippines Office
	Opening remarks	Janir T. Datukan , Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
	Group Photo	
Session 2: Last Meeting Minutes' Checks and Follow-Ups		
10:30 – 11:15	Check and Follow-up of Last PSC Meeting Minutes	Santosh Khatri , Chief of Education Unit, UNESCO
	Q&A	
	Coffee Break	
Session 3: Presentation: Updates on Project Progress of Remaining Activities and Summary/Overall Achievements of the Project		
11:15 – 12:00	Progress Report and Overall Achievements	Remegio A. Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
	Q&A /Discussion	
Session 4: Closing and Celebratory Messages		
12:00 – 12:15	Closing remarks	Janir T. Datukan , Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education, Department of Education
	Closing remarks	Kim Eunsub , Country Director, KOICA Philippine Office
	Closing remarks	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director, UNESCO
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch	

MC: **Nikka Mae Loreto**, National Project Coordinator, UNESCO

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

No.	Name	Position
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES		
1	Janir T. Datukan	Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching for Education Assessment and Alternative Education
2	Georgina Ann H. Yang	Assistant Secretary for International Cooperation Office
3	Marilette Almayda	Director, Bureau of Alternative Education
4	Lynn Padillo	Director, Alternative Learning System (ALS)
5	Susana Santiago	Director, Project Management Service-OD
6	Evelyn Fetalvero	Regional Director, DepEd Region VIII
7	Gertrudes Mabutin	OIC-Chief, CLMD, DepEd Region VIII
8	Alfredo Cafe	Regional ALS Focal Person, CLMD, DepEd Region VIII
9	Erwin Yumping	Project Development Officer V, PMD
10	Davedinah Cometa	Project Development Officer, EPPS/ICO
11	Jeremay Cervancia	Project Management Service-PMD
12	Lance Pastores	Project Management Service -PMD
13	Andrew A. Villarba	Chief Education Programme Specialist, BAE
14	Kristine Lee S. Lumanog	Education Programme Specialist, BAE
KOICA COUNTRY OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES		
15	KIM Eunsub	Country Director
16	LEE Ahrum	Assistant Country Director
17	MIN Soyeong	Program Manager
18	Andrea Conopio	Programme Officer
UNESCO OFFICE, JAKARTA		
19	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa	Director and Representative
20	Santosh Khatri	Chief of Education Unit
21	Remegio A. Alquitran	National Project Officer
22	Nikka Mae Loreto	National Project Coordinator
23	Ade Ayu Kurnia	Project Assistant

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