




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

**Tanggapan ng Kawaksing Kalihim**  
Office of the Assistant Secretary

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Regional Directors  
(NCR, CAR, Region V, VII, XI, CARAGA)

**FROM:**   
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** **DEPED-UNDP PROJECT ON STRENGTHENING  
GOVERNANCE AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES  
THROUGH THIRD-PARTY MONITORING**

**DATE:** 06 October 2016

As part of its Government Cost Sharing (GCS) agreement with the Department of Education (DepEd) for the Senior High School Computerization Project, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will be implementing a technical assistance package that aims to help strengthen public financial management (PFM) as well as to boost citizen's participation in the delivery of education services, to wit:

1. Conduct of a **PFM Diagnostic Assessment** in five (5) DepEd regional offices. Such diagnostic assessment will inform the development and implementation of PFM reforms in the DepEd: a priority of Secretary Leonor Magtolis-Briones;
2. Development and pilot testing of a **PFM Capacity Development (CapDev) Program** for the personnel of DepEd and for civil society organizations (CSOs). For the government track, the UNDP will pilot a module on procurement;
3. Establishment of social accountability mechanisms through **Third Party Monitoring (TPM)** of the timeliness and quality of services delivered to beneficiaries. For this phase, TPM teams to be deployed will review the readiness of Schools to receive the computer packages, monitor the delivery and installation of the computer packages, and survey the satisfaction of users (teachers and students) with the computer packages.

The technical assistance package will initially be implemented from October to December 2016 in the National Capital Region (NCR), Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR), Region V, Region VII, Region XI, and Caraga Region. It will be implemented through the **Host Universities Bridging Services (HUBS)** network, to be composed of the following (*see Annex A for the list of partners*):

1. State and private universities and colleges - apart from as serving as overall focal point for the HUBS, they will be a) conducting the PFM Diagnostic Assessments and b) delivering the PFM CapDev program for government and CSOs;
2. CSOs - they will a) organize and prepare the TPM teams who will monitor the delivery of computer packages to schools; b) deliver the PFM CapDev program for CSOs;
3. Private Sector - they will be engaged to support the sustainability of the technical assistance package through marketing and business plan development.

As such, the concerned Regional Directors are tasked to support the successful implementation of the technical assistance project by:

1. Communicate to their respective Schools Divisions and Schools, through the issuance of memoranda and other means, on the objectives and key information about the technical assistance package;
2. Assign a regional and division coordinator who will serve as contact person of the HUBS partners in coordinating the activities of the project;
3. For the PFM Diagnostic Assessment, provide access to documents, information, and relevant personnel to the HUBS partners (academe) as they conduct interviews and other research activities. Please note that the specific Schools Divisions to be covered, if any, will be determined and communicated by the HUBS partners;
4. For the TPM, instruct the Schools Principals to facilitate the TPM activities by, among others, allowing the entry of the TPM teams in their Schools' premises and providing relevant information and documents. Please note that the list of specific schools to be covered by the TPM will be determined and communicated by the HUBS partners;
5. A subsequent memorandum will be issued on the CapDev program.

For further questions or information on this matter, you may communicate your concerns with my office through Mr. Gerald Magno at telephone number (02) 633-5313.

*Strengthening Governance and Empowering Communities Through Social Accountability*

**ANNEX A**  
**HUBS partners for the DepEd-UNDP Project**  
**With Pointpersons**

	<b>SUCs/Private HEIs</b>	<b>CSOs</b>
<b>NCR</b>	<p>University of the Philippines National College for Public Administration and Governance (UP -CPAG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fe Villamejor-Mendoza, <i>Dean</i></li> </ul> <p>Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmanuel De Guzman, <i>President</i></li> </ul> <p>De La Salle University - Jesse Robredo Institute for Governance (DLSU JMRIG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Francisco Magno, <i>Director</i></li> </ul>	<p>Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Southeast Asia &amp; the Pacific Foundation, Inc. (ANSA-EAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redempto Parafina, <i>Executive Director</i></li> </ul>
<b>CAR</b>	<p>Cagayan State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariden V. Cauilan, <i>President</i></li> </ul> <p>Benguet State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feliciano Calora Jr., <i>President</i></li> </ul>	<p>Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (CCAGG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pura Sumaguil, <i>Chairperson</i></li> </ul>
<b>Region V</b>	<p>Bicol University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnulfo M. Mascariñas, <i>President</i></li> </ul>	<p>Naga City People’s Council (NCPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Augusto R. Nieves, <i>Chairperson</i></li> </ul>
<b>Region VII</b>	<p>University of the Philippines Cebu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liza D. Corro, <i>Acting Chancellor</i></li> </ul>	<p>Fellowship for Organizing Endeavors, Inc. (FORGE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Estauero, <i>Executive Director</i></li> </ul>
<b>Region XI</b>	<p>Ateneo de Davao University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Fr. Joel E. Tabora S.J., <i>President</i></li> </ul> <p>UP Mindanao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvia B. Concepcion, <i>Chancellor</i></li> </ul> <p>University of Southeastern Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lourdes C. Generalao, <i>President</i></li> </ul>	<p>Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raizsa Mae M. Anayatin, <i>Executive Director</i></li> </ul>
<b>CARAGA</b>	<p>Father Saturnino Urios College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Fr. John Christian U. Young</li> </ul>	<p>Rural Enterprise Assistance Center Foundation, Inc. (REACH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arceli T. Napalan, <i>Executive Director</i></li> </ul>