



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

February 24, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2025- 249

**ORIENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATING
OKY IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION (RHE)
AND LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY**

To: Schools Division Superintendent } Division of Catbalogan City
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Department of Education's ongoing initiatives to enhance adolescent and youth health programs, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), in collaboration with Plan International and UNICEF, shall facilitate an Orientation on the Implementation of Integrating Oky in Reproductive Health Education (RHE) and Local Health Service Delivery on March 4-5, 2026, in Catbalogan City.

2. The activity aims to capacitate regional and division personnel, and relevant stakeholders on the effective utilization and integration of the OKY digital innovation as a supportive platform for adolescent reproductive health education and service delivery in schools and local communities.

3. The participants of this activity is shown on the table below:

No.	Name	Designation	Office
1	Dr. Gertudes C. Mabutin	Chief, CLMD	Regional Office VIII
2	Dr. Angelica Rodriguez	Medical Officer IV	Regional Office VIII
3	Reynaldo Nayre	EPS, FTAD	Regional Office VIII
4	Nova P. Jorge	EPS, CLMD	Regional Office VIII
5	Margie S. Balleo	EPS, CLMD	Regional Office VIII
6	Amenia C. Aspa	EPS, CLMD	Regional Office VIII
7	Joy B. Bihag	EPS, CLMD/LR	Regional Office VIII
8	Ma. Luz I. Orbe	CHIEF, CID	SDO Catbalogan City
9	Cecelia A. Arga	EPS, CID	SDO Catbalogan City
10	Grace L. Bayabay	EPS, CID	SDO Catbalogan City
11	Cheseth T. Cabalquinto	RN/ARH Focal	SDO Catbalogan City

4. Travel and other expenses incurred in connection with participation in the said activity shall be charged against Local Funds/2025 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Fund, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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

Enclosures: None

References: Letter form Twyla Anne David, Portfolio Manager GIE and CYE
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

MEETING
ORIENTATION
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SUPERVISORS

CLMD-NPJ





February 18, 2026

RONELO AL K. FIRMO

OIC - Regional Director
Department of Education Region VIII
Candahug, Palo, Leyte

ATTENTION: DR. GERTRUDES C. MABUTIN
Chief, Curriculum & Learning Management Division

Dear **Mr. Firmo**,

Warmest Greetings from Plan International Pilipinas!

Plan International Pilipinas Foundation Inc. is a child-centered, humanitarian, and development organization. Since 2000, we have worked in the Western Samar Program Area to promote education, health, protection, and child participation. Independent of any political or religious affiliations, we partner with children, youth, and local stakeholders to advance children’s rights and equality for girls.

In partnership with UNICEF, we are implementing the project **“Integrating Oky in Reproductive Health Education and Local Health Service Delivery.”** Running from November 2025 to April 2027, this 18-month initiative aims to bridge the gap between digital innovation and physical health services for adolescent girls.

By focusing on Catbalogan City (Samar) and Maguindanao del Sur (BARMM), we aim to institutionalize the **Oky App** as a primary tool for Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH) and Reproductive Health Education (RHE). Our goal is to ensure the platform is deeply embedded within school curricula and local government referral systems, making health information and services accessible, inclusive, and culturally relevant.

In line with this, we respectfully request the participation of the following personnel (or their designated representatives) in a project orientation meeting:

From Regional Office	SDO – Catblaogan
Dra. Angelica Rodrigues – School Health Section	Ma. Luz I. Orbe – Chief Education Supervisor
Reynaldo E. Nayre – Education Program Supervisor	Cecelia A. Arga – Education Program Supervisor
Nova P. Jorge – Education Program Supervisor	Grace L. Bayabay – Education Program Supervisor
Amenia C. Aspa – Education Program Supervisor	Cheseth T. Cabalanquinto RN – ARH Focal
Margie Balledo – Education Program Supervisor	
Joy Bihag – Education Program Supervisor	

The meeting details are as follows:

- **Date:** March 5, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Venue:** To be announced (TBA)
- *Provision of Meals & Accommodation for DepEd Region Office Attendees*

The session will provide a comprehensive overview of the project’s objectives, timelines, and the vital role your office plays in its implementation. Your participation is crucial to ensuring our goals and strategies are aligned for collective success.





Thank you for your continued support. For any clarifications, please contact **Philina Pia S. Tizon**, Project Officer for Catbalogan City, via email: PhilinaPia.Tizon@plan-international.org or mobile at +639973401672

We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

TWYLA ANNE DAVID

Program Portfolio Manager,

Gender Equality and Inclusion (GIE) & Child and Youth Engagement (CYE)

