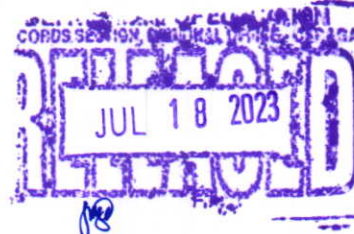




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



July 18, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0667 s. 2023

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
Agusan del Norte Agusan del Sur,
Bayugan City, Butuan City and
Surigao City Divisions
This Region

CONDUCT OF FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THE LITERACY
COORDINATING COUNCIL'S RESEARCH STUDY ON LITERACY

1. In adherence to Memorandum OASEAALS-OM-2023-070 issued on June 2, 2023, the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) in partnership with the Philippine Normal University (PNU) will be conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) for the Research Study on the Development of Benchmarks for Adult Literacy Competencies in the Caraga region on August 9-11, 2023, at the Balanghai Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City.
2. The purpose of these FGDs is to gather valuable insights and perspectives from stakeholders involved in adult literacy programs and initiatives within the region. The findings from these discussions will contribute to the development of benchmarks that will enhance the effectiveness and quality of adult literacy efforts in Caraga.
3. This Office hereby extends a kind request for the active participation of individuals and organizations engaged in adult literacy programs and initiatives within the Caraga region. Your valuable input and expertise are crucial in ensuring the development of precise and impactful benchmarks for adult literacy.
4. The Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with the participants and research team is scheduled to commence promptly at 8:00 am on August 10, 2023. Refreshments will be provided, including lunch, morning, and afternoon snacks.
5. To facilitate meaningful discussions during the FGD activities, all participants are strongly encouraged to prepare and provide their valuable inputs beforehand.
6. Participants' travel expenses shall be charged to the NLPP funds downloaded to the Regional Office, specifically SARO OSEC 13-23-1481. These funds will be subsequently downloaded to the respective divisions and the organization's office, following the standard accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Please find the attached Enclosures, which include the list of participants and the program of activities for your reference. Participants are requested to register through the provided online link: <https://forms.gle/hY99Wy6EEALRRE8ZA>.



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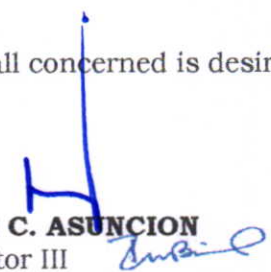


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8. For any queries or further information, please contact Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares, EPS Regional ALS Focal Person at 09098408963 or via email at josephinechonie.obsenares@deped.gov.ph

9. 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-2023-192

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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COORDINATING COUNCIL'S RESEARCH STUDY ON LITERACY**

Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center

August 10, 2023

Note: All participants must be aged 16-80 years old

	Name	Division	Total
1 DepEd Officials			
RO ALS Focal Person	Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares	RO	1
SDS/CID Chief	Dr. Minerva T. Albis	Butuan City	3
	Dr. Marilou B. Dedumo	Surigao City	
	Dr. Maria Dinah Abalos	Butuan City	
Other Officials highly immersed on the implementation of literacy programs	Dr. Ana Lasco	Butuan City	3
	Dr. Lorna Gayol	Agusan del Sur	
	Dr. Lalaine Gomera	Agusan del Sur	
2 ALS			
SDO ALS Focal Person/EPsA	Anamarie L. Ceniza	Butuan City	3
	Rachel Cassion	Butuan City	
	Wendel Federicos	Bayugan City	
ALS Teachers	Alimar	Butuan City	3
	Lyra Funchica	Agusan del Norte	
		Butuan City	
3 Formal School Teachers			
JHS (Public)	Rose Sausal	San Vicente NHS Butuan City	4
	Jhonsun Galado	Tagabaca NHS Butuan City	
	John Mark G. Jarencio	Ampayon NHS Butuan City	
	Jeffry M. Panes	BCSAT Butuan City	
JHS (Private)		Butuan City	4
		Butuan City	
		Butuan City	
		Butuan City	
4 Secondary Learners <i>(if possible, including IPs from different ethnicities):</i>			
Formal SHS (Public)	Mary Angelic Q. Obiedo	ANHS Butuan City	4
	Princess Irene Valdez	ANHS Butuan City	
	Pauline M. Leop	ANHS Butuan City	
		Butuan City	
Formal SHS (Private)		Butuan City	4
		Butuan City	
		Butuan City	
		Butuan City	

	ALS, SHS	Kimberly C. Arbiol	Butuan City	4
		Norissa B. Deligero	Butuan City	
		Arjon H. Hanlod	Butuan City	
		Lady Ann S. Talibong	Butuan City	
	ALS, JHS	Ronel Palin	BCES-SBLC	3
		Charity S. Abria	Bonbon BCLC	
		Ellen Mie E. Bersabal	Bonbon BCLC	
5	Parents of Secondary Learners, Senior High School Level:			
	Public School Learners	Salazar Leop	DepEd Butuan City	3
		Joel Valdez	DepEd Butuan City	
		Melona Obiedo	DepEd Butuan City	
	Private School Learners		FSUU Butuan City	3
			FSUU Butuan City	
			FSUU Butuan City	
6	Other Professionals within the community such as but not limited to Engineers, Doctors, etc.			10
		Hon. Cherry Mae G. Busa	LGU Butuan City	
		Engr. Irish Joy Canete-Galaura	LGU Butuan City	
		Dr. Henry Plaza	LGU Butuan City	
		Dir. Charissa Guerta	LGU Butuan City	
		Engr. Maria Luz Bangalisan	LGU Butuan City	
		Ms. Golda V. Vergara-Pocon, RSW, MSSW, CESE	LGU Butuan City	
		Engr. Pierre Anthony D. Joven	LGU Butuan City	
		Ms. Daisy C. Malvar	LGU Butuan City	
		Ms. Mariez A. Truza	LGU Butuan City	
		Mr. Nilo Calipayan	LGU Butuan City	
7	Local Government Unit Representatives			5
	City Mayor and/or his/her representatives	Engr. Ronnie Vicente C. Lagnada	LGU Butuan City	
	City Administrator and/or his/her representatives	Atty. Joseph Ian B. Sabado	LGU Butuan City	
	Literacy Program Coordinator	Mr. Rosalito B. Libres	LGU Butuan City	
	Councilor/Chairman of Education Committee and/or his/her representatives	Hon. Joseph Omar O. Andaya	LGU Butuan City	
	Other staff highly immersed on the implementation of literacy programs	Hon. Gemma P. Tabada	LGU Butuan City	
8	Non-government Organization Representatives engaged on literacy development			3
		Rev. Fr. John Christian U. Young	FSUU Butuan City	
		Atty. Rodney C. Ato	FSUU Butuan City	
			FSUU Butuan City	
	TOTAL			60

Program of Activities

DAY 0 - August 9, 2023 - LCC RESEARCH TEAM		
TIME	ACTIVITY	FACILITRATOR/ SPEAKER/RESOURCE PERSON
6:00AM-12:00 PM	TRAVEL TIME	
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM	Courtesy Call to DepEd Regional Office	
2:30 PM- 5:30 PM	Preparatory Meeting of the PNU Research Team for the conduct of the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and LCC Secretariat (LCCS) Personnel Preparation of FGD Materials	
DAY 1 - August 10, 2023 - ALL PARTICIPANTS		
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM	OPENING PROGRAM • Philippine National Anthem • Prayer • Welcome Remarks • House Rules • Photo Opportunity	AVP LCCS Personnel PNU Research Team
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Mechanics of the FGD	PNU Research Team
9:30 AM-12:00 NN	FGD Proper	PNU Research Team (to be assisted by the LCCS Personnel)
12:00 NN-1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	PNU Research Team's Travel to Determined Community to Conduct Household Interviews	
2:00 PM-5:30 PM	Household Interview ***	PNU Research Team (to be assisted by the LCCS Personnel)
6:00 PM-9:00 PM	DINNER	
DAY 2 - August 11, 2023 - LCC RESEARCH TEAM		
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST	
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	TRAVEL TIME	
12:00 NN-6:00 PM	Home Bound	

Legend:

*** - will be subject to the research team's discretion and logistical arrangement



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING
EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

MEMORANDUM

OASEAALS-OM-2023-070

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : G.H. S. AMBAT
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO
THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL'S RESEARCH
STUDY ON LITERACY

DATE : June 2, 2023

The Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) through the Philippine Normal University (PNU) will conduct the **Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)** relative to the **Research Study on the Development of Benchmarks for Adult Literacy Competencies** in all 16 Regional Offices of the Department of Education (DepEd) from **June to July 2023**.

The outcome of the study will be the benchmark for adult literacy competencies that can be used as reference for policy recommendations on redefining the country's literacy goals, revising the measure of literacy in the country, and developing interventions for curriculum and national and local literacy programs.

The FGDs in each region will be conducted in one day, **exclusive** of travel time. Refer to Annex A for the schedule of the FGDs and Annex II for the Program of Activities.

The LCC research team to facilitate the FGDs is composed of two (2) researchers from PNU and one (1) LCC Secretariat (LCCS) staff. The names and travel details of the research team will be coordinated with the Regional Alternative Learning System focal persons.

In connection with this, the DepEd ROs are requested to identify and invite **sixty** (60) regional participants, following the recommended profiles in Annex III.

The travelling expenses and meals of the participants during the FGDs as well as the use of the function hall, shall be charged to the downloaded FY 2023 NLPP funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Additional expenses exceeding the allotted budget shall be charged to the local funds subject to review and approval.

For any clarification, contact Ms. Jem Beryline S. Bualat, Project Development Officer II, via e-mail address jem.bualat@deped.gov.ph cc lcc@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination.

Copy furnished: **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**, Undersecretary for Operations
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EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

RESEARCH STUDY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BENCHMARKS FOR ADULT LITERACY COMPETENCIES - FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

BREAKDOWN OF REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Note: The selection of participants and the equal distribution of the slots according to the participants' profiles are crucial as these will be contributory to the result of the research study. Due to various geographical challenges in the regions, it is highly recommended that majority of the **nearby** divisions/cities/municipalities in the FGD site be well represented during the activity.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
IMPORTANT NOTE: All regional participants must be aged 16-80 years old.	
DepEd Officials	
• Regional ALS Focal Person	1
• Schools Division Superintendent/Curriculum Implementation Division Chief	3
• Other officials/personnel highly immersed on the implementation of literacy programs	3
ALS	
• ALS Division Focal Person or Education Program Specialist II for ALS	3
• ALS Teacher	3
Formal School Teachers	
• Junior High School Teacher (Public)	4
• Junior High School Teacher (Private)	4
Secondary Learners (if possible, including IPs from different ethnicities):	
• Formal, Senior High School (Public)	4
• Formal, Senior High School (Private)	4
• ALS, Senior High School	4
• ALS, Junior High School	3
Parents of Secondary Learners, Senior High School Level:	
• Public School Learners	3
• Private School Learners	3
Other Professionals within the community such as but are not limited to Engineers, Doctors, etc.	10
Local Government Unit Representatives	5
• City Mayor and/or his/her representative	
• City Administrator and/or his/her representative	
• Literacy Program Coordinator	
• Councilor/Chairman of Education Committee and/or his/her representatives	
• Other staff highly immersed on the implementation of literacy programs	
Nongovernment Organization Representatives engaged on literacy development	3
TOTAL	60