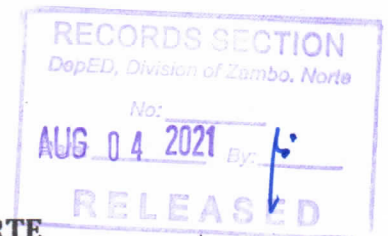




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Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



Division Advisory
No. 132s. 2021

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief of SGOD & CID
Public School District Supervisors/ PICD
School Heads of Identified Schools
All Other Concerned

From:  **MA. LIZA R. TABILON EdD, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: Conduct of Regional Study on Children's Participation in Climate Action in the Philippines

Date: August 2, 2021

1. Pursuant to OUA Memorandum No. DRRMS-05-24-2021-005, series of 2021 "Complete Staff work for participation of the DepEd in Save the Children's Regional Study on Children's Participation in Climate Action", the Division enjoins the select learners age 10-17 years old to participate in the research survey from the following identified schools, to wit:

District	Schools	(IPEd/Regular) Grade Level	No. of Learners Involved
Sindangan South II	Dumalogdog NHS	IPEd Grade 7-10	1
Katipunan III	Bulawan Integ. School	IPEd Grade 7-10	1
Baliguian	Mamad ES	IPEd Grade 6	1
Siayan III	Diongan NHS	IPEd Grade 7-10	1
Siocon	Siocon NHS	Regular Grade 7	1
Sindangan I	Sindangan NHS	Regular Grade 7	1
Roxas I	Pres. Manuel L. Roxas NHS (formerly Langatian NHS)	Regular Grade 8	1
Liloy I	Liloy NHS	Regular Grade 8	1
Manukan I	Manukan NHS	Regular Grade 8	1
Sergio Osmeña I	Sergio Osmeña NHS	Regular Grade 8	1

2. Division youth formation coordinators shall coordinate with school heads on the conduct of the online survey and submission of respondent's consent using the template provided in the enclosure.

3. Compliance of this Advisory is directed.

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Survey on Children's Participation in Climate Action in the Philippines

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Context and Background

Save the Children Philippines (SCP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), has been advocating for the voice of children and youth, empowering them as change agents on the issues pertaining to their rights and well-being. In regards to climate crisis issues, SCP is aiming at continuously supporting children and youth with their initiatives and ideas to ensure that their voice reaches out from local to national stakeholders and international community. Addressing the current climate crisis, which is a children's rights crisis, through child rights-based approach was a highlight in several discussions with children and youth across the region in the year of 2020.

In line with the Save the Children's initiative to enhance programming and advocacy on climate action with children and youth's participation in the Asia Region, SCP in partnership with the DepEd, specifically the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) and the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) will be conducting "Children's Participation in Climate Action" survey. The purpose of the survey are as follows:

- To understand the level of awareness for children and youth in terms of impact of climate crisis on their rights and well-beings, and provide the educational opportunities and tailored contents for children and youth depending on level of knowledge and experience;
- To advocate for more opportunities and tackle the challenges of children when participating in climate activities, based on the needs of children and youth;
- To effectively address the rights of children and children's participation on climate related policy making process, based on reference of voice of children and youth.

Survey Methodology

The survey will employ stratified random sampling to ensure adequate representation of different groups of learners (region, school type, and grade level).

For the online survey, there will be randomly selected schools and learners from each DepEd Regional Office (DepEd RO) and from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). A self-administered questionnaire in a Survey Monkey link format was designed (see Annex 1) to gather the following data:

- 1) children's level of awareness and specific concern on climate crisis and its impact on their rights;
- 2) channel for information on climate crisis;
- 3) children's perception on their rights and role in combating against climate crisis;
- 4) opportunities and challenges when children participate in climate actions;
- 5) children's perception on the role of stakeholders (government, community, private sectors, international community, and children themselves); and
- 6) any recommendation for stakeholders.

The survey will be implemented from June to July 2021 with learner survey respondents from Schools Division Offices (SDOs) with a specific target group of children aged 10 to 17.

Based on the total number of Grades 5 to 12 learners for School Year 2020 - 21 (including SPED), a minimum sample size of **385** was derived using the formula to compute for very large population size^[1]:

$n = ((z\text{-score})^2 \times \text{StdDev} \times (1\text{-StdDev})) / (\text{margin of error})^2$ where:

Margin of error	5%
Confidence level	95%
Standard Deviation	0.5
Z-score	1.96

For this survey, a sample size of 600 will be used to account for possible non-responses. Distribution of sample per stratum was based on proportion to total population. Breakdown per DepEd Regional Office is presented in table below:

Region	G5-12 (With SPED) Grand Total	N=sample size
BARMM	461,885	18
CAR	267,677	10
CARAGA	466,090	18
NCR	1,658,843	63
PSO	11,319	0
Region I	802,926	31
Region II	551,657	21
Region III	1,720,416	65
Region IV-A	2,213,361	84
Region IV-B	520,824	20
Region IX	609,953	23
Region V	994,678	38
Region VI	1,273,420	48
Region VII	1,224,594	47
Region VIII	764,323	29
Region X	755,135	29
Region XI	773,658	29
Region XII	700,677	27
Grand Total	15,771,436	600

Sample Size: Calculate the Number of Needed Respondents | Qualtrics

Coordination will be through DepEd RO and BARMM MBHTE. Identified focal persons from these offices will disseminate the survey link to randomly selected learners from SDOs or district offices.

Scope of work and expected deliverables:

Below is the expected roles and responsibilities of SCP and DepEd:

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- Authorize DRRMS and BLSS-YFD to be the lead units/offices within DepEd to engage in the survey;
- Assign a focal person from the identified units/offices above to coordinate for the survey and support the finalization of the survey protocol and tools;
- Identify relevant stakeholders from the DepEd Regional Offices (RO) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) who will be mobilized in the conduct of the survey including seeking formal consent from the children's parents/guardians, and facilitate communication with them;
- Assist with the coordination during the conduct of the survey with the respective SDO personnel;
- Support the analysis, report writing and survey result dissemination to various fora.

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- Assign a focal person from its identified units to coordinate for the survey with DepEd units/offices
- Support the development of the survey proposal and tools
- Cover the cost for the subscription of the survey platform (e.g., Survey Monkey) which will be utilized for the survey
- Provide support for the mobile data load allowance of identified personnel from the DepEd SDOs and of survey respondents, as applicable
- Mobilize staff from its field offices in conduct of survey to out of school children and youth, either online or through face to face (if local restrictions due to COVID-19 permit and in compliance with strict health and safety protocols)

The output of the partnership is a report of the analysis of the survey and a presentation file that will be disseminated to DepEd and SCP key stakeholders.

Benefits of the study:

Learners, girls and boys, teaching and non-teaching personnel engaged in programs that implement climate change adaptation and mitigation (CCAM). The data from this survey will be used to inform improvements to DepEd programs CCAM in schools, and the policies that enables better children's participation. There will be interventions targeted at each type of stakeholder, depending on the result of the survey.

Risks the survey imposes

Participants will not be exposed to a more than minimal risk during this study; they will also be given an opportunity to opt out of the survey before it starts. On the selection of survey respondents, SDO coordinators will be asked to communicate with the parents/guardians of the children to inform them of the survey. At the beginning of the survey, a consent script will provide students with an overview of the subject of the survey so they can make a well-informed decision about whether or not to participate. The script will verify that the survey respondents got a consent from their parents or guardians in participating in the survey.

Safeguards

The survey will be conducted using a safe and secure online survey service provider. No participants will be asked to provide any personal information.

Compensation for Participation in the Study

There will be no remuneration or compensation for participation during in the study.

Dissemination of data

Data will be analyzed and used to inform programming. De-identified data may be shared for learning purposes in reports, papers or at conferences.



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CONFIRMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Survey on Children's Participation in Climate Action in the Philippines

Save the Children Philippines (SCP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), has been advocating for the empowerment of our children as change agents on issues about their rights and well-being, including climate crisis. This advocacy aims to support them through initiatives and ideas, which ensure that their voices reach out from local to national stakeholders and the international community. This rights-based approach in addressing climate crisis as children's rights crisis has been highlighted in several discussions with children and youth across the region in the year 2020.

In line with the initiative to enhance programming and advocacy on climate action with children's participation in the Region of Asia, the SCP in partnership with Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) and the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) of DepEd hopes to conduct the "Children's Participation in Climate Action" survey. The survey is part of the regional study that includes various countries such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Laos, India, Japan Nepal, Pakistan, and Philippines.

For questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the DRRMS through (02) 8637- 4933 or email at drmo+ccam@deped.gov.ph, and the BLSS-YFD through (02) 8637-9814 or email at blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph.

PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHILD

I agree to participate in the following activity:

Activity title: **Survey on Children's Participation in Climate Action in the Philippines**

Date: **26 July to 6 August 2021**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

As DepEd learner who will be a respondent in the survey, I understand and agree that I will

1. Allot 10-15 minutes of my time answering the survey questions
2. Carefully listen to/read the Survey Facilitator' instructions
3. Choose a survey language (English or Filipino) that I am most confident and comfortable with.
4. Read the consent script that covers the overview of the survey subject, so I can make a well-informed decision on whether or not to participate in the activity.
5. Complete the questionnaire based on my own understanding and opinions.
6. Attend any pre- and post-engagement activities, subject to my availability.

CONSENT:

As DepEd learner who will be a respondent in the survey, I understand and agree to the following:

- Participation. I volunteer because I understand and support the purpose and objectives of the activity. I believe that my involvement in this activity will be beneficial to other children and will help develop my knowledge and skills;
- Commitment. I expect to assume roles that are fit to my interests and capacity specifically those identified in the terms of reference; and I understand that I have the right to withdraw my commitment to the activity, especially if I feel uncomfortable being involved in it;
- Presentation. I understand that my answers will be used in a regional study on children's participation in climate action, and the results could be used to improve DepEd programs, particularly in climate change adaptation and mitigation in schools, and the policies that enables better children's participation in climate action;
- Safety. I expect and know that the research team, survey advisors and management support will, at all times, observe the Child Safeguarding Policy to ensure my safety and well-being while taking part in the activity. However, I understand that participation in the activity carries with it certain risks that are beyond the control of the organizations. Should anything

harmful happen to me, I understand that I can report to Ms. Gina Rullamas of DepEd BLSS-YFD, someone that I trust to take immediate action regarding my report;

- Information. I have read and understood the accompanying letter. For things I don't understand, I will ask my Parent/Guardian to clarify the objective of the activity for me;
- Voluntary. I acknowledge that I am signing this consent freely and voluntarily.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

	Student
Full Name for Certificate	
I prefer to be called as (nickname)	
Gender	
Mobile Number	
E-mail Address	
Region and Division	Ex. Region II, SDO Santiago City
School ID and Name of School	
Grade Level	
Do you identify as an indigenous people? If yes, write the name of the group. If no, write not applicable.	
Do you identify as a person with disability? If yes, write your disability. If no, write not applicable.)	

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME OF LEARNER (DATE)

Validated by:

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME OF SURVEY FACILITATOR (DATE)

PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent/guardian of _____, I hereby allow him/her to participate in the following activity:

Activity title: **Survey on Children’s Participation in Climate Action in the Philippines**

Date: **26 July to 6 August 2021**

As the parent/guardian, I understand my roles and responsibility to explain what this consent form is about to the child and ensure that his/her privacy and identity rights are protected and acknowledged accordingly.

I acknowledge that the organizers (i.e., Save the Children – Asia Regional Office, Save the Children Philippines, DepEd Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service, and DepEd Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division) will own all rights to his/her provided answers/data during the said activity. These data will be used only for policy formulation and program development of DepEd. Also, it will inform Save the Children Philippines and its partners on the specific points of collaboration on increasing children’s participation in climate action.

As the parent/guardian, I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the use of the data. I further waive all moral rights. I also waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the provided data. As the parent/guardian, I hereby release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Save the Children – Asia Regional Office, the Save the Children Philippines, the DepEd Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service, and the DepEd Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division and its representatives from and against any claims, damages, or liability arising from or related to the use of provided data.

I, _____ (NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN), have legal authority to enter into this contract. I have read this document before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this consent, waiver, indemnity and release.

This consent, waiver, indemnity and release is binding on me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Validated by:

SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME OF SURVEY FACILITATOR (DATE)