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**REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS** 

September 11, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM CLMD-2023- Q 7 7

## PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT GABAY ANNUAL DEBRIEFING YEAR 4, PLANNING WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 5 IMPLEMENTATION, AND SYMPOSIUM ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- Divisions of Leyte, Maasin City, and Southern Leyte All Others Concerned

- 1. Attached is an updated communication from Dr. Yolanda Quijano, Chief of Party, Project Gabay Resources for the Blind, Inc. (RBI), inviting key program implementers from the Regional Office and the Schools Division Offices from Leyte, Maasin City, and Southern Leyte to participate in Project Gabay's Activities on September 19-22, 2023 at the Sequioa Hotel Manila Bay, Parañaque, Metro Manila.
- 2. The regional participants shall be composed of the following:

Program Implementers	No. of Pax	Office
Regional Director	1	DepEd RO VIII
Assistant Regional Director	1	
Regional SPED/SNED Coordinator	1	
Schools Division Superintendents	3	SDOs of Leyte,
Division SPED/SNED Supervisors	3	Maasin City, and Southern Leyte
Public Schools Division Supervisor	1	SDO of Leyte, Tanauan II District
School Head	1	Tanauan II CS
Special Needs Education Teacher	1	Tanauan II CS
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- 3. In view of the conduct of planning workshops and consultations with partners, the Division Special Needs Education Supervisors of the identified Divisions are tasked to prepare updated data on enrollment and program implementation for SY 2023-2024 following the regional data sheets used in the annual monitoring tool.
- 4. Likewise, the participants who have been invited as resource persons are also reminded to coordinate with Project Gabay to ensure that the presentations are well-prepared and will be delivered smoothly.
- 5. Expenses for travel such as airfare and hotel accommodation shall be shouldered by Project Gabay. Other travel expenses like fare for taxis including



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incidental expenditures not covered in this activity shall be reimbursed or charged against the downloaded SPED Funds or local funds/MOOE of the respective participants, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV

Regional Director |

Enclosures:

As stated

References: As stated

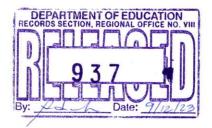
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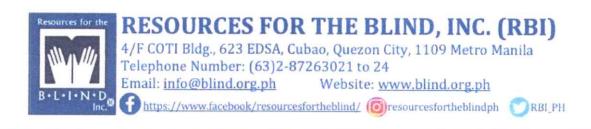
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Division of Southern Leyte

Subject: UPDATES OF GABAY EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2023

Dear Director Fetalvero.

Greetings!

This is in reference to the letter dated August 9, 2023. Please be informed that there are changes in the events as indicated in the attached revised Program of Activities, the venue of which is **Sequoia Hotel Manila Bay**.

We will start with the Symposium: Disability Inclusive Education on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:00 PM. So the travel arrangements are scheduled for this date in the morning. This will be followed by the Annual Debriefing as previously scheduled. An added activity is USAID Consultation with stakeholders namely DepED, LGUs, Parents, and DPOs in the afternoon of September 20 and we request you and the other DepEd participants to attend this consultation. The last activity which is the Planning Workshops has the same schedule.

Thank you very much and see all of you in these events. Blessings!

Very truly yours,

BR. YOLANDA'S. QUIJANO

Chief of Party, Gabay Resources for the Blind, Inc.

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# PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

# September 19-22, 2023 | Sequoia Hotel Manila Bay Veneracion cor. San Pedro St., Aseana City Business Park, Parañaque

SYM	IPOSIUM ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION	
	September 19, 2023   5F Grand Ballroom  Emcee: Ms. Lench Ann Perilla and Ms. Maricar D. Gabriel	
Time	Activity	
Morning 10:00 – 12:00	Arrival of Participants Registration	
11:00 – 12:00 nn	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Opening Program Doxology: Mr. Justine Barcenas and Ms. Maricor Book Patriotic Song: "Ako ay Pilipino" Acknowledgment of Participants Opening Message: Ms. Amelia M. Torrente, Executive Director, RBI	
01:30 pm – 01:45 pm	Gabay Year 5 Activities  Ms. Arminia O. Mojica  Deputy Chief of Party, Gabay	
01:45 pm – 02:15 pm	Voices of the Self Advocates: "How People Should Understand Learners with Sensorial Disabilities"  Ms. Lench Ann Perilla  SNEd Teacher, San Vicente ES  Division of Quezon City, NCR  Mr. Justine Barcenas  Field Coordinator/Mentor, Gabay-RBI	
02:15 pm — 03:00 pm	Parents of Children with Disabilities Speak: "Rearing a Child with Disability: How Parents Partner with Teachers in Educating a Child with Disability"  Dr. Pamela S. Almanza Public Schools District Supervisor Tanauan II District, Leyte Division, Reg. 8  Ms. Maria Rowena R. Fernandez, Member of the Board of Trustees & Coordinator for CBR- La Union Parent Advocates for Visually Impaired Children  Ms. Marcelia C. Garcia President, Deaf-Blind Support Phil.	
03:00 pm – 03:40 pm	Professionals Speak on Other Children with Disabilities: "Roles of A Specialist in the Education of Children with Disabilities"  Ms. Ma. Ana D. Mauleon  Director, Autism Resource Center  Los Baños, Laguna  Ms. Ana Liza Yap Tan-Pascual  Teaching Fellow, UP &  Director of Eye Can, Occupational Therapy/  Phil. Academy of Occupational Therapists	

	*Working Coffee/Tea Break
03:40 pm – 04:25 pm	Presentation of ILRC Operations Manual and Modular ILRC  Dr. Yolanda Quijano, Chief of Party, Gabay
04:25 pm - 04:50 pm	Clearing House
04:50 pm - 04:55 pm	Closing Remarks USAID
04:55 pm - 05:00 pm	Photo Opportunity

	Gabay Year 4 Annual Debriefing	
	September 20, 2023   5F Grand Ballroom Emcee: Mr. Reynold Malinao & Ms. Giselle Bombay	
TIME	ACTIVITY	
08:00am - 08:30am	Attendance	
08:30am – 09:30am	Opening Program Doxology Children with Disabilities Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas	
	Welcome Remarks  Ms. Amelia M. Torrente  Executive Director, Resources for the Blind Inc.	
	Acknowledgment of New Participants  AVP- Gabay Accomplishments (Years 1-4)	
	Special Message:  Mr. Ryan Washburn  Mission Director, USAID Philippines, Pacific Islands, and Mongolia	
	Keynote Speaker  Hon. Secretary Sara Duterte  Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines  Secretary of the Department of Education	
9:30am – 9:35am	Message DR. GINA GONONG Undersecretary, Curriculum and Teaching Department of Education	
9:35 am –10:30 am	Special Number  Deaf and Blind Children from Batangas, Sorsogon and Southern Leyte  Presentation of Endline Evaluations  Early Grade Reading Assessment Result for Deaf Learners  School-to-School International, USA  Braille Reading Assessment Result  Faculty of International Studies & Social Sciences Dept.  Miriam College, Quezon City  Improving Program Quality and Literacy in Sorsogon City for Learners with Multiple Disabilities with Visual Impairment  Perkins International, USA	

	Q & A	
10:30 am - 10:40 am	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Presentation of Consolidated Internal & External Debriefing Responses  MS. GISELLE MAURENE BOMBAY  M & E Specialist, Gabay	
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Q & A	
11:20 am – 11:25 am	Message  USEC REVSEE ESCOBEDO  Undersecretary, Governance and Field Operations  Department of Education	
11:25 am – 11:30 am	Photo Opportunity	
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
U	SAID CONSULTATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS	
1:00pm - 2:00 pm	- DepEd	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	- LGUs, Parents and DPOs	

PLANNING	WORKSHOPS FOR GABAY'S YEAR 5 IMPLEMENTATION		
	September 21-22, 2023   2F Aspen Function Room Hosts: Dr. Brenda Corpuz & Ms. Arminia O. Mojica		
Time	Activity		
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Opening Prayer: Mr. Emerson Gito Setting of General Objectives		
8:10 am — 8:20 am	Introduction of Participants  1. LGU and DepEd Officials of the Additional Project Sites  2. Resource Speakers  3. Facilitators  Workshop #1  Dr. Brenda D. Corpuz  Dean, College of Education, TIP &  National President of the Philippine Association for Teacher Education		
	Workshop #2 Dr. Mirla Olores RBI Consultant & Former Chief of SPED, BEE, DepEd		
	Workshop #3  Dr. Ricardo Ma D. Nolasco  Filipino Linguist & Professor, UP Department of Linguistics		
	Workshop #4 Mr. Ramon Tuazon (Documentation Group) Former President, Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication Secretary General, Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, Chairman, Technical Committee for Communication, Commission on Higher Education		

8:20 am – 9:00 am	Presentation of Needs Assessment Results (Designated Officials)  1. DepEd Division Offices of Laguna, Albay, and Leyte  2. LGUs of Los Banos, Bacacay, and Tanauan  Q & A		
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Workshop Mechanics and Groupings		
	Dr. Brenda Corpuz		
9:10 am — 12:00 nn	Simultaneous Four (4) Workshops  Workshop 1: Establishment of Modular ILRC in Pilot Schools by  Strengthening the Support Services of LGUs and  Stakeholders  Room: 2F Aspen Function Room  Workshop 2A: Implementation of Adapted Curriculum for Blind,  Low Vision, DeafBlind, and MDVI  Room: 2F Hazel Function Room  Workshop 2B: Implementation of Adapted Curriculum for Other  Learners with Disabilities  Room: 2F Magnolia Function Room  Workshop 3: - Implementation of Kindergarten and Grades 1-3  Mother Tongue MELCs for FSL,  - Implementation Plan for the Task Force on FSL  Room: 5F Rosewood Function Room  Workshop 4: Documentation of Gabay's Good Practices		
	Room: 6F Banian Function Room		
12:00nn- 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK		
12.00m- 1.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK		
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Continuation of the Workshops		
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Time  September 22, 2023, Da	Continuation of the Workshops  Activity  y 2, Host: Dr. Brenda Corpuz		
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Time  September 22, 2023, Da 8:30 am- 10:00 am	Continuation of the Workshops  Activity  y 2, Host: Dr. Brenda Corpuz  Continuation of the Workshops		
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Time  September 22, 2023, Da 8:30 am- 10:00 am	Continuation of the Workshops  Activity  2, Host: Dr. Brenda Corpuz  Continuation of the Workshops  Plenary Sessions  Presentation, Feedbacking, and Agreements of Outputs  Workshop #1 Outputs: Implementation Plans for the ILRCs of Tanauan,  Bacacay, and Los Baños  Workshop #2A & B Outputs: Implementation Plan of the Service Providers for the Training and Provision of Learning Packages for the Blind, Low  Vision, and Other Disabilities in Tanauan, Bacacay, Los Baños  Workshop #3 A Output: Implementation Plan of the Service Providers for the Training and Provision of Learning Packages for the Deaf in Tanauan, Bacacay, Los Baños  Workshop #3 B Output: Implementation Plan of the Task Force on FSL  Other Sites to provide Feedback  Education Consultants/ Facilitators		
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Time  September 22, 2023, Da  8:30 am- 10:00 am  10:00 am - 12:00 nn	Continuation of the Workshops  **Y 2, Host: Dr. Brenda Corpuz**  Continuation of the Workshops  Plenary Sessions  Presentation, Feedbacking, and Agreements of Outputs  **Workshop #1 Outputs: Implementation Plans for the ILRCs of Tanauan,  **Bacacay, and Los Baños**  **Workshop #2A & B Outputs: Implementation Plan of the Service Providers  for the Training and Provision of Learning Packages for the Blind, Low  **Vision, and Other Disabilities in Tanauan, Bacacay, Los Baños**  **Workshop #3 A Output: Implementation Plan of the Service Providers for  the Training and Provision of Learning Packages for the Deaf in Tanauan,  **Bacacay, Los Baños**  **Workshop #3 B Output: Implementation Plan of the Task Force on FSL**  Other Sites to provide Feedback  **Education Consultants/ Facilitators**  **Gabay**		

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PARTICIPATION IN GABAY EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2023 Subject:

1) GABAY ANNUAL DEBRIEFING SESSION FOR YEAR 4.

2) SYMPOSIUM: LEARNING AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, AND

3) PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INCLUSIVE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS (ILRC) IN THE LOS BANOS CENTRAL SCHOOL OF THE DIVISION OF LAGUNA

Dear Director Fetalvero.

Warm greetings of peace and good health from Gabay of Resources for the Blind Inc.!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of connecting with you through your Representative Officials during the Courtesy Visit and Orientation for Gabay's 18-month Extension Activities held at the Regional Office on July 24, 2023. This opportunity allowed us to engage with you and other Officials from the Regional and Division levels, which led to the enrichment of our proposed Inclusive Learning Resource Center for children with disabilities in the Division of Leyte, notably Tanauan II District, and ultimately approval of the corresponding activities.

For the upcoming events scheduled from September 20 to 22, 2023, we are delighted to invite you and the other officials with the school head and Special Needs Education teacher as specified below. These events are designed with specific objectives and targets, and we believe your presence along with the other invited participants would contribute significantly to their success.

The schedule and purpose of each event are summarized below:

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Date	Activity	Purpose	Invited Regional/Division Officials, School Head & SNEd Teacher
(Wednesday) September 20, 2023 8:30am – 12nn	Gabay Annual Debriefing Session for Year 4	Assess the effectiveness of Gabay's strategies and approaches and foster collaboration and coordination.	Regional Office IVA (Sept 20-22, 2023)  • Dr. Evelyn Fetalvero, RD, R-VIII • Dr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo, ARD, R-VIII • Mr. Dean Ric Endriano, EPS SNEd In-Charge, R-VIII
1:30 pm-5:00 pm	Symposium: Disability- Inclusive Education	Promote inclusive education, advocate government policies and initiatives that support disability-inclusive education	Division of Maasin City (Sept. 20, 2023)  Dr. Genis Murallos, SDS of Maasin City Division  Ms. Bruna Epiz, EPS of Maasin City Division Division of Southern Leyte (Sept. 20, 2023)
(Thursday- Friday) September 21- 22, 2023	Planning Workshop for the Establishment of the Inclusive Learning Resource Centers (ILRCs) in the pilot schools of the Divisions of Laguna, Albay, and Leyte	Facilitate effective communication and partnerships, and preparation of the Implementation Plan for the Modular Inclusive Learning Resource Center (ILRC)	<ul> <li>Dr. Josilyn Solana, SDS of So. Leyte Division</li> <li>Dr. Charity Nogra, EPS of So. Leyte Division as Resource Speaker on September 21-22, 2023</li> <li>Division of Leyte (Sept. 20-22, 2023)</li> <li>Dr. Mariza Magan, SDS of Leyte Division</li> <li>Dr. Socorro B. Ausa, EPS of Leyte Division</li> <li>Dr. Pamela Almanza, PSDS of Tanauan II District, Leyte</li> <li>School Head of Tanauan II Central School</li> <li>Special Needs Education Teacher of Tanauan II CS</li> </ul>

We invite you to join us on the first day of the event, and you have the flexibility to choose your participation on the subsequent days based on your availability.

We will kindly ask you and the invited participants for preferred arrival and departure details, which we will utilize for hotel reservations and travel insurance. The final hotel will be announced shortly. For the confirmation of all participants, please refer to Annex 1 as attached. May we request further that this **Confirmation Sheet** will be returned back to Ms. Joy Magsubar, Project Field Manager, jhoy@blind.org.ph on or before August 31, 2023.

If you have urgent concerns, your Secretary can contact Ms. Fatima Ria Publico, Field Coordinator of Region VIII via email at <a href="mailto:ria.gabay@blind.org.ph">ria.gabay@blind.org.ph</a> and landline at (02) 8726 3021 to 24 or mobile phone at 0960-415-7039. May she also be allowed to follow up on our requests with the three Schools Division Superintendents of Leyte, Maasin City, and Southern Leyte.

We deeply appreciate the attention you have given to this request, and wish abundant blessings upon all of you,

Very truly yours.

**DR. YOLANDA S. QUIJANO**Chief of Party, Gabay

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