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

October 21, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2025 1381

**DOWNLOADING OF FUNDS TO SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE
OF CATBALOGAN CITY FOR THE ARAL PROGRAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendent Division of Catbalogan City

All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division and the Finance Division, shall download funds amounting to **Three Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php 3,240,000.00)** under Sub-ARO No. OSEC-8-25-05036, to Catbalogan City Division to cover expenses related to the implementation of the ARAL Program, as detailed in the attached letter request from the said division.
2. Further, the SDO is requested to facilitate procurement as soon as possible and to ascertain full utilization of the whole amount within December 2025.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



ONELO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosure: None

Reference: Sub-ARO No. OSEC-8-25-05036

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

ARAL PROGRAM
FUNDS

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Central Office

SUB-ALLOTMENT RELEASE ORDER

Fiscal Year 2025

PROGRAM/PROJECT/ACTIVITY NO./DESCRIPTION: PPA101 100000100001000 - Continuing Appropriations General Management and Supervision - Central Office		REFERENCE: FY 2024 GAAAO dated 01/02/2024	SUB-ALLOTMENT RELEASE ORDER NO. OSEC-8-25-05036
FUND CODE: 01102101		LEGAL BASIS: FY 2024 GAA R.A. No. 11975 (Continuing Appropriations)	DATE: 07-Oct-25
ORGANIZATION CODE: 070010100000		FISCAL YEAR: FY 2025	
PURPOSE: <i>To transfer additional funds for the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program.</i>			
To: The Regional Director Regional Office - VIII Candahug, Palo, Leyte 070010300008			Region : 8
PARTICULARS		ALLOTMENT CLASS/ ACCOUNT CODE	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED
Subsidy to Operating Units		MOOE 5021408000	58,359,257.00
AMOUNT IN WORDS: *** Fifty Eight Million Three Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Pesos Only ***			Total: <u>58,359,257.00</u>
NOTE: The MOOE or CO allotment herein sub-allotted are valid for obligation until December 31, 2025.			

The above sub-allotments have been made available for expenditures of the Region/ Division/ School. It is your primary responsibility to keep expenditures within the limits of the amount sub-allotted. Pursuant to Section 41, Book VI of Executive Order No. 292, the incurrence of overdrafts is prohibited. Parties responsible for the incurrence of overdrafts shall be held personally liable therefor. It is understood that the allotments herein authorized shall be used solely for the purposes indicated and disbursements therefrom shall be made in accordance with existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Certification of Availability of Allotment:

CHOUTA F. TIONG
Chief Administrative Officer
Budget Division

Approval for Transfer/Downloading of Funds:

ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY
Assistant Secretary for Finance
OIC, Office of the Undersecretary for Finance



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CATBALOGAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

October 15, 2025

RONELO AL K. FIRMO, PhD, CESO IV
Regional Director
DepEd, Regional Office No. 8
Candahug, Palo, Leyte

SIR:

Warmest greetings!

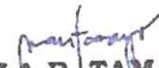
In line with the Department of Education's commitment to Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program, our Division has already started implementing interventions to address learning gaps and ensure accessible, quality materials for our 4,822 ARAL learners. However, our schools are currently facing a critical challenge in producing sufficient printed ARAL guides, activity sheets, worksheets and other supplementary materials due to limited number of functional printers in our schools.

To resolve this, we propose the procurement of 216 printers at a ratio of 1 printer for every 2 ARAL Tutors. This allocation will enable efficient material production while adhering to cost-effective resource management. Based on current market prices, the estimated total cost for this procurement is **Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php15,000.00) per printer is Three Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos only (Php3,240,000.00).**

In this regard, we respectfully request DepEd Regional Office 8 to download funds for this purpose. With this, we also commit to the exclusive use of the funds for the procurement of 216 printers and our utmost diligence in maximizing these resources to achieve the objectives of the ARAL Program and uphold the rights of learners to accessible education.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Respectfully,


CARMELA R. TAMAYO EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 4, 2025

ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY

Assistant Secretary and OIC-Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Finance

Dear Usec. Sy,

Greetings!

In line with the implementation of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program for School Year 2025–2026, the ARAL Technical Working Group (TWG) and Secretariat respectfully request the allocation of additional funds to support the effective rollout of the program.

Based on the Beginning of School Year (BOSY) Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA) and Phil-IRI results for SY 2025–2026, the ARAL Program targets a total of 6,710,284 Grades 1 to 10 learners, and to ensure the effective delivery of the program, DepEd will engage 447,352 tutors, maintaining a 1:15 tutor-to-learner ratio in 45,084 public elementary and secondary schools nationwide.

While initial funding has been allocated through the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Funds, the resources are insufficient to sustain the program at the intended scale. The request is further justified by the 2025–2026 BOSY results vis-à-vis 2024–2025 BOSY results, which served as the basis for the initial budget estimates.

Based on the current BOSY results, additional funds are requested for Regions II, III, and VIII to cover essential program components, such as learning resources, tutor resources, orientation of school heads, regional training of trainers, training of tutors, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E). The breakdown is as follows:

Region	Additional ARAL Program Fund
Region II	53,573,690.00
Region III	29,000,000.00 ✓
Region VIII	58,359,257.00 ✓
TOTAL	140,932,947.00

This additional funding is crucial to ensure that learners meet grade-level standards and to strengthen the quality of education delivery nationwide.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,


GRACIELA E. MENDOZA

Chair, ARAL Program Secretariat ✓



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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

OUF-2025- 551

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TO : **GRACIELA E. MENDOZA**
Director IV
External Partnership Service
Chair, ARAL Program Secretariat

FROM : **ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY**
Assistant Secretary
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Finance

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION ON THE UTILIZATION OF
ADDITIONAL ARAL PROGRAM FUNDS**

DATE : **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

This refers to your letter dated September 4, 2025, requesting the allocation of additional funds to support the effective rollout of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program for School Year 2025–2026 to DepEd-Regional Offices II, III, and VIII in the total amount of **One Hundred Forty Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven Pesos (P140,932,947.00)**.

It is noted that previous related requests for the ARAL Program were already funded from P/A/Ps such as Textbooks and Instructional Materials (TBIMs) and Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) funds. Given the insufficiency of the resources to sustain the program, as stated in the letter request, the additional fund allocation may be proposed to be charged against the **FY 2024 General Management Support – Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (GMS-MOOE)**. However, to facilitate processing, this Office requires the ARAL Program Secretariat to submit a **certification or written commitment** ensuring that all funds from the FY 2024 Continuing Appropriations, including the requested amount, will be fully utilized on or before December 31, 2025.

For emphasis, such utilization shall be strictly subject to existing government budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.

Please be guided accordingly.




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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

CO-EPS No.: 07-47, s. 2025

FOR : **ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY**
Assistant Secretary
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Finance

FROM : 
GRACIELA E. MENDOZA
Director IV
Chair, ARAL Program Secretariat

SUBJECT : **CERTIFICATION ON THE FULL UTILIZATION OF ADDITIONAL
ARAL PROGRAM FUNDS by END 2025**

DATE : September 24, 2025

In line with the implementation of the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program for School Year 2025-2026, the ARAL TWG and Secretariat respectfully submit the commitment letters from Regions II, III, and VIII relative to the requested additional ARAL funds amounting to **One Hundred Forty Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven Pesos (P140,932,947.00)**, that will be charged against the FY 2024 General Management Support - Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (GMS-MOOE).

These commitment letters certify that the additional funds shall be **fully utilized on or before December 31, 2025**, and that the utilization shall be carried out strictly in accordance with, and in full compliance with, existing government budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.

The submission of these documents affirms the commitment of the ARAL TWG and Secretariat, as well as Regions II, III, and VIII, to ensure that the requested resources will directly support the effective implementation of the ARAL Program and the attainment of its objectives.

Thank you and we hope for your approval and processing of the regions' requests.



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

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OASF-2025-609

FOR : WILFREDO E. CABRAL
Undersecretary for Human Resource
and Organizational Development

FROM : ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Undersecretary for Finance

**SUBJECT : ENDORSEMENT OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
THE ACADEMIC RECOVERY AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING
(ARAL) PROGRAM**

DATE : September 30, 2025

(BCN-3588)
Ac. P25- CO-6 ARAL- 3875
100,000,000/1000-140,932,947.50
ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE (Cont.)

CHOLITA F. TIONG
Chief Administrative Officer
Budget Division

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This pertains to the attached letter requests from the Offices of the following Regional Directors:

- **Mr. Benjamin D. Paragas, PhD, CESO III** – Regional Director – Region II (Cagayan Valley)
- **Mr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo, CESO IV** – Assistant Regional Director, OIC – Regional Director, Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)
- **Mr. Ronnie S. Mallari, PhD, CESO V** – Regional Director, Region III (Central Luzon)

The requests have been duly endorsed by **Ms. Graciela E. Mendoza**, Director IV of the External Partnerships Service and Chair of the ARAL Program Secretariat, through **Memorandum No. CO-EPS-09-417, s. 2025**, which refers to the issuance of the certification confirming that they can fully utilize together with the additional funding for the ARAL Program all throughout the year 2025.

The aforementioned Regional Directors are requesting an additional funding allocation amounting to **One Hundred Forty Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven and 50/100 Pesos (P140,932,947.50)**. The requested amount is intended to cover the expenses related to the conduct of trainings under the **Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program**. Below is the summary of the requested amount per region:



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Region	Particular	Requested Amount	
Region II	For the essential programs and training activities for the teachers and tutors for the Academic recovery and Accessible - Learning (ARAL) Program. (For Training and Workshop only)	P53,573,690.50	SP34
Region III		P 29,000,000.00	SP35
Region VIII		P 58,359,257.00	SP36
TOTAL:		P 140,932,947.50	

In this regard, we respectfully seek your evaluation, recommendation, and final approval concerning the requested funding allocation and its proposed utilization as this matter falls within your jurisdiction.

Please be further informed that this request is extremely urgent and should be given high priority. The certification has already been approved, allowing the respective regions to utilize the funds; otherwise, the allocation may lapse and go unused. This memorandum is respectfully submitted for your appropriate action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.