



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO : Concerned Regional Directors
 Concerned Schools Division Superintendents
 All others concerned

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. REVEREE A. ESCOBEDO
 Undersecretary for Operations

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FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS
 Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON THE CRAFTING OF PROTOCOLS ON THE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT (CSAC) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

DATE : May 8, 2023


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child's right to education and the role of the education sector in strengthening the protection of its learners and school personnel during situations of armed conflict.

Through the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) which is mandated to "formulate policies concerning all matters pertaining to the right of the child in basic education to protection from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and maltreatment" based on DepEd Order (DO) No. 3, s. 2021, a team shall be created in the crafting of the protocols on the prevention and protection of CSAC in school settings. The proposed protocols will enhance the "Policy on the Protection of Children in Armed Conflict" under DO No. 57, s. 2017 that will complement with the requisites of RA. No. 11188.

Thus, the Department hereby creates the TWG on the protocols on the prevention and protection of children in situations of armed conflict (CSAC), with the following members:

Chairperson : Assistant Secretary Francis Cesar B. Bringas
Co-Chairperson : Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina

Members :

1. Evelyn R. Fetalvero, *Regional Director, RO VIII*
2. Nelson S. Morales, *Superintendent, Schools Division of Masbate*
3. Danilo Alcantara, *Division IPEd Focal Person, Schools Division Office of Surigao del Sur*
4. Romelito G. Flores, *Superintendent, Schools Division Office of Cotabato*
5. Ruth L. Estacio, *Superintendent, Schools Division Office of Sarangani*
6. Leonardo M. Balala, *Superintendent, Schools Division Office of South Cotabato*
7. Crispin A. Soliven, Jr., *Superintendent, Schools Division Office of Sultan Kudarat*
8. Nelia M. Castillo, *Public Schools District Supervisor, Puerto Galera District, Schools Division Office of Oriental Mindoro*
9. Daniel T. Aguidan, *Principal, Lasam Central School, Schools Division Office of Cagayan*
10. Representative from the DepEd Legal Service
11. Representative from the DepEd Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS)

The TWG shall undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Formulate the Department's Protocols on the Prevention and Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CSAC);



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2. Identify appropriate preventive and protective measures in dealing with CSAC in schools;
3. Identify reporting mechanisms in relation to issues of CSAC;
4. Identify roles of the different governance levels of the Department in dealing with CSAC;
5. Coordinate with the Secretariat of the TWG; and
6. Attend regular meetings to be led by the Assistant Secretary for Operations.

The following individuals are designated Secretariat of the TWG:

1. Atty. Evecar Cruz Ferrer, *Consultant, UNICEF*
2. Clint Richard L. Chua, *STA III, DepEd LRPO*
3. Xylene Angelique Azurin, *STA I, DepEd LRPO*
4. Ma. Phoebe Agao, *TA II, DepEd LRPO*

The Secretariat shall be responsible for the following, to wit:

1. Assist the TWG in the drafting of the Department's Protocols on the Prevention and Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CSAC);
2. Schedule activities relevant to the TWG's activities;
3. Facilitate conduct of activities and preparation of necessary documents;
4. Coordinate updates on the activity and other related concerns;
5. Keep records of meeting; and
6. Act as overall facilitator of the activity.

The TWG shall immediately convene upon issuance of this Memorandum and shall regularly report its work to the Undersecretary for Operations.

The expenses to be incurred for the conduct of activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks, including honoraria of non-DepEd personnel, shall be charged against the funds allocated to DepEd LRPO, subject to and in accordance with the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Thank you very much.

[MEMO] Creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Crafting of Protocols on the Prevention and Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CSAC) in the Department of Education

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Dear Regional Directors,

Isang makabatang araw!

This has reference to the Creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Crafting of Protocols on the Prevention and Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CSAC) in the Department of Education.

Kindly refer to the attached memorandum for further details.

For any clarifications and concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at lrpo@deped.gov.ph or through the following CPU staff:

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2. Ms. Xylene Angelique Azurin at landline number (+632 8638-1782) or email at xylene.azurin@deped.gov.ph.


Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Warm regards,

LRPO Team

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