



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

May 15, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

ESSD – 2024 - **555**

MEETING WITH NUTRITION CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES

To: Schools Division Superintendents } Catbalogan Division
 } Samar Division
 } Northern Samar Division
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a communication letter from the Nutrition Center of the Philippines dated April 17, 2024, requesting a meeting with DepEd representatives to discuss the findings and implications of their research on May 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in Northwest Samar State University Hotel & Restaurant, Calbayog City.

2. The following Schools Division Offices shall select two (2) representatives to attend the said activity.

Office
SDO Catbalogan
SDO Samar (Gandara)
SDO Northern Samar (Mondragon)

3. For inquiries and other concerns, contact Ms. Nikka Oliver at 0927-5930475.

4. Expenditures of meals, snacks, and travel expenses of all participants shall be charged against the Nutrition Center of the Philippines (NCP). Likewise, the accommodation of participants of SDO Northern Samar shall be charged to NCP while the accommodation of SDOs Catbalogan and Samar shall be charged to their respective local funds subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. For immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.

Evelyn R. Fetalvero
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 Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated
 References: None
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
 MEETING NCP RESEARCH



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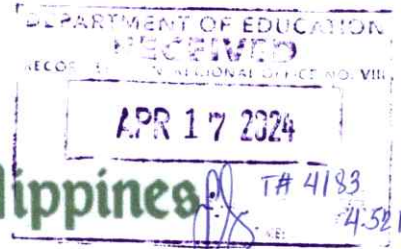


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17 April 2024

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Regional Director
Department of Education - Region VIII
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte



Dear Director Fetalvero:

Greetings from the Nutrition Center of the Philippines (NCP)!

We are pleased to inform you that the data collection and analysis for our project titled "School Nutrition Environment Assessment Toolkit for East Asia and Pacific: A Pilot Test in the Philippine setting" have been successfully completed. The engagement of DepEd offices in Region 8, particularly Catbalogan, Gandara, and Mondragon, was essential in achieving the objectives of our study.

In light of this significant development, **we kindly request a meeting with you, together with representatives from the involved local DepEd offices, at your earliest convenience.** The purpose of this meeting is to briefly discuss the findings and implications of our research.

Thank you very much for considering our request and we are looking forward to your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

MARY CHRISTINE R. CASTRO, MD, MSc
Executive Director

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2023-02-6653
MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : **ENDORSEMENT OF STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY UNICEF
IN REGIONS VIII AND NCR**

DATE : **26 JULY 2023**

This is in reference to the letter of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to the Department of Education (DepEd), dated 29 June 2023 regarding their request for endorsement of the implementation of the School Nutrition Environment Assessment Toolkit (SNEAT) which hopes to help schools, government agencies and partners to better understand existing school nutrition environments, implement effective interventions, and monitor their progress.

As part of the Department's support and commitment to UNICEF's initiative, we would like to respectfully endorse to your good office the implementation of the study entitled **School Nutrition Environment Assessment Toolkit for East Asia and Pacific: A Pilot Test in the Philippine Setting** which will be done in the following four (4) areas: Quezon City, Metro Manila; Gandara and Catbalogan City, Samar; and Mondragon, Northern Samar.

In relation to this, we would also like to request your cooperation and support to the said study as follows:

Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD)

- Designate a focal person with whom the Nutrition Center of the Philippines (NCP) staff will coordinate concerns related to the conduct of the study.
- Review the SNEAT, modify, and provide feedback to ensure alignment with DepEd related policies guidelines.
- Abide by the study confidentiality and data privacy guidelines.
- Review project reports submitted by NCP

Regional Offices in NCR and Eastern Visayas (VIII)

- Endorse the study and the NCP study team to the school division
- Designate a focal person in the regional office with whom the research staff will coordinate concerns related to the conduct of the study
- Provide necessary technical assistance
- Assign focal person/s who will observe during the pilot test of the SNEAT in at least 1 study school site per region
- Abide by the study confidentiality and data privacy guidelines

Selected School Division in Manila and the Provinces of Samar and Northern Samar

- Endorse the study and the NCP study team to the selected school districts
- Designate a focal person in the school division with whom the research staff will coordinate concerns related to the conduct of the study.
- Assist in the selection of schools to be included in the study following approved study criteria
- Assign focal person/s who will observe during the pilot test of the SNEAT in at least 1 study school site per LGU
- Abide by the study confidentiality and data privacy guidelines.

Selected School District in Manila and the Provinces of Samar and Northern Samar

- Endorse the study and the NCP study team to the study school sites
- Designate a focal person in the selected district with whom the research staff will coordinate concerns related to the conduct of the study.
- Facilitate the selection of schools to be included in the study following approved study criteria
- Convene a meeting of school heads from selected schools .
- Assign focal person/s who will observe during the pilot test of the SNEAT in at least 1 study school site
- Abide by the study confidentiality and data privacy guidelines.

Selected Schools in Quezon City, Catbalogan City, Gandara, and Mondragon

- Designate a focal person in the school with whom the NCP staff will coordinate concerns related to the conduct of the study
- Provide or recommend a venue for the Focus Group Discussion activities.
- Facilitate the selection of 1 class section to be included in the study following approved study criteria.
- Assign focal person/s who will observe during the pilot test of the SNEAT.
- Abide by the study confidentiality and data privacy guidelines