



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

February 12, 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

CLMD-2024- **143**

**HOSTING THE LIFE SKILLS IMPLEMENTATION OBSERVATION AND FOCUS  
 GROUP DISCUSSION IN SELECT ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM  
 COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER IN LEYTE DIVISION**

To: Schools Division Superintendent } Leyte Division  
 OIC-Chief, CLMD, Regional Office VIII  
 All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the official communication from the Education Development Center (EDC) duly supported by DepEd Memorandum DM-CT-2023-361 dated October 25, 2023, this Office hereby informs Leyte Division as **HOST** of the **Life Skills Implementation Observation and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) in select Alternative Learning System Community Learning Center in Leyte on February 27-28, 2024.**
2. The Schools Division Superintendent concerned, through the Division ALS Focal Person, is advised to immediately make the required preparations for the aforementioned activity, including coordination with the National Office through the Regional Alternative Learning System (ALS) Focal Person, who may be reached at [alfredo.cafe@deped.gov.ph](mailto:alfredo.cafe@deped.gov.ph).
3. The coordination and management of the division participants shall be overseen by the Schools Division of Leyte, which includes organizing the FGD venue, food, and other requirements. The transportation arrangements for the guests shall be handled by the Regional Office, of which expenses shall be charged against the **downloaded ALS Funds** at the respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. EDC shall handle the accommodation of the guests.
4. The FGD with the select five teachers and five learners will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on February 27, 2024.
5. The matrix of activities, attendance sheets, and other documents needed in the preparation of the certificates will be sent on February 12, 2024 to the host division for ready reference.
6. All other details are stipulated in the attached DepEd Memorandum.

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

  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO CESO IV**  
Regional Director 

Enclosures: None  
References: OM-BAE-OD-2024-051  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

ALS                      HOSTING                      LIFE SKILLS

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January 25, 2024

**EVELYN FETALVERO**  
Regional Director  
DepEd Region VIII  
Leyte

ATTN: **MARIZA S. MAGAN**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
DepEd Leyte

*Subject: Request for Change in Schedule for Life Skills Implementation  
Observation and Focus Group Discussion in ALS Community  
Learning Center in SDO Leyte*

Dear, **RD Fetalvero**:

Warmest greetings from USAID Opportunity 2.0 (O2) Program!

This is in relation to the earlier letter we have sent to you dated January 18, 2024, with the subject, "*Life Skills Implementation Observation and Focus Group Discussion in ALS Community Learning Center in SDO Leyte.*" In that letter, we have requested to conduct the observation and/or FGD on February 13, 2024. However, we were informed that BAE has a scheduled activity on that week and has requested to move the monitoring activity to a different date. Upon consultation with the Regional ALS focal person, it was identified that February 27, 2024 is a possible date for the Life Skills monitoring.

It is in this light that we are **requesting to change the Life Skills monitoring date to February 27, 2024.**

We hope for your positive response on the matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to our ALS Coordinator, Ms. Justine Bernabe-Ventura, at [JBernabe@edc.org](mailto:JBernabe@edc.org).

Thank you!

Sincerely Yours,

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**DR. MARIA THERESA C. MOKAMAD**  
Deputy Chief of Party, Technical Programs  
USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program





January 18, 2024

**DR. EVELYN FETALVERO**

Regional Director  
DepEd Region VIII  
Leyte

ATTN: **DR. MARIZA S. MAGAN**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
DepEd Leyte

*Subject: Life Skills Implementation Observation and Focus Group Discussion  
in ALS Community Learning Center in SDO Leyte*

Dear, **RD Fetalvero**:

Warmest greetings from USAID Opportunity 2.0 (O2) Program!

I am reaching out to you in relation to the O2 Program's partnership with the Department of Education's (DepEd) Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE) in implementing Life Skills modules. To provide a brief overview, O2 is a five-year program that aims to strengthen the education and workforce development systems that reach out-of-school youth (OSY) in the Philippines, preparing them to transition to further education, training, as well as immediate jobs and long-term success.

As stipulated in Department Order No. 13, s. 2019, the first two (2) months of all ALS programs will focus on life skills development of ALS learners. For the implementation of this, DepEd ALS adopted both the Life Skills Modules and Life Skills Self-Directed Learning Modules developed by Education Development Center (EDC). As part of O2's reporting, we have sought permission from DepEd, through the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching (OUCT), to observe the Life Skills implementation in select community learning centers and to conduct Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with ALS teachers and learners. Last October 25, 2023, O2's request was approved by Asec. Alma Torio through Memorandum DM-CT-2023-361. Said memo is attached for your reference.

In view of this, we would like to schedule the said observation and FGD with select ALS teachers, learners, and supervisors in SDO Leyte. We wish to conduct the observation, if Life Skills implementation is still ongoing, and/or FGD on **February 13, 2024**. We have initially coordinated with the Regional ALS Focal Person, Mr. Alfredo Cafe, and have confirmed that the above-mentioned SDO will be ready to receive us should you approve our request. Transportation, accommodations, meals, and incidental expenses of our staff shall be charged against O2's program funding.

We hope for your positive response on the matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to our ALS Coordinator, Ms. Justine Bernabe-Ventura, at [JBernabe@edc.org](mailto:JBernabe@edc.org).

Thank you!

Sincerely Yours,

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**DR. MARIA THERESA C. MOKAMAD**  
Deputy Chief of Party, Technical Programs  
USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program

[USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program: Second-Chance Opportunities for Out-of-School Youth](#)



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**Department of Education**

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-CT-2023-361**

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**ATTENTION: CONCERNED SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
REGIONAL AND DIVISION ALS FOCAL PERSONS**

**FROM :**

**ALMA RUBY C. TORIO**  
Assistant Secretary  
Officer-In-Charge  
Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

**SUBJECT : ENDORSEMENT OF THE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EDC) REQUEST TO OBSERVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM LIFE SKILLS IN SELECT SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES**

**DATE : October 25, 2023**

This is in reference to the letter of the Education Development Center (EDC) to the Department of Education (DepEd), **requesting to observe the implementation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) Life Skills in Community Learning Centers (CLCs) within select Schools Division Offices (SDOs)** as part of the Opportunity 2.0 (O2) Program.

The Opportunity 2.0 (O2) Program is a five-year collaborative project of the Department of Education (DepEd) in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Education Development Center (EDC). It aims to improve education, employment, and livelihood outcomes for out-of-school youth and adults by strengthening existing education and workplace development systems designed for them.

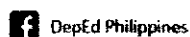
The partnership allowed DepEd to adopt the Life Skills Modules and Life Skills Self-Directed Learning Modules developed by EDC. Through DepEd Order No.13, s.2019, life skills development among ALS learners was given premium, requiring that the first two (2) months of all ALS program interventions that will focus on life skills development using Modules 1-6, while the remaining Modules 7-9 will be taught in the last two months of learning intervention.

As part of O2's reporting, the EDC has identified select Schools Division Offices (SDOs) in your respective region to observe the implementation of the ALS Life Skills Modules and Life Skills Self-Directed Learning Modules. The O2 team will also conduct a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with the ALS Teachers and ALS learners in the identified SDOs to collect data on Life Skills implementation and its completers from School Year (SY) 2020-2021 onwards.

Below is the list of the SDOs where the O2 activities will be conducted:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Schools Division Office</b>
Region III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angeles City</li> <li>• Pampanga</li> </ul>
Region IV-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batangas</li> <li>• San Pablo City</li> </ul>
Region V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legazpi City</li> </ul>
Region VI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iloilo City</li> </ul>
Region VII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cebu City</li> <li>• Tagbilaran City</li> </ul>
Region VIII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leyte</li> </ul>

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Region IX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isabela City</li><li>• Zamboanga City</li></ul>
Region X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cagayan de Oro City</li><li>• Iligan City</li></ul>
Region XI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Davao City</li></ul>
Region XII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Santos City</li></ul>
CARAGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agusan del Norte</li><li>• Butuan City</li></ul>
National Capital Region (NCR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pasig City</li><li>• Quezon City</li><li>• Valenzuela City</li></ul>
Bangsaromo Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basilan</li><li>• Cotabato City</li></ul>

In order for the O2 activities to commence and to avoid any disruption of ALS classes, we request the concerned Regional and Division ALS Focal Persons to facilitate the selection of the ALS CLCs, ALS Teachers, and ALS Learners in the identified SDOs. Rest assured that all collected data during the observation and FGDs will be handled with confidentiality and will only be used for O2's reporting purposes.

Mr. Jeffrey F. Florendo, Senior Education Program Specialist, Bureau of Alternative Education – Program Management and System Development Division, and Ms. Justine Bernabe-Ventura, EDC ALS Coordinator, USAID O2 Program, will coordinate with your Regional and Division ALS Focal Persons regarding the specific dates of the activities and other administrative arrangements. For any questions or clarifications, you may contact Mr. Florendo through email at [jeffrey.florendo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:jeffrey.florendo@deped.gov.ph) or Ms. Bernabe-Ventura through email at [JBernabe@edc.org](mailto:JBernabe@edc.org).

For your immediate dissemination and appropriate action.

Copy-furnished:

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