



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

January 27, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

CLMD-2026-107

**COORDINATION AND PARTICIPATION IN DONOR VISIT TO MULTIGRADE  
SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN LEYTE DIVISION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents } Division of Southern Leyte  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the letter of Akihiro Fushimi, Education Chief, UNICEF Philippines, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), informs the recipient schools for the field visit and monitoring of the donor on the ongoing project of the UNICEF on February 2-5, 2026 in Southern Leyte Division.
2. This visit aims to highlight the program and impact of the initiative through school engagements, community dialogues, and site visits.
3. The selected Multigrade schools in the division to be visited, i.e.
  - Kauswagan ES, Sogod So. Leyte.
  - Sta. Maria ES, Sogod So. Leyte
  - Cadaruhan IS, Malitbog, So. Leyte
  - Child Development Center, Tomas Oppus, So. Leyte
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

**RONEL AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV**  
Assistant Regional Director  
Officer-In-Charge  
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: Letter from UNICEF Philippines dated January 19, 2026

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

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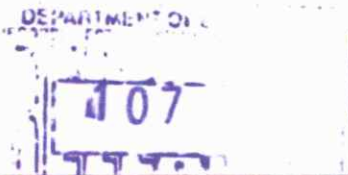
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Subject: *Request for Coordination and Participation in Donor Visit to Multigrade  
Schools in Southern Leyte (2-5 February 2025)*

Dear Director Firmo,

Warm greetings. We are pleased to inform you of an **upcoming donor visit scheduled for 2-5 February**, as part of the ongoing project titled **"Mitigating the Learning Crisis through Digital Learning for Children in Multigrade Schools in the Philippines."** This visit aims to highlight the progress and impact of the initiative through school engagements, community dialogues, and site visits.

The visiting delegation will comprise representatives from Roche, the Swiss National Commission for UNICEF, and UNICEF Philippines, with a total of twenty (20) participants joining the visit. The itinerary includes interaction with multigrade schools, meetings with barangay officials and parents, and a site visit to the Child Development Center (CDC). These activities are designed to highlight the project's progress, foster stronger collaboration among key stakeholders, and provide donors with a deeper understanding of the unique context and lived experiences of the multigrade schools.

In line with this, we respectfully invite the following personnel to participate in the said activity:

Name	Designation
Amenia C. Aspa	Education Program Supervisor Regional Multigrade Coordinator
Ruth G. Poblete	Education Program Supervisor Multigrade Coordinator, SDO Southern Leyte
Victor D. Dumaguit	Education Program Supervisor ICT Coordinator, SDO Southern Leyte

Kindly inform the above-mentioned personnel of their inclusion in the activity and coordinate with them regarding the schedule and preparations. Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance in coordinating with the following schools and CDC to facilitate the visit:

- Kauswagan Elementary School in Sogod, Southern Leyte
- Sta. Maria Elementary School in Sogod, Southern Leyte

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- Cadaruhan Integrated School in Malitbog, Southern Leyte
- Child Development Center in Tomas Oppus, Southern Leyte

Moreover, we would like to schedule a **debriefing meeting** with you and the relevant personnel on **5 February 2026, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM** at the regional office, to discuss the impact and future sustainability of this initiative and to hear the reflections from the Roche ambassadors on their field visit.

We appreciate your continued collaboration and commitment to inclusive and quality education for last-mile learners.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Jieun Yoon, Education Specialist ([jiyoon@unicef.org](mailto:jiyoon@unicef.org)).

We look forward to your favorable response. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,



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## Annex

### Donor Visit Itinerary - Mitigating the Learning Crisis with Digital Learning for Children in Multigrade Schools in the Philippines

- Participants:**

Total 20 pax

- Roche - 14 people
- Philippines Country Office (PCO) - 4 people
- National Committee Switzerland (Natcom) - 2 people
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- Location(s):**

Southern Leyte, Eastern Visayas (Region VIII)

- Kauswagan Elementary School, Sogod, Southern Leyte
- Sta. Maria Primary School, Sogod, Southern Leyte
- Cadaruhan Integrated School, Malitbog, Southern Leyte

- Date of Visit:**

Monday, 02.02.2026 – Thursday, 05.02.2026

- Agenda**

Date	Time	Activity
02.02.26 (Monday)	06:25 – 07:55	Flight: Manila to Tacloban
	07:55 – 08:30	Exit Airport
	08:30 – 12:30	Travel: Tacloban to Maasin, Southern Leyte
	12:30 – 13:00	Accommodation Check-in
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch in Maasin
	15:00 – 16:00	Team Briefing: Overview of itinerary, MG schools context, and visit objectives
	16:00 - 17:00	Courtesy Visit: DepEd Schools Division Office of Southern Leyte (Representative delegation to be discussed on site)
	16:00 -	Rest and Dinner (Free time)
03.02.26 (Tuesday)	08:30 – 10:30	A: Travel to Kausawagan Elementary School in Sogod (2 hours) B: Travel to Sta. Maria Primary School (2 hours)
	10:30 – 11:55	Classroom Observations
	11:55 – 13:00	Lunch and Dialogue with Teachers
	13:00 – 14:30	Barangay Visit & Dialogue with Parents, Community
	14:30 – 17:00	Return Travel: Schools to Accommodation
	17:00 -	Dinner (Free time)
	08:00 – 09:00	Travel: Accommodation to ECCD in Tomas Oppus
04.02.26 (Wednesday)	09:00 – 10:00	Observation in ECCD Class: Show the implementation of ECCD in action and its integration and transition into MG settings.
	10:00 – 11:00	Dialogue with the Community Development Worker

	11:00 – 12:00	Travel: ECCD in Tomas Oppus to Cadaruhan Integrated School in Malitbog
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at Cadaruhan IS
	13:00 – 14:00	Classroom Observation
	14:00 – 18:00	Travel to Tacloban
	18:00 onwards	Dinner and Rest Hotel Summit Hotel Tacloban
<b>05.02.26</b> (Thursday)	9:30 – 10:00	Check out and drive to the Regional Office
	10:00 – 11:30	Debriefing with the Regional Office
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 – 13:30	Travel to the Airport
	13:30- 15:10	Check-in and Pre-flight Wait
	15:10 – 16:35	Flight: Tacloban to Manila