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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **122** s. 2020

**MONITORING OF SCHOOL-IN-A-BAG (SIAB) RECIPIENT MULTIGRADE SCHOOLS  
SAMAR AND NORTHERN SAMAR DIVISIONS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
(Samar and Northern Samar Divisions)  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memoranda Nos. 262 and 524 s. 2019 Re: Training Workshop on Multigrade Instruction and Advocacy Workshop for Multigrade Stakeholders in the schools of Northern Samar and Samar Divisions, this Office announces the conduct of monitoring to the School-In-A-Bag (SIAB) Recipient Multigrade Schools as part of the progress monitoring and evaluation of the training conducted last April-September 2019.
2. The monitoring shall be conducted to ten (10) Multigrade schools in Northern Samar and Samar Divisions on March 1-7, 2020. The list of the MG schools is attached as enclosure for easy reference.
3. It is expected that the Regional and Division Multigrade Focal Persons shall assist in the conduct of the above-mentioned monitoring activities.
4. Board and lodging, travel, and other incidental expenses incurred by the Regional/Division MG Focal Persons in the monitoring of the SIAB shall be charged against Local Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO IV**  
Director IV

Enclosures: List of Multigrade Schools  
References: Regional Memoranda Nos. 262 & 524 s. 2019  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:  
MONITORING                      MULTIGRADE                      PROGRAM  
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<b>Division</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>
Northern Samar	Daram 1	Arawane ES
	Daram II	Lucob-lucob ES
	San Jorge	Ranera ES
	Villareal 1	San Fernando ES
	Sta. Margarita	Arapison ES
Northern Samar	San Antonio	Egang ES
	Catarman 1	Bocsol ES
	Mondragon III	Hinabangan ES
	Victoria	Acedillo ES
	Lope de Vega	Cag-Aguingay ES



February 19, 2020

**DR. RAMIR B. UYTICO**

Regional Director  
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Dear **Dr. Uytico**:

**Monitoring of SIAB Recipient-Multigrade Schools in Samar and Northern Samar Divisions**

Provision of School-in-a-Bag (SIAB) for multigrade schools was one of the project components to strengthen the delivery of Multigrade Education in Region 8, which is being implemented under the tripartite agreement among SEAMEO INNOTECH, Department of Education (DepEd), and UNICEF in partnership with the Smart Communications Inc. Through the help of DepEd Region 8, fifty (50) SIAB-packages were turned-over to 25 multigrade schools in the Schools Division of Samar and 25 multigrade schools in the Schools Division of Northern Samar on 25 May 2019.

Initial SIAB Monitoring was conducted by SEAMEO INNOTECH last September 2019 to gather baseline data on how the SIAB learning resources are being utilized to support classroom teaching and other school/teacher functions in a multigrade school. To have a better understanding of the SIAB experience among teachers, students, and parental engagement on multigrade schools improvement plan implementation, we will conduct another SIAB Monitoring on March 1 to 7, 2020 in ten (10) selected SIAB-recipient schools (5 from Samar and 5 from Northern Samar). Furthermore, this activity aims to look into the perceived benefits of SIAB utilization in terms of improving learning outcomes and how to further promote parental engagement as learning partners and multigrade advocates.

To ensure the success of the school-based monitoring, we would like to request for your assistance on the following matters:

1. Validate the SIAB-recipient multigrade schools pre-selected for monitoring (see *Annex 'B'*)
2. Notify the selected ten (10) SIAB-recipient multigrade schools to participate in an online monitoring survey to be administered or before 1 March 2020 using their SIAB gadgets.
3. Ask the remaining forty (40) SIAB-recipient multigrade schools to participate in the online survey on or before end of March 2020.
4. Allow the following Regional and Division multigrade Coordinators/Staff to provide technical support to the two monitoring teams who will be deployed to visit the 10 selected SIAB-recipient schools:

- a. Dr. Amenia Aspa, Multigrade Regional Coordinator, DepEd Region 8
- b. Mr. Faustino Tobes, Multigrade Coordinator, Samar Division
- c. Dr. Emily Adrayan, Multigrade Coordinator, Northern Samar Division
- d. Division Office videographer (if any) to officially document the multigrade classroom observation and other monitoring activities for future Learning Action Cell (LAC) Session reference and for multigrade program advocacy


Moreover, we would like to seek your guidance on whether it is safe and secure to conduct field monitoring of ten SIAB-recipient multigrade schools in Samar and Northern Samar Division on March 1 to 7, 2020 considering the recently issued **DepEd Memo No. 015, s. 2020** entitled "First Set of Policy Directives of the Deped Task Force NCOV." Of note is Enclosure 2 of the said memo on the Measures for the Prevention and Control of the 2019-NCOV ARD in Basic Education Schools and Offices which details the precautionary measures including suspension of activities for the month of February and possibly onwards.

If the planned monitoring activities (see *Annex 'A'*) should be cancelled, please also advise us on possible dates for rescheduling preferably within March 2020. We would be grateful to hear further guidance from your office on or before 21 February 2020 so we can proceed with preparations for the SIAB monitoring activities.

For inquiries and clarification, your assigned multigrade Coordinators may contact Ms. Susan Cristie Delovino-Belmonte (for Samar Division) and Ms. Kaylene Fernandez (for Northern Samar Division) at telephone nos. (02) 924-7681, local 175 and 203 or through email at [cristie@seamo-innotech.org](mailto:cristie@seamo-innotech.org) and [kaylene@seameo-innotech.org](mailto:kaylene@seameo-innotech.org).

We look forward to your favourable and timely response. Thank you very much for your continued support in improving quality of learning in multigrade schools.

Very truly yours,

  
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*Schools Division Superintendent*  
*Department of Education, Northern Samar Division*

### Proposed Selection Criteria

As reference in identifying the multigrade schools to be monitored, SEAMEO INNOTECH analyzed the school profiles and validated the baseline data of 50 SIAB-recipient Multigrade schools. Below is the recommended set of criteria in selecting the schools to be visited:

1. **Accessibility:** preferably 1.5 hours travel time from Calbayog City to multigrade school
2. **Community setting:** select multiple types of communities where the multigrade schools are located as follows:

5 Schools from Samar Division	5 Schools from Northern Samar Division
2 lowland agricultural	2 lowland agricultural
2 coastal/island fishing	1 coastal/island fishing
1 upland agricultural	2 upland agricultural

3. **School leadership:** select schools with either a School Head or Teacher In-Charge
4. **Teaching load:** select schools with varied/combined classes grade levels handled by a Multigrade teacher. As per baseline data, the following schools may be considered but subject to confirmation by the Divisions:

No. of Grade Levels Handled by a Teacher	School Name	
	Samar Division	Northern Samar
5 grade levels		
4 grade levels		
3 grade levels		
2 grade levels		

5. **Language of learning:** select schools with varied/different languages such as Inabaknon, Kinaray-a, Waray, others
6. **Socio-economic status:** select schools with 4Ps recipients, and varied income classification; include schools belonging to 1<sup>st</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class municipalities
7. **Power source:** inclusion of one (1) off-grid multigrade school and nine (9) on-grid multigrade schools

**School-in-a-bag (SIAB) Daily Monitoring Schedule and Activities  
SAMAR & NORTHERN SAMAR SCHOOLS DIVISIONS  
(March 1 to 7, 2020)**

Time	SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
8:00 to 8:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courtesy call with the School Principal/School head</li> </ul>
8:30 to 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multigrade Classroom Observation in 2 consecutive classes</li> </ul>
10:00 to 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus Group Discussion with Parents/Community Members</li> </ul>
10:30 to 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus Group Discussion with Multigrade teachers</li> </ul>
12:00 to 1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch Break</li> </ul>
1:00 to 2:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Informant Interview with the School Principal/Head</li> <li>• Focus Group Discussion with students</li> </ul>
2:30 to 3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathering of School Records and Survey Forms</li> <li>• Inventory of School-in-a-Bag (SIAB) package</li> <li>• De-briefing</li> </ul>
3:30 to 3:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photo Op</li> </ul>
3:45 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure</li> </ul>