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Department of Education
REGIONAL OFFICE IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



Office of the Regional Director

October 10, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

CLMD-2025- 559

**FIELD VISIT OF YOUTH IMPACT TEAM IN SELECTED SCHOOLS OF REGION IX
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARAL PROGRAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Isabela Division
Zamboanga Sibugay Division
Zamboanga del Norte Division
Pagadian City Division
Zamboanga del Sur Division
Zamboanga City Division
ARAL Focals
All Others Concerned
This Region

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the partnership of the Learning Systems Strand and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) under the System Capacity Grant (SCG) Project managed by the World Bank (WB), has commissioned **Youth Impact**, led by **Ms. Mariel Bayangos**, to conduct field visits in selected schools in **Region IX**.

2. The activity aims to understand the experiences of teachers, school heads, and supervisors in implementing DepEd's Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program and to gather insights and recommendations that will contribute to the improvement of the national ARAL policy and program design.

3. The Youth Impact team is composed of:

- **Ms. Armida Elaine Umali-Trinos**, Policy Analyst
- **Ms. Maria Perlita de Leon**, Senior Researcher
- **Mr. Jess Marlowe Libre**, Operations and Implementation Specialist

4. The following is the **schedule of activities and target areas** for the field visit:

Target Dates of Travel	Area	Activity	Expected Participants
October 9	Remote	Virtual Meeting (9–10 AM)	ARAL TWG Secretariat; Regional Directional (or representative); Chief, Planning and Research Office; Chief, CLMD; Regional Focal Person, ARAL



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			Program (if any); Regional Focal Person, BBMP (if any); SDS (or representative); Chief, CID; Planning Chief; ARAL Focal Persons (if any); BBMP Focal Person (if any); WB Team
October 13	Pagadian City and Zamboanga del Sur	Observation of ARAL Training	WB Team (4 pax)
October 14-16	Zamboanga Sibugay; Zamboanga del Norte	Courtesy Calls, FGDs, KIIs, and Debriefing with SDO	SDS; CID Chief; Planning Chief; ARAL Focal Person (if any); PSDS (if any); WB Team
October 20-22	Isabela City; Zamboanga City	School Visits, Interviews with Teachers and Tutors	Teachers and Tutors; School Heads; WB Team

5. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs) concerned are directed to facilitate the field visit activities of the Youth Impact team and extend necessary assistance, including transportation arrangements from one SDO to another and coordination with selected schools.

6. All expenses of the Youth Impact team shall be shouldered by the GPE-SCG WB at no cost to Region IX. However, transportation and incidental costs incurred by the ROs, SDOs, and/or schools during the conduct of this field activity shall be charged against their respective local funds, subject to existing guidelines.

7. For more information and clarifications, all concerned may contact the Chief of CLMD, Dr. Eugenio B. Penales, through the EPS in Kindergarten/Reading, Marie Concepcion L. Celesio, through email address marieconcepcion.celesio@deped.gov.ph or at mobile number 09452953554 and Rainerio M. Salomes, EPS in Mathematics through email address rainerio.salomes001@deped.gov.ph or at mobile number 09399269051.

8. For the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

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