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CARAGA REGION



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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To: Schools Division Superintendents) Division of Bayugan City
All Others Concerned) Division of Surigao del Sur

ADDENDUM ON REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 0829, S. 2025: MONITORING ON
THE BEST IMPLEMENTERS OF GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM (GPP)

1. This Office announces the revised list of schools to be visited and the updated schedule of the itinerary for the Monitoring of the Best Implementers of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) in the Schools Division Office (SDOs) of Bayugan City and Surigao del Sur on **October 21–24, 2025**.

2. The following schools will be visited by five personnel from the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) together with DepEd Caraga personnel, according to the revised schedule:

SDO	Name of School	Date
Bayugan City	Mt. Olive Elementary School	October 21, 2025
Surigao del Sur	Quezon Integrated School	October 22, 2025
	Maglambing Integrated School	October 22, 2025
	Trinidad Elementary School	October 22, 2025
	Sta. Maria Integrated School	October 23, 2025
	San Vicente II National High School	October 23, 2025

3. Attached for reference are the updated program flow, list of involved regional personnel, and itinerary for monitoring and benchmarking on GPP.

4. All other provisions stipulated in the previous memorandum shall remain in effect.

5. For information and immediate dissemination.

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1. Program Flow of the Feedbacking Activity on October 21, 2025.

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6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Arrival of Participants Attendance	Secretariat
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM	Preliminaries -Nationalistic Anthem -Prayer for Educators -Caraga March -DepEd Quality Policy	AVP
8:25 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome Message	PEDRO T. ESCOBARTE, JR. Assistant Regional Director
8:35 AM – 8:40 AM	Acknowledgment of Participants	ANNA LIZA A. LERIO, DMD Dentist III
8:40 AM – 8:45 AM	Statement of Purpose	RENA GRACE G. TUL-ID Nutritionist-Dietitian II
8:45 AM – 8:50 AM	Message	MARIA INES C. ASUNCION Regional Director
8:50 AM – 8:55 AM	Message	MA. TERESA M. REAL OIC-Schools Division Superintendent Division of Bayugan City
8:55 AM – 9:00 AM	Message	LORENZO O. MACASOCOL, PhD, CESO V Schools Division Superintendent Division of Surigao del Sur
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Overview of SDO Bayugan City GPP Journey -Presentation of SDO Bayugan City GPP -Mt. Olive ES	RINA ORTEGA Nurse II/Division GPP Focal School Head, Mt. Olive ES
9:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Overview of SDO Surigao del Sur GPP Journey -Presentation of SDO Surigao del Sur GPP -San Vicente II NHS -Sta. Maria IS -Trinidad ES -Quezon IS -Maglambing IS	ENCARNACION PADUA Division GPP Focal San Vicente II NHS Sta. Maria IS Trinidad ES Quezon IS Maglambing IS School Heads
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Open Forum & Feedbacking	Secretariat
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	Message of BLSS-SHD Nutrition & Hygiene Team Representative	BLSS-SHD Nutrition & Hygiene Team
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	Awarding of Certificates	Secretariat
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM	Closing Remarks	EDMUND D. MENDOZA, PhD ESSD Chief
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM	Photo Opportunity	Secretariat
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	

(Enclosure No. 2 to Regional Memorandum No. , s. 2025)

2. Identified Regional Office Personnel Involved

Name	Designation
Edmund D. Mendoza, PhD	ESSD Chief
Jumer C. Carlon, MD	Medical Officer IV
Anna Liza A. Lerio, DMD	Dentist III
Rena Grace G. Tul-id	Nutritionist-Dietitian II
	SBFP Technical Assistant
Leah Ellen V. Yaoyao	Technical Assistant
Loumarie Kyle G. Tadifa	Technical Assistant
Al Jhon Fritz M. Otadoy	Technical Assistant

3. Itinerary for Monitoring on Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP)

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
October 21, 2025	8:00 am	Courtesy Call & Feedbacking Activity	Gold Hall, DepEd Caraga Regional Office
	12:30 pm	Travel to Mt. Olive, Bayugan City	
	1:00 pm	GPP Monitoring	Mt. Olive ES Bayugan City
	5:00 pm	Travel to Accommodation	Bayugan City
October 22, 2025	5:00 am	Travel to Quezon, Surigao del Sur	
	7:30 am	GPP Monitoring	Quezon IS Surigao del Sur
	10:00 am	Travel to Maglambing, Surigao del Sur	
	10:10 am	GPP Monitoring	Maglambing IS Surigao del Sur
	2:00 pm	Travel to Trinidad, Surigao del Sur	
	2:30 pm	GPP Monitoring	Trinidad ES Surigao del Sur
	5:00 pm	Travel to Accommodation	Hotel Zafari Surigao del Sur
October 23, 2025	7:30 am	Travel to Sta. Maria, Surigao del Sur	
	8:00 am	GPP Monitoring	Sta. Maria IS Surigao del Sur
	1:30 pm	Travel to San Vicente, Surigao del Sur	
	2:00 pm	GPP Monitoring	San Vicente II NHS

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October 23, 2025			Surigao del Sur
	5:00 pm	Travel to Accommodation	Southville Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City
October 24, 2025	5:00 am	Travel to Bancasi Airport, Butuan City	



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To: Schools Division Superintendents) Division of Surigao del Sur
All Others Concerned

**MONITORING ON THE BEST IMPLEMENTERS OF GULAYAN SA PAARALAN
PROGRAM (GPP)**

1. In reference to the letter from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations dated June 5, 2025, this Office will conduct a monitoring activity on the Best Implementers of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) in the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Surigao del Sur. This activity is scheduled for **October 21–24, 2025.**

2. **Objectives:**

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the best practices employed by the 2021 GPP Best Implementer Awardees;
- Document successes, challenges, and lessons learned from these exemplary schools;
- Encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing among schools, Local Government Units (LGUs), and stakeholders; and
- Develop actionable recommendations to improve the implementation and impact of the GPP nationwide.

3. **Schedule of School Visits:**

The following schools have been identified as the best implementers of GPP in SDO Surigao del Sur and will be visited by the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), through the Nutrition and Hygiene Team, composed of four participants assisted by DepEd Caraga personnel, according to the following schedule:

Name of Schools	Date
Trinidad Elementary School	October 21, 2025
Sta. Maria Integrated School	October 22, 2025
San Vicente II National High School	
Quezon Integrated School	
Maglambing Integrated School	October 23, 2025

4. **Courtesy Call and Feedbacking Activity:**

The Schools Division Superintendent, Chief of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), Division GPP focal and co-focal, as well as the School Principal or GPP School Coordinator of the listed schools are requested to attend

the courtesy call and feedbacking activity on October 21, 2025, at the Gold Hall, DepEd Caraga Regional Office, Butuan City, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

5. **School Presentation Requirement:**

All schools to be visited shall prepare a presentation (approximately five minutes) showing the status of their GPP implementation, notable best practices, and the school's GPP journey—from inception, through implementation, to sustainability. These presentations will be shared during the feedbacking activity on October 21, 2025.

6. **Roles and Responsibilities:**

The participation of the division GPP focals and other health and nutrition section personnel concerned is requested to assist and facilitate the monitoring team during the scheduled visits.

7. **Funding:**

Travel expenses and per diem for all participants shall be charged to the Learner Support Program (LSP), MOOE, Special Education Fund (SEF), School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP), or GPP Program Support Funds (PSF), subject to government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. **Enclosures/Attachments:**

- a. Program Flow
- b. List of involved regional personnel
- c. Letter from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

9. **Contact Information:**

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Rena Grace G. Tul-id, Nutritionist-Dietitian II, at renagrace.tul-id@deped.gov.ph, or Ms. Lee Anne Mae L. Alicaya, Technical Assistant I, at leeannemae.alicaya@deped.gov.ph.

10. **Dissemination:**

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is advised.

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8:45 AM – 8:55 AM	Message	MARIA INES C. ASUNCION Regional Director
8:55 AM – 10:00 AM	Presentation of SDO Surigao del Sur Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Journey -Trinidad ES -Sta. Maria IS -San Vicente II NHS -Quezon IS -Maglambing IS	School GPP Coordinator/School Principal
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Open Forum & Feedbacking	
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Awarding of Tokens	
11:05 AM – 11:10 AM	Closing Remarks	PEDRO T. ESCOBARTE, JR. Assistant Regional Director
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Photo Opportunity	Secretariat

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Celsa M. Cataluña	Education Program Supervisor
Lee Anne Mae L. Alicaya	Technical Assistant
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MARIA INES C. ASUNCION, CESO IV

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Dear **Director Asuncion**:

Greetings!

The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in its commitment to promote sustainable and productive school gardening practices, will conduct a **Benchmarking Activity on the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) Best Implementers in the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Surigao del Sur, Region Caraga on October 21-24, 2025.**

As part of this initiative, the benchmarking team will visit **Maglambing Integrated School**, a recognized GPP Best Implementer and awardee during the Gawad Siklab 2021 National Awards for its exemplary school gardening practices. The team will also visit **other selected schools** within **SDO Surigao del Sur** that have demonstrated effective and innovative implementation of the GPP. These site visits aim to showcase diverse strategies and promote peer learning among schools and stakeholders.

The activity aims to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the best practices employed by the 2021 GPP Best Implementer Awardees;
2. Document successes, challenges, and lessons learned from these exemplary schools;
3. Encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing among schools, LGUs, and stakeholders; and
4. Develop actionable recommendations to improve the implementation and impact of the GPP nationwide.

In this regard, **this Office respectfully requests Maglambing Integrated School to present the status of its GPP implementation and share its notable best practices with the team during the benchmarking activity.** This engagement will serve as a valuable learning opportunity for other schools and stakeholders.



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The participation of GPP focal persons and health personnel from the Regional Office (RO) and SDO is also requested to support and coordinate the activity. Their involvement will help ensure the smooth facilitation of visits and prompt resolution of any implementation concerns. Furthermore, we request that the RO and/or concerned SDOs arrange an **exit conference** to provide a platform for dialogue and exchange of insights gained throughout the benchmarking visits.

Expenses for board and lodging, as well as land travel and boat transfers as necessary, may be charged to the downloaded School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) or GPP Program Support Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.

For further coordination, Ms. Christine Isabel B. Buenvenida, Health Education Promotion Officer II, and/or Ms. Ma. Sophia M. Delos Reyes, Technical Assistant II, will communicate with your designated staff. They may also be reached at (+632) 8863-9935 or via email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school health and nutrition programs.

Very truly yours,


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