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All Others Concerned

1. In response to the letter from ABC+: Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines, dated September 11, 2024, concerning conduct of Language Mapping and Proficiency Test (LMPT), this region informs the identified schools in select schools division on the respective date of assessment.

2. The actual implementation is scheduled on September 16-20, 2024:

School/ Division	Schedule	Facilitators
Santiago Central ES (Agusan del Norte)	September 16, morning	Antonio Igcalinos Shella Torralba <i>Language & Policy expert</i>
Baobaoan Integrated School (Butuan City)	September 16, afternoon	Janine Ilejay <i>ABC+ consultant</i>
Buenavista Central ES (Agusan del Norte)	September 17, morning	Maria Consuelo C. Jamera <i>Regional Focal</i>
Salvacion Integrated School (Butuan City)	September 17, afternoon	Junaline R. Mores <i>SDO Agusan del Norte</i>
Pitogo Elementary School (Siargao)	September 19, entire day	Marylou M. Recososa <i>SDO Butuan City</i>
Suyangan Elementary School (Siargao)	September 20, entire day	Luz Sandra R. Fernandez <i>SDO Siargao</i>

3. Attached is the Letter from ABC+: Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines and the DepEd Memorandum for further information and guidance.

4. As part of the preparation for the rollout, the team will schedule a virtual meeting with DepEd Regional and Division focal persons, as well as school heads of the identified schools.



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5. Additionally, the concerned SDOs are requested to extend support for the transportation of the team during the rollout of assessment activities.
6. For inquiries and clarification, please contact Ms. Maria Consuelo C. Jamera, Education Program Supervisor in Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), through mariaconsuelo.jamera@deped.gov.ph.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Letter from UP-ACTRC, DM-CT-2024-316

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11 September 2024

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**Subject: Language Mapping and Proficiency Test project Actual Implementation–
MATATAG Schools**

Dear RD Asuncion,

Warm Greetings from the ABC+ Project!

In support of the MATATAG Agenda to review the implementation of the Mother Tongue-based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) Program, the Curriculum and Teaching Strand of the Department of Education, in partnership with the USAID ABC+ Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines project, will undertake **Language Mapping and Proficiency Test** in select regions and schools in the country, including CARAGA Region with focus in Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Norte.

This assessment intends to address the following questions:

- What languages are being used by learners, teachers, parents and the community in the identified schools?
- In which language can the learners learn best or fast?
- Did the learners learn the skills expected of them at their level as defined in the curriculum?

To answer these, the LPT project will conduct an actual testing of the language assessment tools, where Grade 1 completers who are now enrolled in Grade 2 in target MATATAG and non-MATATAG schools will be assessed. The actual implementation is scheduled from **September 16–20, 2024**, barring major weather induced disruption that may affect travel.

Actual Implementation

School	Schedule	Facilitator – Language & Policy expert ABC+ consultant
Santiago Central Elementary School (Agusan del Norte)	September 16, morning	Antonio Igalinos, 09285501849 Janine Ilejay, 09456883563 Shella Torralba, Caraga State Univ
Baobaoan Integrated School (Butuan City)	September 16, afternoon	
Buenavista Central Elementary School (Agusan del Norte)	September 17, morning	
Salvacion Integrated School (Butuan City)	September 17, afternoon	
Pitogo Elementary School (San Benito, Siargao)	September 19, entire day	
Suyangan Elementary School (Gen. Luna, Siargao)	September 20, entire day	

As part of the preparation for the rollout, the team will schedule a **virtual orientation this Friday, 13 September at 3PM-4PM** (Zoom link will be to follow) with DepEd Division focal persons, as well as school heads and teacher assessors. In this vein, we humbly request your endorsement and support to make sure the participation of the identified DepEd staffs.

Moreover, for logistics support, we would like to request the following:

- 2 additional assessors per section (to complement Grades 2 teacher assessors)
- Transportation, if available, to ferry area consultants to and from target schools
- inventory of available IT equipment to be used in the assessment per school, except for Siargao (number of tablets, PCs, laptops, LCD TV, computer laboratory, among other items per school)

To manage time, may we also ask for a copy of the SFI for our coding purposes. It will also help us if the teachers already have the exact number of filtered learners to be actually assessed.

For inquiries or clarifications, please contact Mr. Tony Igalinos at 09285501849 or Ms. Janine Ilejay, via email at jilejay@abcplus.rti.org or by phone at 09398880145.

We look forward to your confirmation on this and are ready to discuss any further details required for the successful implementation of this initiative. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,


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ABC+ Consultant
LMPT Project – MATATAG Schools


Janine V. Ilejay
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MEMORANDUM
DM-CT-2024- 316

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FROM : 
GINA O. GOMONG
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

SUBJECT : **PILOT-TESTING AND ACTUAL CONDUCT OF THE
LANGUAGE MAPPING AND PROFICIENCY TEST IN SELECT
REGIONS AND SCHOOLS**

DATE : August 30, 2024

The Curriculum and Teaching Strand, in partnership with USAID ABC+ Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines, will undertake the **Language Mapping and Proficiency Testing (LMPT)** in select regions and schools in the country. The ABC+, with the assistance of language experts from select regions, developed tools to be utilized in the implementation of the project.

For the next stage of the project, ABC+ will conduct the following activities:

Activity	Date	Target Regions and Schools	Target Participants
Pilot-Testing of the Language Mapping	September 4-6, 2024	See Annex A	Grade 1 completers who



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and Proficiency Testing (LMPT) iTools			are now enrolled in Grade 2
Actual Implementation of the Language Mapping and Proficiency Testing	September 9-20, 2024	See Annex B	

In this regard, this Office requests the assistance of the Regional Office and Schools Division Offices to the ABC+ Research Team in preparing for the pilot and actual implementation of the LMPT Project.

As part of the rollout preparation, the team will schedule virtual meetings with DepEd Regional and Division focal persons and school heads. Furthermore, separate orientation sessions will be held for teacher assessors from the identified schools—Grade 2 teachers will conduct the assessment, while Grade 1 teachers will respond to questionnaires to provide key implementation data. Attached as Annex 3 is the LMPT Description, Guidelines and Specific Instructions.

Additionally, SDOs are requested, if available, to provide support for the transportation needs of the research team during the rollout of assessment activities.

For inquiries and/or clarifications, please contact Ms. Janine Ilejay, Education Program Specialist of ABC+ through jilejay@abcplus.rti.org or 09398880145. You may also contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching through ouct@deped.gov.ph or 8633-7202.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is requested.



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Annex A. List of Schools Identified for Pilot Testing of the Tools

Pilot schools	CRLA Data EOSY '23-'24		Possible languages to be tested based on the tool checklist	Dates	Location	Consultants & ABC+	Associates
	Language	Reading at Grade Level					
Ballay ES	Ilocano	70%	Tagalog, Ilokano, English	Sept. 6	Bauang North, La Union	Joel Costa Malabanan	DepEd La Union
Damortis ES		67%			Sto. Tomas, La Union		
Palacian Elementary School Buena Suerte F. Pante ES	Ilocano	61%	Ilokano, Tagalog, Gaddang, English	Sept. 4-5	San Agustín, Isabela	Joel Costa Malabanan	DepEd Isabela
	Tagalog	77%			Cauayan City, Isabela	Edwin Calubag	
Springhills Elementary School Nabalicong Saltin ES	Tagalog	92%	Kalinga, Ibaloi, Isnag, Ilokano, Tagalog, English	Sept. 5-6	Baguio City	Heidi B. Macahilig	DepEd Baguio
	Ilocano	85%			Buguias, Benguet	Janine Ilejay	
Longos ES	Tagalog	84%	Tagalog, English	Sept. 4	Malabon District II, Malabon City	Heidi B. Macahilig	DepEd Malabon City
Kalanan ES	Sinugbuanong Binaraya	91%	Binaraya, Tagalog, English	Sept. 4	Tabogon, Cebu	Tony Igcailinos	DepEd Cebu City

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Nuevo Campo Elementary School Sto Nino ES	Surigaonon Sinugbuanong Binisaya	88%	Binisaya, Surigaonon, Tagalog, English	Sept. 5 Sept. 6	San Benito, Siargao East Butuan District II, Butuan City	Tony Igcailinos	DepEd Butuan and Agusan del Norte
							Shella Torralba, director, Sentro ng Wika at Kultura
Tampus Integrated School	Sinugbuanong Binisaya	67%	Hiligaynon, Ilocano, Binisaya, Tagalog, B'laan, Manuvu, English	Sept. 4-6	Central Glan, Sarangani West Alabel, Sarangani	Ricardo Ma D. Nolasco	DepEd Sarangani
DATU ABDULLAH TONDOG INTEGRATED SCHOOL		69%					For Sarangani area schools, EPSS Melchor Maguan and Evan Campos will be assisting



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Annex B. List of MATATAG Pilot and Control Schools

Region	School	Location	Consultant	Associates	Institution	Actual Implementation
Region I	Dulao Integrated School (control)	Aringay, La Union	Joel Costa Malabanan	DepEd counterpart		September 16-19, 2024 September 20 - travel back
	Cabaruan Integrated School (pilot)	Sto. Tomas, La Union				
	Aringay Central Elem. School (control)	Aringay, La Union				
	Caba Elementary School (pilot)	Caba, La Union				
	Payocpoc Elementary School (control)	Bauang, La Union (South)				
Region II	Acao Elementary School (pilot)	Bauang, La Union (North)	Joel Costa Malabanan & Ricardo Nolasco	DepEd counterpart		September 9-12, 2024 September 13 - travel back to base
	Cauayan South Central School (control)	Cauayan, Isabela South District				
	Cauayan North Central School (pilot)	Cauayan, Isabela North District				
	Cumabao Integrated School (control)	Tumauini, Isabela North District				
	Dingding Integrated School (pilot)	San Guillermo, Isabela				
CAR	Dabubu Grande ES (control)	San Agustin, Isabela	Heidi B. Macahilig			
	Villa Teresita Primary School (pilot)	San Guillermo, Isabela				
	Cagandungan East ES (control)	Luna, Apayao				



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	Calafug Elementary School (pilot)	Southern Conner, Apayao	Janine Ilejay <i>DepEd counterpart</i>	ABC+	September 16-19, 2024 September 20 - travel back to base
	Elpidio R. Quirino ES (control)	Baguio City			
	Rizal Elementary School (pilot)	Baguio City			
	Mogao Integrated School (control)	Mankayan, Benguet			
NCR	Lam-ayan Integrated School (pilot)	Buguias, Benguet	Heidi B. Macahilig	<i>DepEd counterpart</i>	September 9-11, 2024
	Tanong Integrated School (control)	Malabon City			
	Dampalit Integrated School (pilot)	Malabon City			
	Concepcion Elementary School (control)	Malabon City			
	Santiago Syjuco Memorial ISS (pilot)	Malabon City			
	Dela Paz Elementary School (control)	Malabon City			
Cebu	Muzon Elementary School (pilot)	Malabon City	Tony Igalinos Edwin Calubag	<i>DepEd counterpart</i>	September 16-19, 2024 September 20 - travel back
	Cadulawan Integrated School (control)	Minglanilla, Cebu District			
	Guindarohan ES (control)	Minglanilla, Cebu District			
	Tindog Integrated School (pilot)	Medellin, Cebu			

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Alegria Central Elementary School (pilot)	Alabel, Sarangani West District					
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22 August 2024

DR. GINA O. GONONG

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**Subject: Pilot and Actual Implementation of the Language Proficiency Test project –
MATATAG Schools**

Dear USec. Gonong,

Warm Greetings from the ABC+ Project!

Thank you for your support during the pre-rollout workshop of the Language Proficiency Test in Baguio City and Davao City, where the team finalized the tools that will be utilized in the implementation of the project.

As we proceed with the core activities, we respectfully request the assistance and support of the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching (OUCT) through a memorandum. This will help facilitate the planned activities and ensure the participation of DepEd personnel from the seven regions involved in the upcoming pilot and actual implementation of the Language Proficiency Test (LPT) assessment activities, as part of the MATATAG agenda.

The pilot testing of the tools will be conducted in non-target and non-pilot schools, provided that the selected sample population is close to the MATATAG schools to approximate the linguistic profiles of the target schools. Consequently, in the actual implementation, Grade 1 completers who are now enrolled in Grade 2 in target MATATAG pilot and control schools will be assessed. Attached as Annex I is the list of specific schools and target dates for the pilot and actual implementation, scheduled from **September 4-6** and **September 9-20, 2024** respectively.

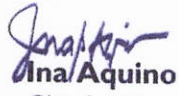
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Additionally, if available, we kindly request that the DepEd SDOs involved extend support for the transportation needs of the team during the rollout of assessment activities.

For inquiries or clarifications, please contact Ms. Janine Ilejay, Education Program Specialist at ABC+, via email at jilejay@abcplus.rti.org or by phone at 09398880145 or 09456883563.

We look forward to your favorable response and are ready to discuss any further details required for the successful implementation of this initiative. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ina Aquino', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief of Party

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