



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

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2026- 88

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) OF PROJECT TEKLOS

To: Functional Division Chiefs } CLMD
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All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the letter from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office VIII, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), announces the Technical Working Group (TWG) members for Project TEKLOS, a strategic regional initiative of DOST VIII in collaboration with DepEd Regional Office VIII.
2. The creation of the TWG for Project TEKLOS is anchored on the following interrelated components:
 - a. crafting the Regional DRRM Mitigation and Prevention Road Map and Strategic Plan;
 - b. establishing a Regional Research and Development (R & D) Consortium for DRRM; and
 - c. integrating DRRM mitigation and prevention concepts into the elementary and secondary school curriculum.
3. The following are designated as members of the TWG for Project TEKLOS:
 - a. Dr. Gertudes C. Mabutin – CLMD Chief
 - b. Dr. Alejandra B. Lagumbay – ESSD Chief
 - c. Dr. Ryan R. Tiu – EPS, CLMD
 - d. Dr. Glendale B. Lamisera – EPS, CLMD
 - e. Dr. Joy B. Bihag – EPS, LRMS
 - f. Dr. Rowena T. Vacal – EPS, HRDD
 - g. Engr. Brent Christian S. Andrada – EPS, ESSD
 - h. Hydelyn N. Cinco – Planning Officer III, PPRD
4. For additional information and guidance, refer to the attached communication from DOST RO VIII.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Enclosure: Letter from DOST RO VIII

Reference : As stated

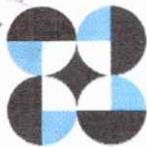
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Dear Director Firma:

In support of national and regional commitments to disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), and in alignment with the Department of Education's mandate to embed life-saving competencies across all levels of basic education, we respectfully request the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Integration of DRRM Concepts in the DepEd Curriculum through the issuance of a Special Order. This initiative directly responds to Component 3 of Project TEKLOS, a strategic regional project of DOST8.

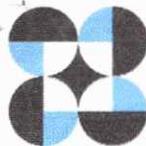
As a backgrounder, project TEKLOS—derived from the Filipino word “teklos” meaning alertness, preparedness, and swift action—symbolizes the synergy between technology (“Tek”) and knowledge (“Los”) to enhance the region’s capacity to anticipate, prevent, and mitigate disaster risks. Anchored in science, research, and inclusive education, the project aims to reduce vulnerabilities and empower learners, teachers, and communities across generations and genders as proactive agents of resilience. It is structured around three interrelated components: (1) crafting the Regional DRRM Mitigation and Prevention Road Map and Strategic Plan, (2) establishing a Regional Research and Development (R&D) Consortium for DRRM, and (3) integrating DRRM mitigation and prevention concepts into the elementary and secondary school curriculum.

To effectively operationalize Component 3, we propose the formation of a TWG composed of the following qualified and strategically positioned officials from DepEd Regional Office VIII:

1. Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin, Chief, Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD)
2. Dr. Ryan R. Tiu, Education Program Supervisor – Science, CLMD
3. Dr. Rowena T. Vacal, Education Program Supervisor, and Regional GAD Focal, Human Resource Development Division (HRDD)
4. Dr. Glendale B. Lamiseria, Education Program Supervisor – Mathematics, CLMD
5. Dr. Alejandra B. Lagumbay, Chief, Education Support Services Division (ESSD)
6. Engr. Brent Christian S. Andrada – Project Development Officer II & Regional Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Focal, ESSD
7. Joy B. Bihag – EPS, CLMD – Learning Resources Management Section (LRMS)

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8. Hydelyn Navarra-Cinco, Planning Officer III, Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD)

This multidisciplinary team brings together expertise in curriculum development, science and mathematics education, gender and development, learning resources, disaster risk reduction, and regional planning—ensuring a holistic, gender-responsive, and contextually relevant integration of DRRM concepts into the DepEd's curriculum.

As such, the TWG shall be tasked to:

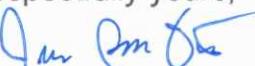
1. Review existing curriculum materials for DRRM content gaps;
2. Develop a framework and roadmap for systematic DRRM integration across subjects and grade levels;
3. Recommend age-appropriate, hazard-specific learning competencies aligned with regional risks; and
4. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of DRRM-infused instructional delivery.

We believe that institutionalizing this effort through a Special Order will provide the necessary authority, structure, and sustainability to advance Project TEKLOS and fulfill DepEd's role in nurturing a culture of safety and resilience among learners in Eastern Visayas.

DOST Region VIII, through Project TEKLOS will shoulder the expenses (e.g., food, supplies and materials, etc.) that may be incurred in the conduct of the team's tasks.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and unwavering support for innovative, life-saving educational initiatives.

Respectfully yours,


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