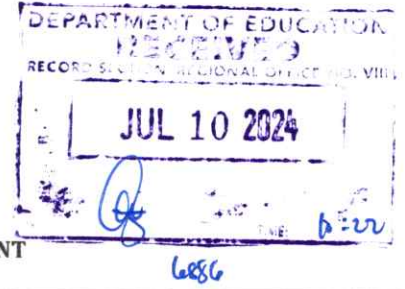




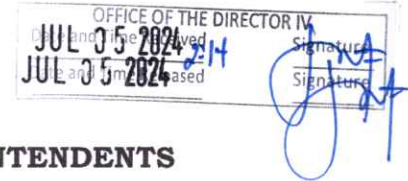
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TO : CONCERNED REGIONAL DIRECTORS
CONCERNED SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : WILFREDO E. CABRAL
Regional Director
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for
Human Resource and Organizational Development

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF SURVEY ON THE MONITORING AND
EVALUATION FOR THE SPECIAL HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE
(SHA) AND OTHER PROGRAMS/POLICIES IMPLEMENTED AT
THE SCHOOL LEVEL

DATE : 08 July 2024

The Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2021 of the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) have established the use of hardship index (HI) as an objective criterion in determining hardship posts. All schools were computed with an individual HI score, using the latest available data. Pursuant to this, the issuance of DepEd Order No. 039 s. 2021 entitled “Guidelines of Special Hardship Allowance (SHA) for Public School Teachers” has outlined the use of HI which identified schools with 0.37 and above HI score as hardship posts. The HI is computed using eight (8) variables, namely, time and cost of transportation, human violence, presence of temporary learning spaces (as proxy indicator for disaster), poverty incidence, and availability of basic amenities and services (e.g. telecommunication, water, and electricity services).

In line with DepEd’s mission to provide support mechanisms to teachers, DepEd Order No. 017 s. 2023 was issued to lower the HI cut-off from 0.37 to 0.33, increasing the number of teachers qualified to receive the SHA.

Consistent with the aim to establish a systematic and evidence-based policy formulation, the Bureau of Human Resource and Organization Development – School Effectiveness Division (BHROD-SED) has conducted a baseline study/monitoring last 2019 (fourth quarter) to 2020 (first quarter) which establish a baseline data on the implementation of SHA prior to the issuance of DO 039, s. 2021.



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Moreover, the long-term implementation plan of the SHA policy includes an evaluation of the policy outcomes. This aims to provide us with a data-driven approach in evaluating the policy after its three (3) years of implementation. With this, a monitoring survey shall be conducted by BHROD-SED in select Regions and Divisions.

The survey will be primarily focused on SHA and other BHROD-SED programs/policies implemented at the school level such as but not limited to School-based Management (SBM), School Governance Council (SGC), Teacher Workload, deployment of teaching and school-based non-teaching positions, electronic school form 7 (eSF7). The data that will be collected from the monitoring survey shall provide information relative to how schools are implementing the programs and policies, the areas needing support and technical assistance, as well as innovative implementation practices. More importantly, the SHA data shall serve as primary input in the development of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) report for the SHA policy implementation.

In this connection, teams from the DepEd Central Office (CO) to be led by the BHROD-SED shall visit **400 randomly selected schools** with varying numbers per Region (*see Annex A*), from August 2024 to December 2024. Kindly note that as part of the evaluation process, some of the schools that were visited last 2019-2020 for the SHA baseline study shall also be included in the schools to be visited for this monitoring survey. **The Regional Directors are hereby requested to assign a Regional Focal** (may it be the Regional SBM Coordinator, Finance Officer, or Planning Officer) **who shall assist BHROD-SED in managing and facilitating the school visits for the monitoring survey.**

Specific dates of school visits shall be arranged by BHROD-SED staff with the Regional Focal, with due consideration of their common availability. Assistance is further requested from the RO in the facilitation of the rental of van (or other available mode of transport) and arrangement of meals of the team (CO, RO, SDO team members as well as school participants) during school visits. Funds for this purpose have already been downloaded to the Regions through the *Program Support Funds (PSF) for Special Hardship Allowance (SHA) Monitoring and Evaluation.*

Furthermore, the list of schools per Region shall be provided prior to the actual conduct of the visits for the itinerary arrangements.

Travel expenses of CO personnel shall be charged against FY 2024 funds of SED under GMS through Activity Request (AR) No. 2024-CO-01396 with activity code *AC-24-BHROD-SED-GASS-005*, while that of RO and SDO personnel shall be charged against local funds, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. In case of funding deficiency, the travel expenses of personnel from other CO Offices shall be charged against local funds.

Assigned Regional Focal is hereby requested to accomplish the form through this link: bit.ly/SED2024Monitoring on or before July 12, 2024.

For further details and information, you may contact **Ms. Noverose B. Dadole** of BHROD-SED through office landline number (02) 8633-5397 or email address at support.sha@deped.gov.ph copy furnished bhrod.sed@deped.gov.ph.

For your immediate and appropriate action.