



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

March 15, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2024- 168

PARTICIPATION TO THE NATIONAL FORUM ON BETTER LIFE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

To: OIC-Chief, CLMD
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Joint Memorandum dated March 14, 2024 requesting participation from this Office during the **National Forum on Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines Project for Alternative Learning System** on **March 21-22, 2024** in Manila, the following DepEd Region VIII official and personnel shall attend as scheduled, to wit:

- (a) DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV, Regional Director; and
- (b) DR. ALFREDO P. CAFÉ, EPS, Regional ALS Focal Person.

2. There is **no registration fee**. The participants' airfare, board, and lodging expenses during the event will be shouldered by the UNESCO, while land trips and other expenses relative to this activity which are not covered by the organizer shall be charged against the downloaded ALS Program Support Funds at the Regional Office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

3. All other details are stipulated in the aforementioned DepEd Memorandum.

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

[Signature]
EVELYN R. FETALVERO CESO IV
Regional Director

CLMD-ALS-APC





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JOINT MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
BARMM MBHTE MINISTER
REGIONAL ALS FOCAL PERSONS**

FROM : 
GINA O. GONONG
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching JTD


ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **NATIONAL FORUM ON BETTER LIFE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL
GIRLS TO FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE
PHILIPPINES PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
SYSTEM**

DATE : March 14, 2024

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE) in collaboration with UNESCO, will organize a National Forum on *Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines* on **March 21-22, 2024** at a **venue within NCR** (the specific venue will be announced through a separate advisory).
2. The forum is part of UNESCO-DepEd-KOICA Cooperation project implemented since 2017 which aims (a) strengthening synergies of the existing ALS Programs within national and regional level; (b) maximizing the utilization of the ALS Modules and Session Guides; (c) expanding the implemented Project and (d) reinforcing the provision of continuing learning opportunity to girls living in poverty.
3. With the aforementioned aims of the forum particularly on strengthening synergies between Central Office and regional offices in the implementation of the ALS Programs aligned with the MATATAG Agenda, the participation of the ALS Regional Implementors is highly encouraged. Thus, the **Regional Directors or their representatives and the Regional ALS Focal Persons** are invited to participate in this forum. List of participants and indicative program of activities are attached.



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4. BAE will provide via email the template to be used by Regional Directors and Regional ALS Focal Persons for the regional presentation.
5. For questions or clarifications, your respective offices may contact Ms. Kristine Lee S. Lumanog, *Senior Education Program Specialist*, BAE-PMSDD via email at bae.pmsdd@deped.gov.ph or Mr. Remegio Alquitran, *National Project Officer-UNESCO* via email r.alquitran@unesco.org.



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Attachment No. 1 to DM-CT-2024-

List of Participants

NAME	REGION	
1. Tolentino A. Aquino / Representative	I	Regional Director or Representative
2. Antonio Laceste	I	Regional ALS Focal Person
3. Benjamin D. Paragas / Representative	II	Regional Director or Representative
4. Roderic Guinucay	II	Regional ALS Focal Person
5. May B. Eclar / Representative	III	Regional Director or Representative
6. Engelbert Agunday	III	Regional ALS Focal Person
7. Alberto T. Escobarte / Representative	IVA	Regional Director or Representative
8. Elaine Balaogan	IVA	Regional ALS Focal Person
9. Nicolas T. Capulong / Representative	IVB	Regional Director or Representative
10. Jean Lasquite	IVB	Regional ALS Focal Person
11. Golbert T. Sadsad / Representative	V	Regional Director or Representative
12. Ricardo Tejerasas	V	Regional ALS Focal Person
13. Jocelyn DR. Andaya / Representative	NCR	Regional Director or Representative
14. Charito A. Villanueva	NCR	Regional ALS Focal Person
15. Estela L. Carino / Representative	CAR	Regional Director or Representative
16. Alfredo Llanas	CAR	Regional ALS Focal Person
17. Ramir B. Uytico / Representative	VI	Regional Director or Representative
18. Corazon Aloro	VI	Regional ALS Coordinator
19. Salutiano T. Jimenez / Representative	VII	Regional Director or Representative
20. Melona Lamantao	VII	Regional ALS Focal Person
21. Evelyn R. Fetalvero / Representative	VIII	Regional Director or Representative
22. Alfredo Café	VIII	Regional ALS Focal Person
23. Ruth L. Fuentes / Representative	IX	Regional Director or Representative
24. Ramel Cael	IX	Regional ALS Focal Person
25. Arturo B. Bayocot / Representative	X	Regional Director or Representative
26. Ray Butch Mahinay	X	Regional ALS Focal Person



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27. Allan G. Farnazo/ Representative	XI	Regional Director or Representative
28. Maricel S. Langahid	XI	Regional ALS Focal Person
29. Carlito D. Rocafort / Representative	XII	Regional Director or Representative
30. Crisanto Bulatao	XII	Regional ALS Focal Person
31. Maria Ines C. Asuncion/ Representative	CARAGA	OIC-Regional Director Regional Director or Representative
32. Josephine Chonie Obsenares	CARAGA	Regional ALS Focal Person
33. Mohagher M. Iqbal/ Representative	BARMM	Minister of Basic Education
34. Mohammad Faisal Dimalen	BARMM	Regional ALS Focal Person



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INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
Opening Session		
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anthem • Prayer • DepEd Quality Policy Statement • Acknowledgment of Participants 	
	Welcoming Remarks	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director and Representative, UNESCO
	Opening Remarks	Gina O. Gonong , Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, Department of Education, Philippines
	Introduction of the Training Statement of Purpose	Dr. Mee Young Choi , Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO
	Group Photo	All Participants
Session 1 - UNESCO Project on ALS		
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction and Overview of UNESCO's Project on ALS	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Achievement of UNESCO Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Girls Education Center • The ALS Modules 	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
	Q&A	
Session 2 - ALS Policy and Programs		
Parallel Session		
11:00 – 12:00	<u>For Regional Directors</u>	<u>For ALS Focal Persons</u>
	RA No. 11510, s. 2020 and Its IRR or the ALS Law Section 8. The Bureau of Alternative Education Section 9. Powers and Functions of BAE Presenters: Marilette R. Almayda , Director IV, DepEd Lynn Z. Padillo , Director III, DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level (Part 1: Region 1–Region 3) Facilitators: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO Kristine Lee S. Lumanog



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12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:45	Section 10: The ALS Programs Presenter: Ernie M. Pamor , DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level (Part 2: Region 4 – Region 17) Facilitators: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO Kristine Lee S. Lumanog , DepEd
13:45 – 14:30	Section 12: A&E Assessment and Certification Presenter: Irene D. Barzaga , DepEd	
14:30 – 15:00	Sections 13-14: Hiring and Professional Development of Teachers Presenter: Brenfel C. Hajan , DepEd	
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Section 15: The ALS Community Learning Centers Presenter: John Alvin V. Seradoy , DepEd	Q&A
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Wrap up of the Forum	UNESCO

Day 2

08:45 – 09:00	Registration	
Session 3 – ALS Learning Resources		
09:00 – 10:00	Introduction of ALS JHS Module Learning Strands	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Updates on the Provision of the 50 JHS Modules and Session Guides	Kristine Lee S. Lumanog , DepEd
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation Per Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Girls Education in ALS • Issues and Challenges Relative to Girls Education in ALS 	Representative per Region Facilitator: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation on the Promotion of Girls Education in ALS	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
Session 4 – Management of Learning: ALS Modules		
13:00 – 14:00	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
14:00 – 15:00		
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	Dr. Mee Young Choi, Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO Janir Ty Datukan Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching