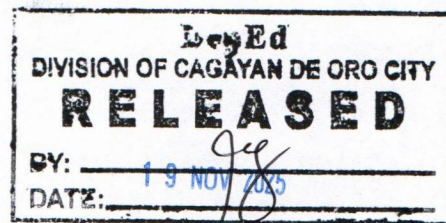




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REGION X
DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

17 November, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 1061 s.2025

**CONDUCT OF THE PHILIPPINES EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
STANDARDS (PELDS) VALIDATION**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
School Heads of Public and Private Schools in Brgy. Bayabas and
Camaman-an
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisor
This Division

1. Pursuant to the herein attached Office Memo OASOPS-2025-A445 titled "Request for assistance on the conduct of the Philippines Early Learning and Development Standards (PELDS) validation in selected Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices, and identified public and private schools.
2. The validation activity aims to ensure that the revised standards are developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, and inclusive of children from diverse backgrounds across the Philippines.
3. The following schools are listed for validation
 1. Bayabas Elementary School
 2. Bayabas National High School
 3. Camaman-an Elementary School
 4. Camaman-an National High School
 5. The Fisher Valley Academy
 6. Canossa Kindergarten and Day Center
 7. Marian Good Start Preschool
 8. Foundation of Our Lady of Divine Love, Inc.
 9. Xaris-Theos Christian School
4. For further inquiries and concern, kindly directly contact the Early Childhood Care and Development Task Force through email at eccd.tf@deped.gov.ph or number at 09619263003.
5. In adherence to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment shall be accorded to all participants regardless of disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity.



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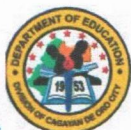
6. For information and guidance of this Memorandum.

ROY ANGELO E. GAZO
Schools Division Superintendent

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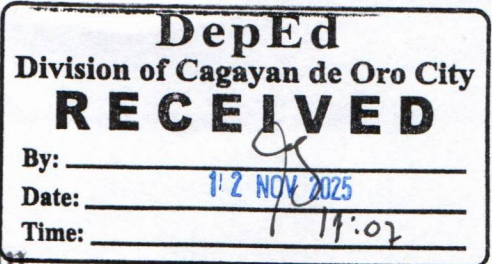
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

OM-OASOPS-2025- A445

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
(Regions III, IV-B, V, VI, VII, X, XI, XII, and CAR)

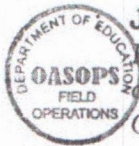
JOEL T. TORRECAMPO

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SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

(Divisions of Pampanga, Oriental Mindoro, Albay, Ligao City, Aklan,
Cebu Province, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City, Davao de
Oro, Cotabato Province, Kidapawan City, Ifugao, Navotas City, and
Quezon City)

FROM : **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**
Regional Director, NCR
concurrent Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations



SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE
PHILIPPINES EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
STANDARDS (PELDS) VALIDATION**

DATE : September 10, 2025

This pertains to the memorandum from Janir T. Datukan, Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems, dated August 20, 2025, regarding the request of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), relative to the conduct of the Philippine Early Learning and Development Standards (PELDS) validation in selected Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and identified public and private schools. Below is the list of target areas for validation:

Regions	Provinces	City/Municipality	Barangay
CAR	Ifugao	Aguinaldo	Galonogon
			Ubao
		Mayoyao	Chaya
			Poblacion
III	Pampanga	Lubao	Santa Maria
			Santa Cruz
		Santa Rita	Dila-Dila
			San Vicente
IV-B	Oriental Mindoro	Puerto Galera	Santo Nino
			Poblacion

		Baco	Baras
			Poblacion
V	Albay	Daraga	Alobo
			Anislag
		Ligao City	Busac
			Tuburan
VI	Aklan	Kalibo	Tinigaw
			Andagaw
VII	Cebu	Dumanjug	Kanyuko
			Tapon
		Dalaguete	Tapun
			Dumalan
X	Misamis Oriental	Naawan	Poblacion
			Patag
		Cagayan de Oro City	Bayabas
			Camaman-an
XI	Davao de Oro	Campostela	Mapaca
			Maparat
		Montevista	Lebanon
			San Jose
XII	Cotabato	Kidapawan City	Sumbao
			Poblacion
		Makilala	Saguing
			Sinkatulan
NCR	NCR	Navotas City	San Jose
			Navotas East
		Quezon City	Marilag
			East Kamias

The validation activity aims to ensure that the revised standards are developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, and inclusive of children from diverse backgrounds across the Philippines.

In line with this, this Office respectfully endorses the matter, for your review and evaluation, subject to the provisions of all relevant rules and regulations of the Department of Education.

For further inquiries and concerns, kindly directly contact the Early Childhood Care and Development Task Force through email at eccd.tf@deped.gov.ph or number at 09619263003.

Kindly see attached file, for your reference and immediate action.

Enclosure: as stated

Copy furnished:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

Department of Education



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

MEMORANDUM

OM-OASLS-ECCDLCC-2025-

FOR : **MALCOM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Operations

FROM : **JANIR T. DATUKAN**
Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **Request for Endorsement for Philippine Early Learning and Development Standards (PELDS) Validation Project Coordination with Selected Regions, SDOs, and Schools**

DATE : **August 20, 2025**

This is in reference to the letter of Mr. Edgar Donoso, representative from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), relative to the request for endorsement of the conduct of the Philippine Early Learning and Development Standards (PELDS) Validation to the concerned Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and selected public and private schools.

In collaboration with the Social Development Research Center (SDRC) of De La Salle University, this initiative aims to ensure a seamless continuum and smooth transition for children from home to Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) centers, to kindergarten, and through Grade 3.

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully transmits the above letter and its attachments, and seeks your assistance to facilitate the said request.

For inquiries and/or clarifications, please contact the Early Childhood Care and Development Task Force via email at eccd.tf@deped.gov.ph or +63 961-926-3003.

For appropriate action.



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Request for Endorsement for PELDS Validation Project Coordination with Selected Regions, SDOs, and Schools

From Mary Grace Simangan <msimangan@unicef.org>

Date Fri 8/1/2025 2:38 PM

To Office of the Secretary <osec@deped.gov.ph>

Cc Ronald Mendoza <ron.mendoza@deped.gov.ph>; Office of the USec for Human Resource & Organizational Dev (OUHROD) <usec.hrod@deped.gov.ph>; Ronald Mendoza <ron.mendoza@deped.gov.ph>; Ahnee Lae Abutin <ahnee.abutin@deped.gov.ph>; Maria Caridad Tarroja <maria.caridad.tarroja@dlsu.edu.ph>; Edgar Donoso <edonoso@unicef.org>; Akihiro Fushimi <afushimi@unicef.org>; Psyche Vetta Olayvar <pvolayvar@unicef.org>; Orson James Calub <ojcalub@unicef.org>

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Sent from the Office of Mr. Edgar Donoso Paz, Representative a.i. - UNICEF PHILIPPINES

Hon. Juan Edgardo M. Angara
Secretary, Department of Education

Attention: Assistant Secretary Mel Oracion
OIC, Office of the Undersecretary for Learning System Strand

Dear Secretary Angara,

Warm greetings from UNICEF!

As part of the Work Plan under the Government of the Philippines and UNICEF's 9th Country Program for Children, we are currently supporting the ECCD Council and the Department of Education in the enhancement and expansion of the Philippine Early Learning and Development Standards (PELDS) for children aged 0–8 years.

The PELDS is a vital national framework that outlines age-appropriate developmental milestones and learning standards for young children. Aligned with one objective of the newly legislated ECCD System Law (RA 12199), it serves as the foundation for reviewing and aligning curriculum, instruction, assessment practices, and competency standards for ECCD workers and Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers. This initiative aims to ensure a seamless continuum and smooth transition for children from home to ECCD centers, to kindergarten, and through to Grade 3.

To support this effort, we have engaged the Social Development Research Center (SDRC) of De La Salle University to conduct content and age validation of the enhanced and expanded PELDS. The primary goal of this validation is to ensure that the standards are developmentally sound, culturally responsive, and inclusive of children from diverse contexts across the Philippines.

The validation process is being overseen by the PELDS Advisory Group, which includes members of the ECCD Council Technical Working Group, representatives from BARMM MBHTE and MSSD, selected experts, UNICEF, and the World Bank. The Department of Education is represented by Ms. Emily Mallari and Ms. Forcefina Frias from DepEd-BLD, and Ms. Sheena Manuel from DepEd-BCD.

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Sincerely,

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23 July 2025
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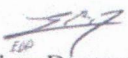
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Cc: Dr. Maria Caridad H. Tarroja, Project Head / Lead Investigator, SDRC-DLSU
Undersecretary Carmela Oracion, Department of Education
Undersecretary Ronald Mendoza, Department of Education
OIC, Director Ahnee Abutin, Department of Education

		Batan	Angas Lalab
7 (Central Visayas)	Cebu	Dumanjug	Kanyuko Tapon
		Dalaguete	Tapun Dumalan
10 (Northern Mindanao)	Misamis Oriental	Naawan	Poblacion Patag
		Cagayan de Oro City	Bayabas Camaman-an
11 (Davao Region)	Davao del Oro	Campostela	Mapaca Maparat
		Montevista	Lebanon San Jose
12 (Soccsksargen)	Cotabato	Kidapawan City	Sumbao Poblacion
		Makilala	Saguing Sinkatulan
	Lanao Del Sur	Ditsaan-Ramayin	Baclayan Raya Maranao Timber
		Tamparan	Balutmadiar Pagayawan

BARMM	Tawi-Tawi		
		Bongao	Poblacion
			Lagasan
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			Poblacion
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			Santa Cruz
		Santa Rita	Dila-Dila
			San Vicente
4-B (MIMAROPA)	Oriental Mindoro	Puerto Galera	Santo Nino
			Poblacion
		Baco	Baras
			Poblacion
5 (Bicol)	Albay	Daraga	Alobo
			Anislag
		Ligao City	Busac
			Tuburan
6 (Western Visayas)	Aklan	Kalibo	Tinigaw
			Andagaw

Region	Provinces	Field Coordinator	Socio-Economic Status Based on Income Classification / Language	Other Characteristics	City/Municipality	Income Classification of Cities and Municipalities	Barangay	Population as of 2020	Age Range in Months (yrs)													Total (sample)
									0-6 (½ yr)	7-12 (1½yr)	13-18 (2½yr)	19-24 (2yrs)	25-30 (2½yr)	31-36 (3yrs)	37-48 (4yrs)	49-60 (5yrs)	61-72 (6yrs)	73-84 (7yrs)	85-96 (8yrs)			
CAR (Ifugao)	Ifugao		3rd; Ifugao	Ethnic Group / IP	Aguinaldo	2nd	Galonogon	5.86% / 1,239	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	12		
							Ubao	14.00% / 2,958	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	5	31		
					Mayoyao	4th	Chaya Poblacion	7.36% / 1,150	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	12	
								5.67% / 885	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10			
3 (Central Luzon)	Pampanga	No response from Rodmar	1st; Top 20 Provinces / Kapampangan	Access to Social Services; Rich Culinary Heritage	Lubao	1st	Santa Maria	0.98% / 1,698	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	14		
							Santa Cruz	10.20% / 17,700	8	8	8	8	8	8	16	16	20	20	20	20	138	
					Santa Rita	4th	Dila-Dila	21.67% / 10,449	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	13	13	13	13	84	
								2.63% / 1,268	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9			
4-B (MIMAROPA)	Oriental Mindoro	Vilma Abwatan	1st; Tagalog	Ethnic Group / IP	Puerto Galera	1st	Santo Nino	6.46% / 2,711	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	23		
							Poblacion	12.70% / 5,329	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	8	8	8	8	57	
					Baco	3rd	Barat Poblacion	3.93% / 1,563	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	
								7.18% / 2,860	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	28			
5 (Bicol)	Albay	Cris Mirandilla	1st; 11 Dialects	Disaster Prone	Daraga	1st	Alobo	0.59% / 794	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8		
							Anilag	9.62% / 12,877	6	6	7	7	7	7	13	13	18	18	18	18	119	
					Ligao City	4th	Busac Tuburan	0.96% / 1,137	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	15
								5.43% / 6,415	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	8	8	55			
6 (Western Visayas)	Aklan	Jonhson Fernandez	2nd; Aklanon	Mountainous Province	Kalibo	1st	Tinigaw	3.67% / 3,269	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	25	
							Andagaw	17.28% / 15,404	6	6	6	6	6	6	12	12	15	15	15	15	104	
					Batan	4th	Angat Lalab	4.64% / 1,153	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	17
								9.48% / 3,174	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	29			
7 (Central Visayas)	Cebu	Cresme Magallano	1st; Top 20 / Cebuano	Access to Social Services; Rich Culinary Heritage	Dumanjug	3rd	Kanyuko	2.19% / 1,267	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	14		
							Tapon	7.12% / 4,118	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	5	5	5	37	
					Dalaguete	1st	Tapun	6.35% / 4,738	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	6	6	6	6	42	
								2.68% / 2,002	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	23			
10 (Northern Mindanao)	Misamis Oriental	Karen Grace A. Lacerna	1st; Bisaya	Coastal Province	Naawan	4th	Poblacion	25.46% / 5,714	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	6	6	6	40		
							Patag	6.73% / 1,510	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	13	
					Cagayan de Oro City	1st	Bayabas	1.92% / 13,991	8	8	8	8	8	8	16	16	19	19	19	19	137	
								4.84% / 35,238	19	19	18	18	18	18	36	36	40	40	40	304		