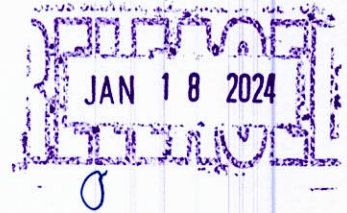




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
CARAGA REGION



January 18, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0042 s. 2024

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
Agusan del Norte and Butuan City Divisions  
This Region

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EDC) REQUEST TO OBSERVE  
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM LIFE SKILLS IMPLEMENTATION  
IN SELECT DIVISION OFFICES OF CARAGA

1. In reference to Memorandum DM-CT-2023-361 issued in October 25, 2023, the Department of Education (DepEd), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Education Development Center (EDC), will conduct an observation of the implementation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) Life Skills in Community Learning Centers (CLCs) within the two (2) division offices of the region on January 30, 2024 for Butuan City and January 31, 2024 for Agusan del Norte.

2. The EDC team will conduct a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with the ALS Teachers and ALS learners of the identified SDOs Community Learning Centers to collect data on Life Skills implementation and its completers from School year (SY) 2020-2021 onwards.

3. The team responsible for conducting the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with ALS Teachers and ALS learners at the identified SDOs Community Learning Centers, comprises of the following members:

|                         |                                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Philip Purnell          | - Senior International Technical Advisor |
| Justine Bernabe-Ventura | - ALS Coordinator                        |
| Divorrah Meneses        | - Master Trainer                         |
| Emmanuel Crismas        | - Master Trainer                         |
| Vannah Cruz             | - M&E Officer                            |
| Jane Deita              | - Sr. M&E Manager                        |
| 2 BAE personnel         |                                          |

4. In preparation for the upcoming activity, the Division Focal Persons and the EPSAs are requested to coordinate and oversee the necessary preparations. This includes ensuring that all logistical arrangements are in place, materials are prepared, and communication channels are established.



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5. Furthermore, please communicate with the five (5) select teachers and five (5) learners involved in this activity. Provide them with relevant information, instructions, and any materials they may need. Emphasize the importance of their participation and encourage them to actively engage in the upcoming event.
6. Kindly refer to the attached memorandum for additional details.
7. For any query, contact Josephine Chonie M. Obsenaes, EPS Regional ALS Focal Person through email at [josephinechonie.obsenaes@deped.gov.ph](mailto:josephinechonie.obsenaes@deped.gov.ph)
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

**MARIA INES C. ASUNCION**  
Director III  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Regional Director

Encls.: As stated

Reference: Memorandum DM-CT-2023-361

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under the following subjects:

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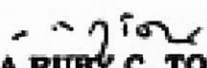
**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-CT-2023-361**

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

**FROM :**

  
**ALMA RUBY C. TORIO**  
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**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:

| Region      | Schools Division Office                                                               |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.

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**ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
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