



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

April 29, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2026 514

**HANDOVER OF THE SCHOOL-IN-A-BAG (SIAB) FOR MULTIGRADE
 SCHOOL 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 handover of the School-In-A-Bag (SIAB) to the 97 Multigrade schools in the Division of Southern Leyte in two (2) Batches on May 13-14, 2026.
2. The participants in the activity are the Representatives from DepEd Central Office in charge of Multigrade Program, 6 Regional Supervisors from CLMD and ESSD, 13 SDOs representatives, School heads of the recipient schools, and partners from UNICEF.
3. Travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against the 2025 Multigrade Continuing Funds (OSEC-8-25-00743/OSEC-8-25-05673), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
 Regional Director



Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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

MULTIGRADE PROGRAM PROJECT

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Dear **RD Jimenez,**

Warm greetings.

Under the project *"Mitigating the Learning Crisis with Digital Learning for Children in Multigrade Schools in the Philippines,"* UNICEF, in collaboration with the Department of Education, continues to advance the integration of digital technology in multigrade education. The initiative seeks to strengthen learners' foundational skills, particularly in the remote and disadvantaged multigrade schools nationwide.

In 2025, capacity-building activities were implemented for multigrade teachers and school heads in the Division of Southern Leyte, focusing on the effective use of the Learning Passport and the School-in-a-Bag (SIAB). These interventions support the provision of contextualized, interactive digital resources to enhance teaching and learning in multigrade classrooms.

The SIAB is a portable digital classroom package that equips schools - especially those in last-mile areas - with essential technology, connectivity, multimedia content, and instructional support. Each set includes one backpack, one teacher laptop, ten student tablets, one USB memory drive, one pocket Wi-Fi device with starter load, and one Oyayi Teacher Guide with USB.

In partnership with the Department of Education, ninety-seven (97) SIAB packages will be formally turned over on May 13–14, 2026, in two batches to multigrade schools under the Schools Division of Southern Leyte. Batch 1, consisting of forty-eight (48) multigrade schools, is scheduled for May 13, while Batch 2, covering forty-nine (49) schools, will take place on May 14.

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The SIAB Turnover Ceremonies will be attended by representatives from the recipient multigrade schools, partner organizations, and invited guests. The expected number of participants per batch is presented below:

Participants and Guests	Batch 1 (May 13)	Batch 2 (May 14)
School Head	48	49
Multigrade Teachers	48	49
DepEd Central Office	5	5
DepEd Region 8	5	5
DepEd SDO Southern Leyte	15	15
PLDT Inc & Smart Communications, Inc (PLDT-SMART)	7	7
Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP)	5	5
UNICEF Philippines	5	5
Total No. of Participants	138	140

Following the ceremony, UNICEF will facilitate an afternoon refresher session for multigrade teachers on the Learning Passport and the integration of digital learning materials into classroom instruction.

For your reference, the list of recipient schools and the Program of Activities are attached as Annexes A and B.

We believe this collaboration further demonstrates the impact of strong public-private partnerships in expanding access to quality education for our learners.

Should you require additional information, the project team may be reached through Ms. Susan Cristie Delovino-Belmonte (susancristie72@outlook.com / 0922-8901576) or Mr. Juriel Dan Trinidad (juriel dan.trinidad@outlook.com / 0999-5694555).

We look forward to your presence at the SIAB Turnover Ceremony.

Very truly yours,



Akihiro Fushimi, EdD
Chief of Education
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**ANNEX A. LIST OF SIAB-RECIPIENT MULTIGRADE SCHOOLS - SOUTHERN LEYTE DIVISION
MAY 13, 2026 (Wednesday)**

No.	District	School ID	Name of School
1	Anahawan	192001	Calintaan Multigrade Elementary School
2	Anahawan	192011	Lewing Multigrade Elementary School
3	Anahawan	122075	Manigawong Multigrade Elementary School
4	Anahawan	122070	Capacuhan Elementary School
5	Bontoc 2	121998	Bunga Elementary School
6	Bontoc 2	122013	Mauylab Multigrade Elementary School
7	Hinunangan	122044	Patong Elementary School
8	Hinunangan	122024	Biasong Elementary School
9	Hinunangan	122032	Ilaya Elementary School
10	Hinunangan	122034	Kabaskan Elementary School
11	Hinunangan	192013	Senda Elementary School
12	Hinunangan	122051	Tuburan Elementary School
13	Hinunangan	122036	Lumbog Multigrade Elementary School
14	Hinunangan	122035	Libas Elementary School
15	Hinunangan	122037	Manalog Elementary School
16	Hinunangan	122043	Palongpong Elementary School
17	Hinunangan	122039	Matin-ao Elementary School
18	Hinunangan	122023	Ambacon Elementary School
19	Hinunangan	122050	Tawog Elementary School
20	Hinunangan	502441	San Pablo Integrated School
21	Hinunangan	122047	San Pedro Elementary School
22	Hinunangan	122027	Calinao Elementary School
23	Hinunangan	122041	Nueva Esperanza Elementary School

No.	District	School ID	Name of School
24	Hinunangan	122033	Ingan Elementary School
25	Hinundayan	122066	An-An Multigrade Elementary School
26	Hinundayan	122062	Amaga Multigrade Elementary School
27	Hinundayan	122067	Biasong Multigrade Elementary School
28	Hinundayan	122069	Cabulisan Multigrade Elementary School
29	Hinundayan	192031	Cat-iwing Multigrade Elementary School
30	Hinundayan	192008	Navalita Multigrade Elementary School
31	Hinundayan	122076	Plaridel Multigrade Elementary School
32	Hinundayan	122064	Ambao Elementary School
33	Hinundayan	122068	Bugho Elementary School
34	Hinundayan	122072	Hubasan Elementary School
35	Liloan	122093	Caligangan Elementary School
36	Liloan	122103	New Malangza Elementary School
37	Liloan	122109	Pres Quezon Elementary School
38	Liloan	122096	Fatima Elementary School
39	Macrohon	122181	Bagong Silang Multigrade School
40	Macrohon	122183	Cambaro Elementary School
41	Macrohon	122192	Salvador Multigrade School
42	Malitbog	122199	Abgao Elementary School
43	Malitbog	122200	Aurora Elementary School
44	Malitbog	122201	Benit Elementary School
45	Malitbog	122202	Cadaruhan Elementary School
46	Malitbog	122203	Cambalhin Elementary School
47	Malitbog	122205	Caraatan Elementary School
48	Malitbog	122207	Guinabonan Elementary School

MAY 14, 2026 (Thursday)

No.	District	School ID	Name of School
1	Malitbog	133986	Juangono Elementary School
2	Malitbog	122208	Kauswagan Elementary School
3	Malitbog	122211	Maningning Elementary School
4	Malitbog	122214	Sangahon Elementary School
5	Malitbog	122216	Tigbawan Elementary School
6	Padre Burgos	122218	Bunga Elementary Multigrade School
7	Pintuyan	192020	Dan an Elementary School
8	Pintuyan	192019	Catbawan Elementary School
9	Pintuyan	122237	Manglit Elementary School
10	Pintuyan	122234	Cogon Elementary School
11	Pintuyan	122233	Bulawan Elementary School
12	Pintuyan	122238	Nueva Estrella Elementary School
13	Pintuyan	122232	Buenavista Elementary School
14	Saint Bernard	122301	San Isidro Elementary School
15	San Francisco	192021	Anislagon Elementary School
16	San Francisco	122106	Napantao Elementary School
17	San Francisco	122117	Tuno Elementary School
18	San Francisco	122115	Sudmon Elementary School
19	San Juan	122246	Agay-ay Elementary School
20	San Juan	122253	Somoje Elementary School
21	San Juan	122250	Garsavic Elementary School
22	San Juan	122247	Basak Elementary School
23	San Juan	122256	Timba Elementary School
24	San Juan	122255	Sua Elementary School

**ANNEX B. PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES
(May 13 and 14, 2026)**

Time	Activity	Resource Speaker/Facilitator
MORNING SESSION: School Head and Teacher Participants		
8:00 - 8:30 AM (30 mins)	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Invocation National Anthem 	Secretariat (UNICEF and SDO Southern Leyte)
8:30- 8:40 AM (10mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Message 	Josilyn Solana) ISIBKO CATHBIC Superintendent - SDO Southern Leyte
8:40- 9:00 AM (20 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message 	Dir. Gerson Marvin Abesamis Director IV DepEd-Bureau of Learning Delivery
		Elvin Ian Y. Uy Executive Director Philippine Business for Social Progress
		Stephanie Orfino or Roby Alampay Stakeholder/Public Engagement Team PLDT-SMART
9:00 - 9:10 AM (10 mins)	HEALTH BREAK	
9:10 - 10:40 AM (1 hour & 30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIAB Unboxing 	Mary Jane Francisco PLDT-SMART Jona Francisco-Majores PBSP
10:40 - 10:50 AM (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message from UNICEF 	Jieun Yoon Education Specialist, UNICEF Philippines
10:50 - 11:00 AM (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message of Appreciation 	Salustiano T. Jimenez, JD, CESO III Director IV Regional Director Department of Education - Region VII Jaime Bunga Supervising Education Program Specialist, DepEd-BLD
11:00 - 11:15 AM (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Ops (per District) 	Note: After photo ops, proceed to the supply team for SIAB distribution
11:15 - 12:00 NN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIAB Distribution 	SDO SL (Supply Team)
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	

Time	Activity	Resource Speaker/Facilitator
AFTERNOON SESSION: Teacher Participants		
1:00 -2:00 PM (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion (Plenary): • LP Refresher and Learning Content Review 	Juriel Dan Trinidad Consultant UNICEF Philippines
2:00 -2:45 PM (45 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion (Plenary): Digital Learning Content Integration 	Susan Cristie D. Belmonte Consultant UNICEF Philippines
2:45 -3:45 PM (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break-out Session: Hands-on Activity <p>*The participants will be divided into groups, discuss among themselves, and work on the task given. They will present to the plenary after the allotted time. No need to separate rooms, we can just divide the into groups per table</p>	Juriel and Cris SDO SL as Facilitators Participants
3:45 -4:15 PM (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Submission of Output 	Participants
4:15-4:30 PM (15 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Message 	Minnie Alberca-Colibao Aspa Education Program Supervisor and MG Coordinator - Region 8 Ms. Ruth Poblete Education Program Specialist & MG Coordinator-Southern Leyte
4:30 - 5:00 PM (30 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of Certificates and Photo Ops 	