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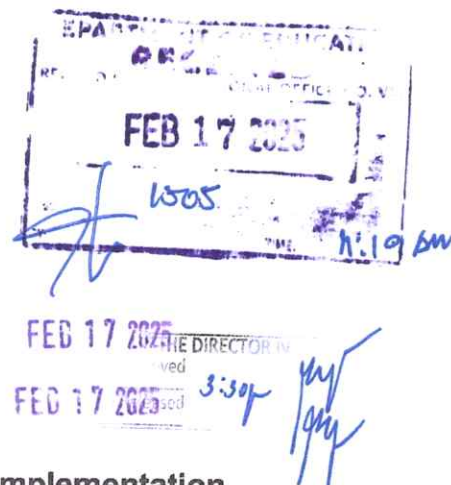
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Subject: Request for Data to Support i-STEP UP Implementation

Dear Dr. Fetalvero,

The Science Education Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-SEI) sincerely appreciates your office's steadfast collaboration in supporting our projects and initiatives in your region. Your continued partnership has been instrumental in advancing STEM education and empowering both educators and learners.

We are once again seeking your commitment in implementing a new research initiative—the **Inclusive Science and Technology Education Program for Uplifting the Performance of Filipino Learners (i-STEP UP)**. This program aims to address persistent gaps in STEM education in the Philippines, as reflected in international assessments such as PISA and TIMSS. To launch this initiative, DOST-SEI is conducting a **baseline study and needs assessment** in Region VIII to gather essential data on teacher competencies, student engagement, available STEM resources, and stakeholder collaboration. The insights from this study will guide targeted interventions, optimize resource allocation, and serve as a foundation for scaling up i-STEP UP nationwide.

To effectively implement the project, we kindly request the following data from sixteen (16) high schools in your region listed in the attached sheet, identified as underserved by our DOST-SEI Science and Technology scholarship programs:

- **School Information:** Address, curriculum/strand offered (e.g., science-oriented, regular public, etc.)
- **School Head Details:** Name, email address, and contact number
- **Science and Mathematics Teachers (Grades 7–12):** Number and summarized demographic profile (sex, age, degree & major, educational attainment, number of years in service, subjects taught)
- **Students (Grades 7–12):** Number and summarized demographic profile (sex, age, track)



- **Available STEM Resources:** ICT tools, science laboratories, 21st-century learning environments
- **Ongoing or Regular STEM Activities:** Implemented programs or initiatives in each school (e.g., training on new strategies in teaching mathematics and science)

Rest assured that all information provided will be handled with the highest level of confidentiality and used exclusively for its intended purpose.

Our SEI staff, **Ms. Mary Angelica (Lycka) Palomo**, will coordinate with your office regarding this request. Should you have any questions or require further clarifications, please feel free to contact her at **0977-258-7615** or via email at **seid.trainingunit@gmail.com**.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering quality STEM education. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Very truly yours,

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Director IV, DOST-SEI

Table 1. List of Identified Schools in Eastern Visayas for the Needs Assessment and Baseline Study

| School name | Province | Municipality |
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| DOLORES NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | DOLORES |
| PEDRO E. CANDIDO MNHS | EASTERN SAMAR | HERNANI |
| GUIUAN NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | GUIUAN |
| TAFT NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | TAFT |
| ARTECHE NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | ARTECHE |
| STA. FE NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | BORONGAN CITY |
| SAMAR NATIONAL SCH. | WESTERN SAMAR | CATBALOGAN CITY |
| GIPORLOS NTS | EASTERN SAMAR | GIPORLOS |
| ABUYOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL | LEYTE | ABUYOG |
| ALLEN NHS | NORTHERN SAMAR | ALLEN |
| MERCEDES HS | EASTERN SAMAR | MERCEDES |
| BASEY NHS | WESTERN SAMAR | BASEY |
| CATARMAN NHS | NORTHERN SAMAR | CATARMAN |
| BURAUEN CNHS | LEYTE | BURAUEN |
| SULAT NHS | EASTERN SAMAR | SULAT |
| PINTUYAN NVHS | SOUTHERN LEYTE | PINTUYAN |