



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

March 18, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ORD No. 249, s. 2024

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

**NATIONAL FORUM ON BETTER LIFE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO
FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES
PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM**

1. This has reference to the attached Joint Memorandum dated March 14, 2024, from Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, and Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations, relative to the above-captioned activity.
2. The activity aims to strengthen synergies between Central Office and Regional Offices in the implementation of the ALS Programs aligned with the MATATAG Agenda. Additionally, it also aims to maximize the utilization of the ALS modules and session guides, expand the implementation of the program, and reinforce the provision of continuing learning opportunity to girls living in poverty.
3. The participants to this activity are the Regional and Division ALS focal persons and Education Program Specialist II-ALS.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JOCELYN DR ANDAYA
Director IV

Encl.: As stated
Reference:
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index



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JOINT MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
BARMM MBHTE MINISTER
REGIONAL ALS FOCAL PERSONS

FROM : 
GINA O. GONONG
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching ^{JTO}


ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **NATIONAL FORUM ON BETTER LIFE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM**

DATE : March 14, 2024

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE) in collaboration with UNESCO, will organize a National Forum on *Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines* on **March 21-22, 2024** at a **venue within NCR** (the specific venue will be announced through a separate advisory).
2. The forum is part of UNESCO-DepEd-KOICA Cooperation project implemented since 2017 which aims (a) strengthening synergies of the existing ALS Programs within national and regional level; (b) maximizing the utilization of the ALS Modules and Session Guides; (c) expanding the implemented Project and (d) reinforcing the provision of continuing learning opportunity to girls living in poverty.
3. With the aforementioned aims of the forum particularly on strengthening synergies between Central Office and regional offices in the implementation of the ALS Programs aligned with the MATATAG Agenda, the participation of the ALS Regional Implementors is highly encouraged. Thus, the **Regional Directors or their representatives and the Regional ALS Focal Persons** are invited to participate in this forum. List of participants and indicative program of activities are attached.



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4. BAE will provide via email the template to be used by Regional Directors and Regional ALS Focal Persons for the regional presentation.
5. For questions or clarifications, your respective offices may contact Ms. Kristine Lee S. Lumanog, *Senior Education Program Specialist*, BAE-PMSDD via email at bae.pmsdd@deped.gov.ph or Mr. Remegio Alquitran, *National Project Officer-UNESCO* via email r.alquitran@unesco.org.



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Attachment No. 1 to DM-CT-2024-

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2.	Antonio Laceste	I	Regional ALS Focal Person
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19.	Salutiano T. Jimenez / Representative	VII	Regional Director or Representative
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21.	Evelyn R. Fetalvero / Representative	VIII	Regional Director or Representative
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26.	Ray Butch Mahinay	X	Regional ALS Focal Person



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29. Carlito D. Rocafort / Representative	XII	Regional Director or Representative
30. Crisanto Bulatao	XII	Regional ALS Focal Person
31. Maria Ines C. Asuncion/ Representative	CARAGA	OIC-Regional Director Regional Director or Representative
32. Josephine Chonie Obsenares	CARAGA	Regional ALS Focal Person
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34. Mohammad Faisal Dimalen	BARMM	Regional ALS Focal Person



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INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
Opening Session		
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anthem Prayer DepEd Quality Policy Statement Acknowledgment of Participants 	
	Welcoming Remarks	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa , Director and Representative, UNESCO
	Opening Remarks	Gina O. Gonong , Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching, Department of Education, Philippines
	Introduction of the Training Statement of Purpose	Dr. Mee Young Choi , Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO
	Group Photo	All Participants
Session 1 - UNESCO Project on ALS		
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction and Overview of UNESCO's Project on ALS	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Achievement of UNESCO Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Girls Education Center The ALS Modules 	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
	Q&A	
Session 2 - ALS Policy and Programs		
Parallel Session		
11:00 – 12:00	<u>For Regional Directors</u>	<u>For ALS Focal Persons</u>
	RA No. 11510, s. 2020 and Its IRR or the ALS Law Section 8. The Bureau of Alternative Education Section 9. Powers and Functions of BAE Presenters: Marilette R. Almayda , Director IV, DepEd Lynn Z. Padillo , Director III, DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level (Part 1: Region 1–Region 3) Facilitators: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO Kristine Lee S. Lumanog



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		DepEd
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:45	Section 10: The ALS Programs Presenter: Ernie M. Pamor , DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level
13:45 – 14:30	Section 12: A&E Assessment and Certification Presenter: Irene D. Barzaga , DepEd	(Part 2: Region 4 – Region 17) Facilitators: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
14:30 – 15:00	Sections 13-14: Hiring and Professional Development of Teachers Presenter: Brenfel C. Hajan , DepEd	Kristine Lee S. Lumanog , DepEd
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Section 15: The ALS Community Learning Centers Presenter: John Alvin V. Seradoy , DepEd	Q&A
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Wrap up of the Forum	UNESCO

Day 2

08:45 – 09:00	Registration	
Session 3 – ALS Learning Resources		
09:00 – 10:00	Introduction of ALS JHS Module Learning Strands	Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Updates on the Provision of the 50 JHS Modules and Session Guides	Kristine Lee S. Lumanog , DepEd
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation Per Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Girls Education in ALS • Issues and Challenges Relative to Girls Education in ALS 	Representative per Region Facilitator: Remegio Alquitran , National Project Officer, UNESCO



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation on the Promotion of Girls Education in ALS	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
Session 4 - Management of Learning: ALS Modules		
13:00 – 14:00	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
14:00 – 15:00		
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	Dr. Mee Young Choi, Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO Janir Ty Datukan Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching




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CO-EPS No. 03-451, s. 2024

TO : **JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA**
Regional Director
Department of Education National Capital Region

FROM : 
MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
Director IV

SUBJECT : **REQUEST TO ENGAGE DEPED-NCR ALS FOCAL PERSONS AS PARTICIPANTS TO THE NATIONAL FORUM ON BETTER LIFE FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES PROJECT IN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM ON MARCH 21-22, 2024 AT DUSIT THANI HOTEL, MAKATI CITY**

DATE : March 18, 2024

BACKGROUND

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In this regard, may we respectfully request your support by sending fifty (50) Alternative Learning System Supervisors/Focal Persons from the different Schools Division Offices (SDOs) of the Department of Education National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR) to attend the said Forum on March 21-22, 2024. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants relative to this activity shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations while **meals (AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks) will be provided at the venue during the event.**

Participants shall adhere to the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 43, s. 2022 Omnibus Travel Guidelines for All Personnel of the Department of Education; DO 46, s. 2022 Amendment to DO 43, s. 2022; and DO 1, s. 2023 Revised Designation of Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries to their Strands and Functional Areas of Responsibilities and Revised Signing Authorities, in preparation for their travel requirements.



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Thank you very much.




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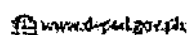
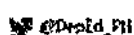
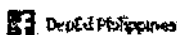
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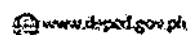
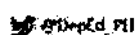
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12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	
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15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 - 16:15	Section 15: The ALS Community Learning Centers Presenter: John Alvin V. Seradoy, DepEd	Q&A
Closing Session		
16:15 - 16:30	Wrap up of the Forum	UNESCO

Day 2		
08:45 - 09:00	Registration	
Session 3 – ALS Learning Resources		
09:00 - 10:00	Introduction of ALS JHS Module Learning Strands	Remegio Alquitran, National Project Officer, UNESCO
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	• Recommendation on the Promotion of Girls Education in ALS	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
Session 4 – Management of Learning: ALS Modules		
13:00 – 14:00	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
14:00 – 15:00		
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Continuation of the Presentation per Region	Representative per Region
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	Dr. Mee Young Choi, Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO Janir Ty Datukan Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching

CONCEPT NOTE

Forum on Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines Project in Alternative Learning System

21-22 March 2024

Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, the Philippines

BACKGROUND

UNESCO supports the Government of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepEd) in its Alternative Learning System (ALS) Program with the implementation of the Project, “Better Life for Out-of-School Girls to Fight Against Poverty and Injustice in the Philippines”. The overall goal of the Project is to provide continuing learning opportunity to girls living in poverty, particularly through supporting out-of-school girls registered in ALS, for a better quality of life. The Project is implemented with financial assistance of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and envisioned to contribute to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the Philippines, particularly SDG 4: Quality Education.

Within the capacity building component of the Project, a National Forum will be organized covering the 17 regions of the Department of Education of the Philippines on 21-22 March 2024 in Manila. The training will be conducted in cooperation with the DepEd Central Office, specifically the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE), and Regional Offices.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the forum are to provide assistance for Regional Directors and ALS Focal Persons to strengthen synergies of the existing ALS Programme within national and regional level, utilize the developed ALS modules and Session Guides for ALS Teachers and learners and expand the reach of the Project to more teachers across the 17 regions in the Philippines.

DATE & VENUE

Date: 21-22 March 2024

Venue: TBC, Manila, The Philippines

PARTICIPANTS

The training is expected to be participated by Regional Directors and Regional ALS Focal Persons from the Department of Education at the 17 regions of the Philippines.

PROVISIONAL TRAINING AGENDA

Day 1 – 21 March 2024		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
Opening Session		
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anthem • Prayer • DepEd Quality Policy Statement • Acknowledgment of Participants 	
	Welcoming Remarks	Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa, Director and Representative, UNESCO
	Opening Remarks	Gina O. Gonong, Usec of Curriculum and Teaching, Department of Education Philippines
	Introduction of the Training Statement of Purpose	Dr. Mee Young Choi, Programme Specialist of Education, UNESCO
	Group Photo	All Participants
Session 1 - UNESCO Project on ALS		
09:30 – 10:00	Introduction and Overview of UNESCO's Project on ALS	Remegio Alquitrán, National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Achievement of UNESCO Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Girls Education Center • The ALS Modules 	Remegio Alquitrán, National Project Officer, UNESCO
	Q&A	
Session 2 - ALS Policy and Programme		
Parallel Session		
11:00 – 12:00	For Regional Directors	For ALS Focal Persons
	RA 11510, s. 2020 and its IRR or the ALS Law Section 8. The Bureau of Alternative Education Section 9. Powers and Functions of BAE Presenters: Marilette R. Almayda, Director, DepEd and Lynn Z. Padillo, Director, DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level (Part 1: Region 1 – Region 3) Facilitator: Remegio Alquitrán, National Project Officer, UNESCO
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:45	Section 10: The ALS Programs Presenter: Ernie M. Pamor, DepEd	Discussion of Issues and Challenges on the Implementation Alternative Learning System at the Regional Level (Part 2: Region 4 – Region 17) Facilitator: Remegio Alquitrán, National Project Officer, UNESCO
13:45 – 14:30	Section 12: A&E Assessment and Certification Presenter: Irene D. Barzaga, DepEd	
14:30 – 15:00	Sections 13-14: Hiring and Professional Development of Teachers Presenter: Brenfel C. Hajan, DepEd	
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	

15:15 – 16:15	Section 15: The ALS Community Learning Centers Presenter: John Alvin V. Seradoy, DepEd	Q&A
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Wrap up of the Training	UNESCO

Day 2 – 22 March 2024		
08:45 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Summary of Day 1	UNESCO
Session 3 – ALS LEARNING RESOURCES*		
09:15 – 10:15	Introduction of ALS JHS Module Learning Strands	Remegio Alquitran, National Project Officer, UNESCO
10:15 – 11:00	Updates on the Provision of the 50 JHS Modules and Session Guides	Kristine Lee S. Lumanog Senior Education Program Specialist
11:00-12:00	Presentation Per Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to Girls Education in ALS • Issues and Challenges Relative to Girls Education in ALS • Recommendation on the Promotion of Girls Education in ALS 	Representative per Region Facilitator: Remegio Alquitran, National Project Officer, UNESCO
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
Session 4 – Management of Learning: ALS Modules		
13:00 – 14:00	Continuation of the Presentation Per Region	Representative per Region
14:00 – 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:15 – 16:15	Continuation of the Presentation Per Region	Representative per Region
Closing Session		
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	UNESCO- Choi DepEd- ASEC

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