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TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

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SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF DIGITAL READINESS ASSESSMENT SURVEY FOR THE BENEFICIARY SCHOOLS OF THE ADVANCING CLIMATE-SMART, QUALITY, INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT EDUCATION (ACQUIRE) PROJECT**

DATE : May 12, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), is undertaking preparatory and due diligence activities for the proposed **Advancing Climate-smart, Quality, Inclusive and Resilient Education (ACQUIRE)** project (*Attachment 1*).

As a critical baseline study, the project will conduct **Digital Readiness Assessment Survey** among all **1,111** target beneficiary schools nationwide. The survey—carried out by DepEd, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and ADB—aims to identify the readiness and needs of schools to effectively and sustainably integrate existing and new digital technologies into teaching and learning. This will support student learning outcomes, drive digital transformation, and strengthen institutional capacity. The survey also forms part of a broader study that will undergo necessary reviews and approvals before implementation.

To establish a clear baseline for the ACQUIRE project, the survey will capture essential data on schools' current capacities and gaps. Respondents will include **school heads, teachers handling STEM subjects from Grades 7 to 12, and school IT officers**. Specifically, it will provide baseline information on:

1. The preparedness of schools to adopt and sustain ACQUIRE-supported digital learning programs;
2. Resources and capacity gaps regarding digital infrastructure and STEM integration;
3. *School-level conditions affecting the rollout of blended and hybrid teaching practices; and*
4. Digital pedagogical competence and professional development needs of educators.

## I. TARGET POPULATION AND SCOPE

The survey will be conducted across the following target schools:

School Category	Number of Schools
DepEd Regional Science High School	17
DepEd Provincial/City Science High School	107
DepEd Cluster Schools (including 726 Tech-Pro HSs)	987
Total	1,111

## II. SURVEY LINKS AND INSTRUCTION

The assessment is divided into **three (3) distinct questionnaires**. Respondents are encouraged to complete the survey in one session, though drafts are automatically saved in the browser.

- **School Leader Questionnaire:** <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/9qjc2ZF0>
  - Focus: School Facilities, digital strategy, and assessment of digital maturity.
- **Teacher Questionnaire:** <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/JZsMTNrD>
  - Focus: Teaching approaches, use of AI/VR tools, and digital pedagogical competence.
- **IT Officers Questionnaire:** <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/1ePd5szM>
  - Focus: Infrastructure, connectivity, and IT management/ operations.

## III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

To ensure effective participation and accurate data collection for the Digital Readiness Assessment Survey, the following guidelines are provided for schools and their designated respondents:

1. **Teacher Participation** – All STEM teachers (Grades 7–12) are encouraged to participate. A minimum response rate of 50–70% of the school's STEM faculty is required to ensure representativeness.
2. **Inclusivity** – Teachers of other subjects may also participate voluntarily, following the principle “no one forced, no one denied.”
3. **Dedicated Time** – Schools are advised to allocate approximately 30 minutes during school hours for teachers to complete the survey.
4. **IT Data Collection** – School IT Officers should prepare data on computer lab photos, device counts, and connection types before starting their specific survey.

Detailed instructions and expectations are further outlined in **Attachment 2** for reference and guidance.

## IV. TIMELINE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

All respondents are requested to complete the survey **on or before June 19, 2026**.

Respondents are hereby enjoined to actively participate in this activity.

For clarifications or concerns, your staff may contact the Project Management Service – Project Development Division (PMS-PDD), Attention: Ms. Cressa Zamora or Ms. Regina Esquillo at [pms.pdd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:pms.pdd@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Encl: As stated

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## PROJECT PROFILE

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Advancing Climate-smart, Quality, Inclusive and Resilient Education (ACQUIRE)</b>
<b>Executing Agency/ies</b>	Department of Finance (DOF)
<b>Implementing Agency/ies</b>	Department of Education (DepEd) Co-implementing agency: Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
<b>Fund Source/Development Partner</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	N/A
<b>Modality</b>	Project Loan (Investment Project Financing)
<b>Project Size</b>	Loan Proceeds: USD600 million GOP Counterpart: USD 60 million
<b>Implementation Period</b>	6 years (2027-2032)
<b>Project Scope</b>	<p>Nationwide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region I: La Union, Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan I, Lingayen</li> <li>• Region II: Batanes, Isabel, City of Ilagan, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, Cauayan City, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya</li> <li>• Region III: Olongapo, Bataan, Zambales, Aurora, Tarlac, Angeles City, Pampanga, San Fernando City, Pampanga, Mabalacat City, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, Balanga City, Bataan</li> <li>• Region IV-A: Cavite, Calamba City, Cabuyao City, Lucena City, Tanuan City, Laguna, Rizal, Lipa City, Batangas, San Pablo City, Antipolo City, Sta. Rosa City, Binan City, Quezon, Lucena City</li> <li>• MIMAROPA: Oriental Mindoro, Puerto Princesa City</li> <li>• Region V: Ligao City, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Naga City, Legazpi City, Albay</li> <li>• Region VI: Aklan, Iloilo</li> <li>• NIR: Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Bayawan City, Tanjay City, Bais City, Victorias City, Negros Occidental</li> <li>• Region VII: Bohol, Cebu, Cebu City, Talisay City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Toledo City, Danao City, Tagbilaran City, Bogu City, City of Naga</li> <li>• Region VIII: Catbalogan City, Western Samar, Leyte, Biliran</li> <li>• Region IX: Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Pagadian City</li> <li>• Region X: Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, Malaybalay City, Lanao del Norte, Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region XI: Mati City, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro</li> <li>• Region XII: Sarangani, General Santos City</li> <li>• CARAGA: Surigao City, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Siargao, Agusan del Sur, Tandag City</li> <li>• CAR: Benguet, Baguio City, Apayao, Ifugao</li> <li>• NCR: Quezon City, City of San Juan, Navotas, Manila, Pasay City, Caloocan City, Mandaluyong City, Marikina City, Pasig City, Paranaque City, Las Pinas City, Valenzuela City, Malabon City, Taguig City, Muntinlupa City</li> <li>• BARMM: Maguindanao, Cotabato City, Marawi City, Tawi-Tawi City</li> </ul>
<b>Project Development Objective (PDO) (indicative)</b>	Students in targeted areas equipped with the 21st century skills required for further education and training and for quality jobs in the digital economy.
<b>Project Components</b>	<p><b>Component 1: STEM for a Green, Resilient Future Economy Strengthened.</b> Positions PSHS and DepEd Science HS as apex and lead hubs with smart campuses, advanced labs, ICT backbone, green infrastructure, and teacher upskilling. It transforms the PSHS System into a smart campus ecosystem through modern classrooms, advanced STEM labs, upgraded ICT, green energy, and capacity building—strengthening its role as the national STEM benchmark and mentor. It also develops DepEd Regional and Provincial Science High Schools into resilient, tech-driven STEM hubs with integrated digital and hands-on curricula, while establishing them as lead institutions through in-house trainers, shared digital resources, and formal mentoring and resource-sharing systems.</p> <p><b>Component 2: Access to Quality Learning for All Enhanced.</b> Expands quality to cluster schools, modernizes SHS Tech-Pro schools. Activates STEM clusters by providing connectivity, mobile labs, teacher training, and innovation grants to expand equitable access, while modernizing SHS Tech-Pro schools into Centers of Technical Excellence with industry-aligned curricula, upgraded labs, digital connectivity, certified teachers, and structured apprenticeship programs.</p> <p><b>Component 3: Streamlined System Delivery for Governance &amp; Innovation.</b> Digitizes governance systems: Private sector partnerships, Knowledge Management, M&amp;E, national assessments, asset management, and STEAM Advancement Grants</p>
<b>Status</b> <i>(as of May 13, 2026)</i>	Submitted revised project documents for Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) package under review by the ICC Secretariat. Secure Regional Development Council (RDC) Endorsements from II, CARAGA, and NCR.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

# Digital Readiness *starts* with you.

The ACQUIRE Digital Readiness Assessment Survey is a diagnostic study to understand how ready your school is to integrate digital technologies into STEM teaching and learning — and what support you need to thrive.

1,127 SCHOOLS INVITED	16 DOST PSH SCHOOLS	1,111 DEPED SCHOOLS	3 RESPONDENT GROUPS
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WHY IT MATTERS

Your responses directly guide DepEd & DOST decisions on transforming classrooms, building institutional capacity, and ensuring every learner benefits from digital STEM education.

THREE SURVEYS · PICK YOURS

A JOINT STUDY BY

<p><b>01</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Survey</b></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></p> <p>STEM Teachers · Grades 7-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching &amp; assessment practices</li> <li>Use of digital tools &amp; labs</li> <li>AI, VR &amp; blended learning</li> <li>Your professional development needs</li> </ul>	<p><b>02</b></p> <p><b>School Leadership Survey</b></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></p> <p>Principals · School Heads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School facilities &amp; learning spaces</li> <li>Digital strategy &amp; vision</li> <li>Smart school with STEM focus</li> <li>Digital maturity self-assessment</li> </ul>	<p><b>03</b></p> <p><b>IT Officer Survey</b></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></p> <p>IT Coordinators · Tech Leads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connectivity, devices &amp; labs</li> <li>Management systems &amp; platforms</li> <li>IT operations &amp; maintenance</li> <li>Smart school technical vision</li> </ul>
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WHAT YOU'LL BE ASKED ABOUT

[Digital devices](#)
[Learning platforms](#)
[AI in education](#)
[Virtual labs](#)
[Blended learning](#)
[Connectivity](#)

[Teacher PD](#)
[Smart school vision](#)
[Digital maturity](#)

<p><b>15-30 minutes</b></p> <p>No time limit. Complete at your own pace.</p>	<p><b>Auto-saves</b></p> <p>Drafts save in your browser. Resume anytime.</p>	<p><b>Any device</b></p> <p>Works on phone, tablet, or computer.</p>	<p><b>Honest answers</b></p> <p>Reflect your real situation — there are no wrong answers.</p>
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19 June 2026

School leaders: please invite all STEM teachers to participate. It is recommended that respondents use Chrome, Safari or Edge web browser to complete surveys.

"Your answers will shape the future of STEM."

<p><b>Teacher Questionnaire</b></p> <p>SCAN OR TAP TO OPEN</p>	<p><b>School Leader Questionnaire</b></p> <p>SCAN OR TAP TO OPEN</p>	<p><b>IT Officer Questionnaire</b></p> <p>SCAN OR TAP TO OPEN</p>
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**REGION 1**

Region I	Ilocos Sur	330511	Philippine Science High School-Ilocos Region Campus
Region I	La Union	300132	Regional Science HS, La Union
Region I	Ilocos Sur	320904	Baringcucurong National High School
Region I	Ilocos Sur	300086	Tagudin National High School
Region I	La Union	321002	Canbarbusuy National High School
Region I	La Union	300115	Casacristo National High School
Region I	La Union	300106	Castor Z. Concepcion MNHS
Region I	La Union	300114	Dona Francisca Lacsamana de Ortega Memorial National High School
Region I	La Union	300120	Luna National High School
Region I	La Union	321018	Luna National Vocational High School
Region I	La Union	300124	Oanari National High School
Region I	La Union	300125	Old Sudipen National High School
Region I	La Union	321003	Rimos National High School
Region I	La Union	300134	San Francisco National High School
Region I	La Union	300143	SINAPANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Region I	La Union	300148	Sudipen Vocational High School
Region I	Laoag City	306299	RODOLFO CG. FARIÑAS, JR. NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
Region I	Ilocos Norte	300002	Bacarra NCHS
Region I	Ilocos Norte	320815	Bingao National High School
Region I	Ilocos Norte	300028	San Nicolas NHS
Region I	Ilocos Norte	300029	Sarrat National High School
Region I	Ilocos Norte	320816	STA. ROSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Region I	Laoag City	305601	Caoacan High School
Region I	Laoag City	300372	Gabu National High School
Region I	Laoag City	300373	Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades
Region I	Laoag City	300374	Ilocos Norte National High School
Region I	Laoag City	300375	Ilocos Norte Regional School of Fisheries
Region I	Pangasinan I, Lingayen	300181	Cabayaoasan NHS
Region I	Pangasinan I, Lingayen	300218	Macarang National High School

Region II	Cauayan City	323904	Villa Concepcion HS - Baculod Extension
Region II	Cauayan City	306107	WEST TABACAL REGION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Region II	Cagayan	300454	David M. Puzon MNHS
Region II	Cagayan	300473	Libertad National High School
Region II	Nueva Vizcaya	300619	Bagabag NHS
Region II	Nueva Vizcaya	300623	Bintawan NHS
Region II	Nueva Vizcaya	300638	Murong NHS

**REGION 3**

Region III	Mabalacat City	330513	Philippine Science High School - Central Luzon Campus
Region III	Olongapo City	301058	Regional Science High School - Rehion III
Region III	Olongapo City	301056	Kalalake NHS
Region III	Olongapo City	301057	New Cabalan National High School
Region III	Bataan	306612	Roosevelt National High School
Region III	Zambales	307124	Subic NHS Annex IV - San Isidro HS
Region III	Aurora	300672	Aurora National Science HS
Region III	Aurora	300673	Aurora NHS
Region III	Aurora	300693	Dipaculao NHS
Region III	Aurora	300686	Ditumabo NHS
Region III	Aurora	300687	Eliseo C. Ronquillo Sr. Memorial NHS
Region III	Aurora	306508	Rosauro R. Tangson, Sr. NHS
Region III	Tarlac	306089	Camiling Science High School
Region III	Tarlac	300950	Bamban NHS
Region III	Tarlac	300952	Bilad High School
Region III	Tarlac	300973	Birbira High School
Region III	Tarlac	300958	Camiling School of Home Industries
Region III	Tarlac	307008	Carabaoan-Caocaoayan National High School
Region III	Tarlac	307006	Malacampa NHS
Region III	Tarlac	300972	Marawi National High School
Region III	Tarlac	300983	Sacata NHS
Region III	Angeles City	307202	Angeles City Science HS
Region III	Angeles City	301038	Angeles City Nat'l. Trade School
Region III	Angeles City	301039	Angeles City NHS
Region III	Angeles City	301042	Bonifacio V. Romero HS
Region III	Pampanga	306925	Don Antonio Lee Chi Uan IS
Region III	Pampanga	300905	Don Jesus Gonzales High School
Region III	Pampanga	300911	Eastern Porac National High School
Region III	Angeles City	301040	Francisco G. Nepomuceno Mem. HS
Region III	San Fernando City, Pampanga	307601	Information and Communication Technology High School
Region III	Mabalacat City	300895	Mabalacat National High School
Region III	Mabalacat City	300889	Madapdap Resettlement High School
Region III	Pampanga	300896	Malino NHS