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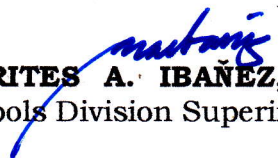
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 112, s. 2023

**RESOURCES FOR THE BLIND, INC. (RBI)-GABAY PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

- TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief-Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief-School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
1. With reference to the letters from Gabay-Resources for the Blind Inc., re: **ENDLINE EVALUATION OF GABAY INTERVENTIONS TO THE LEARNERS WHO ARE DEAF AND BLIND IN THE DIVISION OF BATANGAS AND TRY-OUT OF FOUR INSTRUMENTS FOR THE ENDLINE EVALUATION OF GABAY INTERVENTIONS FOR DEAF LEARNERS**, a series of activities shall be executed this April 14,17-28,2023.
 2. The activities specified in the communication are as follows:
 - a. Try-out the Endline Evaluation instruments at Lian Central School on April 14, 2023
 - b. Endline Evaluation of GABAY interventions to the learners who are deaf and blind in select schools on April 17-28, 2023(see Annex 1)
 3. Details of the said activities are contained in the attached letter.
 4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is earnestly desired.


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March 31, 2023

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE

Assistant Secretary

Officer-In-Charge of the Office of the Regional Director

Region IV-A

Cainta, Rizal

Attention: DR. MERTHEL M. EVARDOME

Schools Division Superintendent

Division of Batangas

- **DR. MARITES BALBA**

Education Program Supervisor In-Charge of SPED,

- **MS. MA. MIMIE M. JUMARANG**

Principal II,

Lian Central School

Subject: TRY-OUT OF FOUR INSTRUMENTS FOR THE ENDLINE EVALUATION OF GABAY INTERVENTIONS FOR DEAF LEARNERS

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**Dear Dir. Escobarte,**

We are indeed grateful for your continuing support to all Gabay activities.

Last March 20, 2023, we wrote you a letter seeking the region and division support on the conduct of endline evaluation activities for Gabay project (copy attached).

In this regard, we would like to ask your permission again to allow the Gabay Evaluation Team to **try-out the following instruments that will be used in the Endline Evaluation at Lian Central School, Division of Batangas on April 14, 2023, Friday between 9am to 3pm.** It may be mentioned that Lian CS is not one of the schools to be tested for the Endline Evaluation. Below are the details:

| Tools to be tried out               | Participants Requested                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Teacher Questionnaire            | One (1) teacher of the deaf handling either Kinder or Grades 1 to 3                                                          |
| 2. Parent Questionnaire             | 6 parents of deaf learners either in Kinder or Grades 1 to 3                                                                 |
| 3. Focus Group Discussion Questions | 6 parents of deaf learners either in Kinder or Grades 1 to 3 ( <i>not same parents for the above parent questionnaires</i> ) |
| 4. Learner Participatory Activities | 7-8 Learners in K to Grade 3                                                                                                 |

The Team will be composed of three (3) Deaf Facilitators, three (3) Sign Language Interpreters, six (6) Researchers, and 12 Gabay staff with the STS Technical Consultant, Ms. Aimee Reeves to observe the conduct of the try-out.

The activity aims to ensure that the knowledge and skills gained by the data collectors during the training provided by STS are appropriately applied in the actual gathering of information. This will not affect the grades of the deaf students and performance of the teachers and the schools. Rest assured that the Team will obtain verbal consent/assent from all participants to participate or not participate in the discussion and to have the discussion audio and/or video recorded.


Furthermore, we are requesting two available rooms in a quiet area conducive to the above activities where the students, parents, and teacher will be comfortable.

**Gabay will shoulder the lunch and snacks arrangements of the parents, students, teachers and personnel involved. We will also reimburse the travel expenses of the parents who will be going to the school.** Please allow Ms. Ludy Anile, Project Field Coordinator of Batangas to coordinate with the Division Office and the school regarding this matter.

But if you have urgent concerns, your Secretary can contact her thru email, [ludy@blind.org.ph](mailto:ludy@blind.org.ph) or landline (02) 8726 3021 to 24 or mobile phone 0907 223 5358.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your cooperation on this undertaking and blessings to all of you!

Very truly yours,

  
**YOLANDA S. QUIJANO, Ed.D.**  
Chief of Party, GABAY



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March 20, 2023

**ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE**

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Cainta, Rizal

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**DR. SUSAN DL. ORIBIANA**

Schools Division Superintendent

Division of Rizal

**DR. CHRISTOPHER R. DIAZ**

City Schools Division Superintendent

Division of Antipolo City

**Subject: ENDLINE EVALUATION OF GABAY INTERVENTIONS TO THE LEARNERS WHO ARE DEAF AND BLIND IN THE DIVISIONS OF BATANGAS CITY AND BATANGAS**

Dear Atty. Escobarte,

Our utmost appreciation to you, and to the Officials and staff of the above-mentioned divisions for supporting all Gabay activities for our learners with sensorial disabilities.

In three years, Gabay activities verge upon the increased reading performance of children who are deaf and blind in both Divisions of Batangas City and Batangas. With this core, Gabay performed the encompassing activities with its three (3) main components: 1) training of teachers and parents on the use of visual gestural communication, Filipino Sign Language, braille reading and writing, and the strategies for teaching reading in the early years; 2) development and provision of learning resource materials like Modified FSL Curriculum anchored in the DepEd MELCs, Filipino Sign Language Dictionaries, FSL Stories, Prototype Lesson Plans and Activity Sheets and Braille Reading modules for teachers and students, and 3) mentoring of teachers and parents/ caregivers by local Deaf mentors to enhance their skill on the use of sign language in interacting with deaf children in and outside the classroom.

Stand facing with the forthcoming end of this project on June 2023, USAID and Gabay, with School-to-School (STS) International scheduled to conduct an **Endline Evaluation of Gabay Interventions to the Learners who are Blind and Deaf on April 17-28, 2023 through Braille Reading Assessment**

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for **Blind Learners and EGRA (Early Grades Reading Assessment) for Deaf Learners**. STS and Gabay will likewise utilize quantitative and qualitative data collection tools appropriate for these endline evaluation activities.

Before the field administrations, there will be **A. Prior Activities** for the validation of the Classroom Observation Tool to ensure appropriateness and data collection accuracy.

We have organized Gabay's Evaluation Team composed not only of Gabay consultants and staff but also the Division Supervisors In-Charge of SPED in two project divisions, and two (2) SPED teachers from the Divisions of Antipolo City and Rizal.

In this connection, may we request that these Supervisors and teachers be given permission to be members of Gabay's Evaluation Team for the activities cited below. Further, may the Team be allowed for the **B. Conduct of Endline Evaluation** using different Tools to Gabay's (fourteen) 14 schools in the Divisions of Batangas City and Batangas in the specific dates indicated below:

| DATE | ESTIMATED TIME/ PLATFORM | TYPE OF ACTIVITY | TARGET PARTICIPANTS FROM DepEd REGION 8 |
|---|--|---|---|
| A. Prior Activities | | | |
| March 22, 2023
(Wed) | 8am-10am via Zoom | Training on the Validation of Classroom Observation Tool | Dr. Rosalina Panganiban , EPS of Division of Batangas City/
Dr. Marites Barba , EPS of Division of Batangas |
| March 23, 2023
(Thurs) | 1:30pm-3pm via Zoom | Hybrid Actual Validation of Classroom Observation Tool at Padre Gomez Elem. School | Dr. Rosalina Panganiban , EPS of Division of Batangas City/
Dr. Marites Barba , EPS of Division of Batangas |
| B. Conduct of Endline Evaluation | | | |
| April 10-13, 2023
(Mon-Thurs) | 8am-5pm daily for 4 days

In-Person | Training of Enumerators & Scorers during the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) of Deaf Learners | 1. Mr. Jacky Chan of Rosario Ocampo Elem. School, Division of Rizal
2. Ms. Maria Christine L. Espina , Mambugan 1 Elem. School, Division of Antipolo City |
| April 17, 2023
(Monday) | 9am-9:30am

10am-10:30am | Courtesy Calls to DepEd Division of Batangas, Division of Batangas City | SDS Dr. Merthel Evardome of Batangas Division

SDS Dr. Felizardo Bolanos of Batangas City Division |
| April 19, 2023
(Wed) | 8am-8:30am | Courtesy Call to DepEd Division of Sto. Tomas City | SDS Dr. Neil Angeles of Sto. Tomas City Division |
| April 17-21, 2023 & April 24-28, 2023 | 8am-5pm daily for 10 days

In-Person | 1. Early Grade Reading Assessments for Deaf and Blind
2. Classroom Observations (one per school)
3. Interview teachers, parents and caregivers of the | 1. All enrolled deaf and blind learners from Non-graded, Kinder, Grades 1-4 in the selected 6 schools in the Divisions of Batangas City & Batangas
2. Teachers, Parents and Caregivers of these latter mentioned learners
WITH THE PRESENCE OF:
1. Dr. Rosalina Panganiban , EPS of Division of Batangas City/ |

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|--|--|---|--|
| | | deaf and blind
from NG, K to 3
(see Annex 1 for
Proposed Itineraries) | <p>2. Dr. Marites Balba, EPS of Division of Batangas</p> <p>3. Mr. Jacky Chan of Rosario Ocampo Elem. School, Division of Rizal</p> <p>4. Ms. Maria Christine L. Espina, Mambugan 1 Elem. School, Division of Antipolo City</p> |
|--|--|---|--|

The braille reading assessment for the blind and EGRA for students who are deaf are mainly to determine the improvement of the reading performance of these learners while the classroom observations in the fourteen (14) schools are to gauge how the teachers interact with the deaf learners. These activities will not affect the grades of the deaf students and performance of the teachers and the schools.

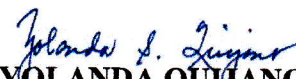
Selected members of the Gabay Evaluation Team will be the responsible as Facilitators in the Focus Group Discussions, Participatory Activities for Blind and Deaf Learners and in the administration of the Questionnaires. Rest assured that the Team will obtain verbal consent/assent from all participants during the discussion and to have the discussion audio and/or video recorded.

May we also request a quiet area: three (3) rooms conducive to test administration where the students will be comfortable and no teachers, parents or school personnel will be present inside this room during the testing. The 2nd room is for classroom observation, and the 3rd room will be for interviews. We will provide snacks/meals as a token of appreciation for each deaf and blind child participating in the test, and parents/caregivers being interviewed.

Ms. Ludy Anile, Project Field Coordinator will contact your Secretary on this matter. But if you have urgent concerns, your Secretary can contact her thru email, ludy@blind.org.ph or landline (02) 8726 3021 to 24 or mobile phone 0907 223 5358. May she also be allowed to follow up our requests with the four Schools Division Superintendents of Batangas City, Batangas, Rizal, and Antipolo City.

Thank you once again for the cooperation and support you and your other officials will be extending us on these activities. Blessings to all of you!

Very truly yours,


YOLANDA QUIJANO
 Chief of Party, GABAY

ANNEX 1
PROPOSED ITINERARIES FOR BATANGAS CITY AND
BATANGAS

| Date | Time | Itineraries | # OF DEAF STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL | | | | | | TOTAL | # OF BLIND STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL | | | | | TOTAL | Teachers for Interview | Division |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | | | NG | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | NG | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| April 17, 2023 (Mon) | AM (9am) | Division of Batangas (Courtesy Visit) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | AM (10am) | Division of Batangas City (Courtesy Visit) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | AM/PM (11am-5pm) | Batangas City South Elementary School | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 8 | | | | | | | Aya, Milane | Batangas City |
| April 18, 2023 (Tue) | AM (8am-9am) | Classroom Observation-Batangas City South ES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | AM/PM (10am-2PM) | Pinamukan Elementary School | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | Camacho, Ruby | Batangas City | |
| | PM (3pm-4pm) | Libjo Elementary School | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | Pampolina, Abigail B. | Batangas City | |
| April 19, 2023 (Wed) | AM (8am) | Division of Sto. Tomas (Courtesy Visit) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | AM (8am-12nn) | Sto. Tomas North Central School | | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | Saludo, Rhea | Batangas Province | |
| | PM (1pm-5pm) | Sto. Tomas South Central School | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | Pablo, Anjellica | Batangas Province | |
| April 20, 2023 (Thurs) | AM (8am-2pm) | West Bauan Central School | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | Ameng, Janette J. | Batangas Province | |
| | PM (1pm-5pm) | Calaca Central School | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | Licoben, Monina | Batangas Province | |
| April 21, 2023 (Friday) | AM (8am-2pm) | Balayan West Central School | 7 | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | Binter, Haydee B. | Batangas Province | |
| April 24, 2023 (Mon) | AM (10am-5pm) | Batangas City East Elementary School | 5 | 1 | | | | 6 | | | 1 | | 1 | Macaraig, Rose An M., Ebor Gaudelina | Batangas City | | |
| April 25, 2023 (Tues) | AM/PM (8am-2pm) | Padre Imo Luna Memorial Elementary School | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | | 4 | Leona Plata/Aleli Velasquez | Batangas Province | |
| April 26, 2023 (Wed) | AM/PM (8am-2pm) | Lemery Pilot Elementary School | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | | | | 1 | Nesnia, Debraly n/ Leonila Enriquez | Batangas Province | |
| April 27, 2023 (Thurs) | AM (8am-10am) | Gregorio Paradero Elementary School | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | Wilma Isla | Batangas Province | |

| Date | Time | Itineraries | # OF DEAF STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL | | | | | | TOTAL | # OF BLIND STUDENTS PER GRADE LEVEL | | | | | TOTAL | Teachers for Interview | Division |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|-------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | NG | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | NG | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | |
| | AM
(10am-12nn) | Nasugbu
West Central
School | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | Benilda Ativo | Batangas Province |
| | | 13 schools | 18 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 54 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | | |