

Department of Education

UNDERSECRETARY FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRINTED COPIES OF THE LAC RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR MULTIGRADE TEACHERS

TO: THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Regions I, II, III, IV-CALABARZON, IV-MIMAROPA, V, CAR, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA and BARMM

- 1. The Bureau of Learning Delivery Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD) in partnership with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO INNOTECH), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is providing copies of the printed Learning Action Cell (LAC) Resource Materials for Multigrade Teachers to all Regional and Schools Division Offices with multigrade schools. The development of the LAC resource materials is in line with the project "Strengthening the Delivery of Multigrade Education in Region 8 (SDMG R8)," which DepEd, SEAMEO INNOTECH, and UNICEF have been undertaken under the tripartite partnership for the Multigrade Program in Philippine Education (MPPE) signed in 2017.
- 2. The LAC materials support the implementation of the DepED Order 35, s. 2016 regarding the conduct of the school-based Learning Action Cell (LAC) as the Continuing Professional Development Strategy specifically for the multigrade teachers. The design of the LAC materials is directed by several issues, particularly on instructional planning, materials development, instructional techniques and strategies, classroom assessment, and monitoring and evaluation of the multigrade schools' performance. These are avenues that will provide many opportunities for multigrade teachers to learn to become effective classroom teachers. The tasks of multigrade teachers are multidimensional that require enthusiasm and creativity. But the lack of specific multigrade training assistance may hamper their ardor and resourcefulness and affect their teaching practices.

- 3. Research indicates that providing constant support materials to teachers for the development of their teaching skills has an impact on their efficacy. This is an outcome that has been empirically linked to improved student achievement. Thus, it is expected that said training resource materials will contribute to the achievement of training goal of improving teachers' competence in teaching and managing multigrade classes, thereby increasing the multigrade learners' academic performance.
- 4. SEAMEO INNOTECH will send out via courier printed copies of the materials to all DepEd Regional Offices (ROs) and School Division Offices (SDOs) before the end of November 2020.
- 5. In view of this, all Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are encouraged to use the materials optimally with all multigrade teachers during the conduct of the LAC session. Electronic copies of the materials will also be uploaded in SEAMEO INNOTECH's and DepEd's websites for easier access by the teachers.
- 6. For inquiries, please contact the BLD-TLD Multigrade Program Team at (02) 8687-29-48 or email at multigrade@deped.gov.ph or info@seameo-innotech.org.

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