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MEMORANDUM

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August 17, 2026

**TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
REGIONAL GAS FOCAL PERSONS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
DESIGNATED SDO GAS FOCAL PERSONS
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)
MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MBHTE)
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY
Undersecretary for Finance

**SUBJECT : 'GAS-TUKLAS ROLL-OUT ACTIVITIES AND SUBMISSION OF
PROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS FOR SY 2026-2027**

I. RATIONALE

Following the issuance of DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 46, s. 2026, entitled Guidelines on the Pilot Implementation of the Government Assistance and Subsidies-Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools (GAS-TUKLAS) Program for School Year 2026-2027, on July 22, 2026, the Government Assistance and Subsidies Service (GASS) shall undertake roll-out activities to facilitate the effective implementation of the GAS-TUKLAS Program for SY 2026-2027.

These activities are intended to ensure that Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs), including the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao - Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (BARMM-MBHTE), are adequately informed about the program guidelines, implementation requirements, processes, and responsibilities, and are sufficiently prepared to support the pilot implementation of GAS-TUKLAS. The roll-out will also facilitate the identification of prospective applicants and the submission of potential applications for financial assistance under the Program.

II. PURPOSE

The activities are intended to:

1. Orient all ROs, SDOs, and BARMM-MBHTE on the GAS-TUKLAS Guidelines, including eligibility requirements, allowable financial assistance, documentary requirements, and implementation processes.
2. Ensure the implementation readiness of concerned offices by clarifying their roles and responsibilities under the Program.
3. Facilitate information dissemination and coordination among concerned offices and stakeholders to support the effective and timely implementation of GAS-TUKLAS.

4. Facilitate the identification of prospective applicants and submission of prospective applications by providing potential beneficiaries with information on the Program, subject to the applicable guidelines, evaluation, validation, and availability of funds.

III. ONLINE ROLL-OUT ORIENTATION

GASS will conduct an **online national roll-out orientation** for ROs, SDOs, and BARMM-MBHTE to establish a common understanding of the approved Guidelines and facilitate consistent implementation across field offices.

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Particulars	Details
Pre-Registration Online Form	https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/cEyNNMxVDY
Pre-Registration Deadline	August 18, 2026, 5:00 PM
Date of the Activity Proper	August 19-20, 2026 (Wednesday and Thursday)
Modality	Online via Microsoft Teams
MS Teams Link	To be sent via email to successfully registered participants
Day 1	Cascading and Localized Orientation Planning Session
Day 2	Key Provisions of the GAS-TUKLAS Pilot Implementation Guidelines Plenary Discussion

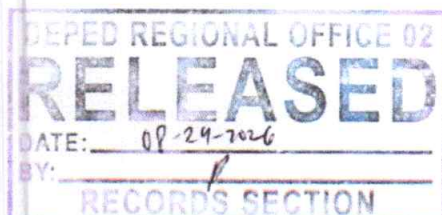
PARTICIPANTS

This Office respectfully requests the participation of the following personnel from the field offices who are directly involved in the implementation, decision-making, and other related processes relevant to the implementation of the GAS-TUKLAS Program at their respective governance level. Their participation is vital to facilitate effective coordination, clarify operational concerns, and ensure appropriate and timely decision-making at the field level.

For the designation of the GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person, the Regional Director (RD) and Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) may designate an appropriate representative, subject to the roles and responsibilities of the implementing offices as provided under DM No. 46, s. 2026, and consistent with the functions and responsibilities assigned to the concerned field office.

Regional Offices	Schools Division Offices
1. Regional Director (RD)	1. Schools Division Superintendent (SDS)
2. Assistant Regional Director (ARD)	2. Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS)
3. Regional GAS Program Focal Person	3. One (1) designated GAS-TUKLAS Focal Person
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The BARMM-MBHTE may designate and send ten (10) representatives to participate in the orientation activities to be conducted by GASS in preparation for the localized GAS-TUKLAS orientation activities.



August 20, 2026

To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

For information, dissemination and appropriate action.


BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS PhD, CESO III
 Director IV/ Regional Director

IV. SUBMISSION OF GAS-TUKLAS PROSPECT APPLICATIONS

Concerned offices are advised to disseminate information on the GAS-TUKLAS Program to all public basic education schools, including Alternative Learning System-Community Learning Centers (ALS-CLCs), and private basic education schools within their respective jurisdictions.

School Heads, Principals, or designated school personnel shall facilitate the identification of prospective applicants and ensure the submission of complete and accurate information on potential learner and teacher-coach participants in competitions covered under the GAS-TUKLAS Guidelines.

The submission shall serve as an initial step in identifying potential beneficiaries for consideration by GASS and shall not be construed as a guarantee of financial assistance. All prospective applications shall remain subject to the eligibility requirements, evaluation and validation procedures, applicable guidelines, and availability of funds under the Program.

The submission details are as follows:

Particulars	Details
Submission Form	https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7aueDLt3uz ✓
Deadline	September 30, 2026, 3:00 PM

For questions or clarifications, your office may contact **Ms. Rowelyn Saralde**, Technical Assistant II, of GASS-PRDD through email at **gass.prdd@depd.gov.ph** or through mobile at **(+63) 960 672 3086**.

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To:	☒ PSDS/DICs	☒ Elem/Sec School Heads	
	☒ Private Schools	☐ Others:	
For:	☒ Information	☒ Dissemination	
	☒ Guidance	☐ Strict Compliance	
ORLANDO B. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
By:	☐ ASDS	☐ CID Chief	☒ SGOD Chief
	☐ AO	☐ Atty	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>