



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
Schools Division OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2023- 934

**TO :** DR. ANDREA LUZ ENGLIS—PSDS, Sibulan 1  
DR. ANTONIETA OLORES—PSDS, Bindoy 1  
DR. IENY SOCORRO—PSDS, Mabinay 4  
DR. NIDA BERSABAL—PSDS, San Jose  
MRS. DELIA ALANANO—PSDS, Siaton 2  
DR. RODITA PLAZA—PSDS, Sta. Catalina 3  
MR. ERBEN BARREDO---District In-Charge, Sta. Catalina 1

**FROM :** NERI C. OJASTRO, EdD, CESE  
Schools Division Superintendent  
*R/O/2023*

**SUBJECT:** CONDUCT OF IN-PERSON KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS, FOCUS  
GROUP DISCUSSIONS, SURVEYS AND CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

**DATE :** December 6, 2023

1. Attached is a communication from **Dr. Aniceto C. Orbeta**, *President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies* requesting to conduct in-person key informant interviews, focus group discussions, surveys and classroom observations on January 12 and 29, 2024 to the identified schools in the attachments.
2. **Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors and Schools Heads** are encouraged to accommodate these activities provided that **DepEd Order Number 9 s. 2005** titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" be observed.
3. For profound details, please refer to the enclosures.
4. Immediate dissemination of this MEMORANDUM is desired.

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December 6, 2023

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November 29, 2023



**NERI C. OJASTRO, EdD, CESE**  
*Schools Division Superintendent*  
Division of Negros Oriental

**Re: Request to conduct in-person key informant interviews, focus group discussion and classroom observations in San Antonio Elementary School**

Dear **Dr. Ojastro**:

Greetings from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)!

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In line with this, the study team would like to request the conduct of in-person key informant interviews (KII), focus group discussion (FGD) with parents, and classroom observations in San Antonio Elementary School. During the classroom observations, a member of our study team will closely examine teachers' instructional practices and classroom conditions for 45 minutes. The following classes will be observed:

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For further inquiry, you may reach out to Ms. Kimberly Librero at [klibrero@pids.gov.ph](mailto:klibrero@pids.gov.ph)/ (02) 8877-2098 or Mr. John Joseph Ocbina at [jocbina@pids.gov.ph](mailto:jocbina@pids.gov.ph)/ (02) 8877-4063/0975 271 8096. We look forward to your continued support in this endeavor and thank you very much in advance for your assistance!

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**DR. ANICETO C. ORBETA, JR.**  
*President*



DepEd Negros Oriental &lt;negros.oriental@deped.gov.ph&gt;

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1 message

John Joseph S. Ocbina &lt;JOcbina@pids.gov.ph&gt;

Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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*(Message sent on behalf of Dr. Aniceto C. Orbeta, Jr., PIDS President)*

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Sincerely,

**DR. ANICETO C. ORBETA, JR.**

*President*

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Best regards,  
Joseph

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OASOPS No. 2023-V386

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ**  
*Regional Director, DepEd Region VII (Central Visayas)*

FROM :   
**Atty. REYSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*  
*Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations*

SUBJECT : **Conduct of a Study on the Language of Instruction Transition in Education Systems (LITES) in Region VII**

DATE : **August 14, 2023**

This Office respectfully endorses the attached letter from Dr. Ancieto C. Orbeta, Jr., President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), dated July 31, 2023, which was received by this Office on August 11, 2023, regarding the conduct of a study on the Language of Instruction Transition in Education Systems (LITES) in the Philippines, which will be conducted by the PIDS in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of Notre Dame (UND).

The study aims to provide the Department with information on how to greatly enhance the learning of multilingual skills in primary educational settings through effective policy formulation and further knowledge on how educational systems can properly transition from a first language to a second language or additional languages.

The study will be conducted in selected schools and divisions in Region VII. Kindly see attached files for further information regarding the list of schools and the number of participants per school.

For queries and concerns regarding the study, kindly communicate with Ms. Kimberly R. Librero through email at [klibrero@pids.gov.ph](mailto:klibrero@pids.gov.ph) or through number at (02) 8877-2098 / 09686036039 or with Mr. Joseph S. Ocbina through email at [jocbina@pids.gov.ph](mailto:jocbina@pids.gov.ph) or number at (02) 8877-4063 / 09752718096.

For your reference and appropriate action.

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## Request for Department of Education's assistance on data collection for the USAID-UND-PIDS Language of Instruction Transition on Education System - Additional Region

1 message

John Joseph S. Ocbina &lt;JOcbina@pids.gov.ph&gt;

Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM

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*(Message sent on behalf of Dr. Aniceto C. Orbeta, Jr., PIDS President)*

July 31, 2023

### HER EXCELLENCY SARAH Z. DUTERTE

*Vice President and Secretary*

Department of Education

Dear Vice President Duterte:

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The study team would like to request the addition of Region 7 (Central Visayas) in the study and we are once again humbly asking the cooperation and assistance of the Department of Education and its respective units, regional office, and divisions in the conduct of the study in Region 7. We believe that Region 7 will be a great addition to further add perspectives that will enrich the research. We will be conducting data collection such as student survey, teacher survey, and classroom observations. Table 1 provides more details about the sample size for the data collection methods.

We are in the process of engaging a local survey firm to collect data in 30 schools in Region 7 from November 2023 to January 2024. In our letter to your kind office on March 21, 2023, we requested to conduct data collection in Region 6, and we very much appreciate your assistance in this matter. However, since the school year was about to end, we postponed the data collection. We hope to conduct the data collection in Region 6 schools with the same survey firm during the same period as in Region 7 as well.

**Table 1. Data collection activities**

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**(enclosed: signed letter)**

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-  **PIDS Letter to DepEd for Phase 3 - Additional Region-signed.pdf**  
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-  **List of Region VII schools\_LITES\_July 31 2023.pdf**  
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**Annex A. Sampling Coverage for the Survey**

**I. List of priority schools**

	<b>Division</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School ID</b>	<b>School Name</b>
1	Bayawan City	Bayawan East	120128	Dawis Elementary School
2	Bayawan City	Bayawan East	120134	Matunoy Elementary School
3	Bayawan City	Bayawan East	501131	Ali-is Integrated School
4	Bayawan City	Bayawan West	120165	Tayawan Elementary School
5	Cebu	Alegria	118898	Sta. Filomena Elementary School
6	Cebu	Asturias	118992	Tubigagmanok Elementary School
7	Cebu	Barili I	119085	Maigang Elementary School
8	Cebu	Carmen	119188	Florentino Rallos Elementary School (Corte ES)
9	Cebu	Catmon	500042	Catmon Integrated School
10	Cebu	Daanbantayan I	119267	Dalingding Elementary School
11	Cebu	Minglanilla II	501351	Cuanos Integrated School
12	Cebu	San Fernando	119633	Tañañas Elementary School
13	Cebu City	South District 3	119883	Napo Elementary School
14	Cebu City	South District 3	500229	Cantipla Integrated School
15	Cebu City	South District 6	119879	Banawa Elementary School
16	Cebu City	South District 7	119867	Bilang Elementary School
17	Dumaguete City	Dumaguete City North District	119937	Magsaysay MES
18	Dumaguete City	Dumaguete City South District	119944	Calindagan ES
19	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan North	120237	Budlasan ES
20	Guihulngan City	Vallehermoso	120642	Vallehermoso Central Elementary School
21	Lapu-Lapu City	Lapu-Lapu City East District	119960	Talima Elementary School
22	Lapu-Lapu City	Lapu-Lapu City South District	119984	Sudtonggan Elementary School
23	Mandaue City	Mandaue City Central District	119997	Mandaue City Central School
24	Negros Oriental	Bindoy	120171	Bindoy Central Elementary School
25	Negros Oriental	Canlaon City	120201	Budlasan Elementary School
26	Negros Oriental	Mabinay I	120372	Pandanon Elementary School
27	Negros Oriental	San Jose	120439	Sra. Ascion Elementary School
28	Negros Oriental	Siaton East	120453	Candugay Elementary School
29	Negros Oriental	Sta. Catalina North	120518	Jose Lalamonan Elementary School
30	Negros Oriental	Sta. Catalina South	120534	Mabuhay Elementary School

**II. List of reserved schools**

	<b>Division</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School ID</b>	<b>School Name</b>
1	Bais City	Bais City South	120083	Basak Elementary School
2	Bais City	Bais City South	120104	San Vicente Elementary School
3	Bayawan City	Bayawan West	120166	Telesforo Gargantiel Memorial Elementary School
4	Bogo City	Bogo II	119118	Bogo II Central ES
5	Bogo City	Bogo II	119120	Cayang ES
6	Carcar City	Carcar II	119184	Upland ES
7	Cebu	Alegria	118895	Madridejos ES
8	Cebu	Daanbantayan I	119271	Malingin ES
9	Cebu	Daanbantayan I	119275	Somimbang Elementary School
10	Cebu	Madridejos	119435	Tarong ES
11	Cebu	Medellin	119457	Curva ES
12	Cebu	Minglanilla II	119485	Lipata Central ES
13	Cebu	Pinamungajan I	119566	Pinamungajan Central School
14	Cebu	San Fernando	501574	Bugho Integrated School
15	Cebu	San Remegio I	501669	Hagnaya IS
16	Cebu	Sogod	119729	Calumboyan ES
17	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan North	189502	Benil-iwan ES
18	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan South	120270	Melanio T. Vergara MES (Kagawasan ES)
19	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan South	120272	Linantuyan ES
20	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan South	120274	Mabunga ES
21	Guihulngan City	Guihulngan South	120275	Magsaysay Elementary School
22	Guihulngan City	Vallehermoso	120625	Don Vicente Lopez, Sr. MS (Bagawines ES)
23	Negros Oriental	La Libertad	120332	Pitogo Elementary School
24	Negros Oriental	Siaton East	120454	Casalaan ES
25	Negros Oriental	Siaton West	120476	Salag ES
26	Negros Oriental	Tayasan	120596	Pinocawan Elementary School
27	Talisay City	Talisay City I	233503	Biasong Elementary School
28	Tanjay City	Tanjay City North	120571	Obogon Elementary School
29	Tanjay City	Tanjay City West	120559	Novallas Elementary School
30	Toledo City	Toledo City North District	120738	Pangamihan ES



**Annex B. Sampling Coverage for the FGDs and KIIs**

**I. List of priority schools**

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1	Cebu City	North District 5	119872	Cambinocot Elementary School
2	Lapu-Lapu City	Lapu-Lapu City North District	119963	Bankal Elementary School
3	Negros Oriental	Sibulan	120495	San Antonio Elementary School

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2	Cebu City	North District 2	500227	Taptap Elementary School
3	Negros Oriental	San Jose	120441	Tapon Norte Elementary School



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Policy, Planning, and Research Division

SEP 12 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0654**, s. 2023

**CONDUCT OF A STUDY ON THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION TRANSITION  
IN EDUCATION SYSTEMS (LITES) IN REGION VII**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a copy of Memorandum OASOPS No. 2023-V286 entitled "Conduct of a Study on the Language of Instruction Transition in Education Systems (LITES) in Region VII" issued by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations.
2. For your appropriate action.

**SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO V**  
Director IV  
Regional Director

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