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**BATCH 1 DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR  
THE BAYANIHAN SIM PROJECT**

To: Schools Division Superintendents (SDO Negros Occidental and SDO Guihulngan City)  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the signed **Distribution Guidelines for the JuanSIM ng Bayan Program – Bayanihan SIM Project** issued by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), this Office announces the **Batch 1 Distribution of Bayanihan SIM Cards** for the Negros Island Region. This initiative is designed to promote inclusive digital access by providing mobile internet connectivity to unserved and underserved populations.
2. The project provides SIM cards bundled with 25GB of monthly data for a subscription period of one (1) year. The beneficiaries are advised that these SIM cards are **geofenced**, meaning data access is restricted to designated zones covered by specific towers.
3. The distribution will cover schools in **Isabela** and **Moises Padilla** (SDO Negros Occidental) and **Guihulngan City** (SDO Guihulngan) as follows:

**SDO NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (Isabela & Moises Padilla)**

Date	School / Distribution Center	No. of SIMs
<b>January 12, 2026</b>	Banogbanog Elementary School	174
	Sebucauan Elementary School	283
<b>January 13, 2026</b>	Isabela National High School	739
	Sikatuna Elementary School	980
<b>January 14, 2026</b>	Binata-an Elementary School	123



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**SDO GUIHULNGAN CITY (Guihulngan)**

Date	School / Distribution Center	No. of SIMs
<b>January 20, 2026</b>	Luz Elementary School	136
	Dadiangao Elementary School	97
<b>January 21, 2026</b>	Taloto Elementary School	192
	Bonbon Elementary School	178

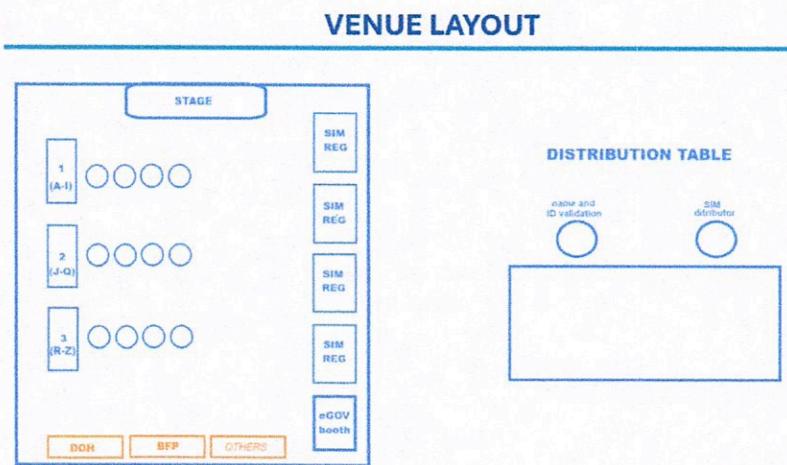
4. To ensure an organized and formal turnover, all host schools are directed to facilitate a brief Opening Program prior to the actual distribution. The School Heads must ensure the program strictly follows the standardized flow below:

PROGRAMME		PIC
9:00 am - 9:30 am	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Venue prepatation: booth setup and tech check
		Opening Prayer & National Anthem
		Welcome Remarks
		Message of Support
		Message & Project Overview
		Beneficiary Orientation: Terms of Use and FAQs
		Closing Message
		Start of the distribution of SIM Cards
10:00 am - 12:00 nn	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	SIM Card Distribution and SIM Registration



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5. To ensure organized distribution, the School Heads must arrange the venue according to the approved layout. The distribution tables must be segmented alphabetically:



6. In accordance with the coordination meeting agreements, the SDOs must validate the list of beneficiaries provided by DICT and coordinate logistics requests with schools. The DICT shall provide the filtered list of beneficiaries and disseminate communication to partners while the host schools shall ensure venue readiness and assist in beneficiary validation.

7. The SIM card shall be issued to the parents or legal guardians. They must present the student's DepEd ID or Learner Reference Number (LRN), a valid government-issued ID of the guardian, and proof of relationship. The personnel must present a valid DepEd-issued ID. Allocation is limited to a maximum of two (2) SIMs per household.

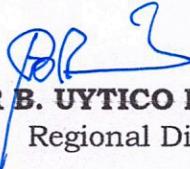
8. All beneficiaries must register their SIM cards in compliance with **RA 11934 (SIM Registration Act)** to activate the data subscription.



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9. For questions or queries, contact **Mr. Nathaniel E. Lajot Jr.**, OIC - Regional Information Technology Officer at 09275366081 and through email at [nathaniel.lajot001@deped.gov.ph](mailto:nathaniel.lajot001@deped.gov.ph).
10. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

Reference:

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# Distribution Guidelines

## JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project

*Under the Free Public Internet Access Program*

September 2025



## Distribution Guidelines for the JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project Under the Free Public Internet Access Program

### I. Background

The **JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project** (The “Project”) aims to provide free internet access to selected beneficiaries located within the mobile network service coverage areas of both underserved and unserved communities in key developmental locations nationwide. This will be operationalized through the procurement and distribution of SIM cards with subsidized data under the Free Public Internet Access Program.

For SIM card distribution, the branding to be used is **“Bayanihan SIM Project,”** in alignment with GAD principles and to promote inclusivity, while reflecting the current DICT messaging of “Digital Bayanihan.”

To streamline and oversee the equitable and transparent distribution of subsidized SIM cards, the DICT sets forth the following distribution guidelines. This guideline establishes a structured framework for the equitable, secure, and transparent distribution of Bayanihan SIM cards to qualified beneficiaries across the country. The distribution process will be conducted in coordination with key national and local government agencies, including the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Local Government Units (LGUs), with the DICT Regional Offices serving as the lead implementers at the ground level.

The DICT, through its Regional Offices, shall oversee logistics coordination, SIM inventory tracking, beneficiary validation at the point of distribution, and post-distribution reporting. Meanwhile, the physical distribution activities shall be hosted at designated public schools, spearheaded by DepEd personnel in close coordination with the DICT and concerned LGUs.

### II. Objectives

The Project is designed to promote inclusive digital access by ensuring mobile internet connectivity for unserved and underserved populations across the Philippines. Its primary objectives are the following:

- To provide free SIM cards bundled with 25GB monthly data to verified beneficiaries in key developmental areas, supporting the goal of universal internet access under RA. No. 10929 and the Free Public Internet Access Program.



- To support educational continuity, digital literacy by enabling students, teachers, and low-income households to participate in online learning, access government services, and engage in digital communication.
- To strengthen inter-agency collaboration in the delivery of digital services through a whole-of-government approach involving DICT, DEPED, DSWD, DILG, LGUs, and other stakeholders.
- To operationalize government digital infrastructure investment, particularly the Common Tower Program (CTP), by ensuring that unserved and underserved areas provide tangible benefits to target communities.
- To fulfill the presidential directive for immediate implementation, ensure that the project is executed efficiently, cost-effectively, and with utmost benefit to the people.

This program is aligned with the national development agenda on digital transformation, inclusivity, and the implementation of Republic Act No. 10929 or the Free Internet Access in Public Places Act.

### III. Distribution Overview

a. **Products and Services** – One million eight hundred (1,000,800) units of pre-programmed Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards (360 sites x 2,780 units each site), inclusive of 25 GB of monthly data for a 12-month subscription period. These SIMs will be distributed across 360 common tower sites, with an allocation of 2,780 SIM cards per site.

- SIM cards must be registered by the beneficiaries in compliance with the SIM Registration Act before they can access data services.
- Data loading will be executed through an automated seeding system managed by the MNO.
- The **monthly data allocation of 25GB** will be automatically provisioned **on the 1st of every month**.

*In the event that the registration is completed mid-month, an initial 25GB data load will still be provided upon activation. The monthly 25GB allocation will continue until the end of the 12-month subscription period, with the final load provided in the last month of the subscription.*

As a result, depending on the activation date, a total of up to 13 data loadings (25GB each) may be received within the 12-month subscription period, ensuring full coverage equivalent to one year of service.



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- Table below shows the sample seeding schedule:

Date	Month	Days	GB (Total)
June 12-30 (June 12 Activation Date)	1	19	25
Jul 1 - 31	2	31	25
Aug 1 - 31	3	31	25
Sep 1 - 30	4	30	25
Oct 1 - 31	5	31	25
Nov 1 - 30	6	30	25
Dec 1 - 31	7	31	25
Jan 1 - 31	8	31	25
Feb 1 - 28	9	28	25
Mar 1 - 31	10	31	25
Apr 1 - 30	11	30	25
May 1 - 31	12	31	25
Jun 1 - 11	13	11	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>325</b>

b. **Agency Roles in Beneficiary Identification** - The identification and validation of eligible beneficiaries shall be carried out by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), following their respective mandates and criteria. DepEd shall identify students, learners, and personnel within public schools who are deemed qualified. At the same time, DSWD shall determine eligible recipients from among its existing beneficiaries, such as those enrolled in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). While the DICT may provide suggested target groups based on the program's intended impact, it does not have any direct role in the selection or approval of



beneficiaries. The DICT's responsibility is limited to verifying the identity of claimants against the official lists submitted by DepEd and DSWD.

## Beneficiary Classification and Prioritization:

**1. Primary Beneficiaries:** The Department of Education (DepEd) shall serve as the primary source of eligible beneficiaries. The eligible recipients shall be selected based on the following order of priority, with the condition that all beneficiaries must have access to a smartphone or any compatible user access terminal to ensure effective use of the SIM card and its associated services:

- 1.1. Enrolled learners in public elementary and secondary schools located within the tower service coverage.
- 1.2. DepEd personnel (Teachers, Principals, and Staff) in designated schools.
- 1.3. Schools require SIM cards, as determined by DepEd, for the use of their internet connection.

**2. Secondary Beneficiaries:** The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (DSWD-4Ps) shall serve as the secondary source of eligible beneficiaries, **only if necessary**.

- 2.1. Households classified as under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and other DSWD-validated social assistance programs.
- 2.2. Residents in identified barangays who meet the eligibility criteria and fall within the tower service coverage area.

### c. Use of Beneficiary Lists

There is no prescribed allocation or set ratio between DepEd and DSWD-4Ps beneficiaries. Priority shall be given to the DepEd-submitted list in meeting the required number of beneficiaries in each identified location.

In locations where the DepEd list sufficiently meets the target number of beneficiaries, there will be no need to include additional entries from the DSWD-4Ps list. The DSWD-4Ps list will only be engaged in cases where supplementary beneficiaries are required to meet the target due to limitations in the DepEd list.

#### d. Validation of Beneficiaries and Mechanisms

Beneficiary lists shall be subjected to multi-level validation, using the following process:

- DepEd: Cross-referencing school enrollment data and verifying student lists.
- DSWD: Using the listahanan and 4Ps databases.
- Barangay Units: Community-level cross-checking and real-time validation through household visits or verification assemblies when needed.



- DICT Regional Offices: Shall validate beneficiary identities at the point of distribution only, ensuring the claimant matches the DepEd/DSWD-supplied list. Any inconsistencies encountered will be flagged and coordinated with the originating agency (DepEd/DSWD) for resolution.

#### e. Regional Breakdown of SIM Card Distribution

The distribution of SIM cards will follow a phased roll-out, aligned with logistical readiness, tower site activation, and school calendar priorities. Key elements of the strategy include:

- Establishing primary distribution centers in public schools identified by the DepEd, which shall serve as the primary distribution venues.
- DICT Regional Offices will function as logistical hubs, receiving and storing SIM cards from the MNOs before their release to DepEd and DSWD Regional Offices for distribution.
- Provision of on-site registration and troubleshooting kiosks, operated by the Service Provider.
- Deployment of security personnel and medical assistance stations by DILG and LGUs, particularly in high-density or remote distribution events.
- Implementation and management of a centralized inventory and reporting system, jointly managed by DICT and the Service Provider, to track deliveries, activations, and active/inactive users, while Regional Offices will perform front-line encoding and documentation tasks in coordination with distribution events.
- Table d.1 presents a summary of SIM Card Distribution per region
- Table d.2 presents the distribution plan based on the milestones outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR), referencing both **underserved and unserved areas** to guide the **scheduling of SIM card distribution**. The schedule follows the provisions specified in the TOR, particularly:
  - 7.8, which mandates that all distributions be completed within **one hundred eighty (180) calendar days** from the delivery date, taking into account the **shelf life of the SIM cards**; and
  - Item 8 outlines the **service area requirements** to be observed during the distribution period.  
(*Forty-five (45) days for lots classified as underserved areas and two hundred forty (240) days for lots classified as unserved areas*)



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Table d.1 (Summary of SIM Card Distribution per region)

<i>Island Group</i>	<i>Region</i>	COUNTA of Region	No. of Sim Cards
(1) Luzon	CAR	25	69,500
	Region I	11	30,580
	Region II	28	77,840
	Region III	17	47,260
	Region IV-A	11	30,580
	Region IV-B	51	141,780
	Region V	21	58,380
(1) Luzon Total		164	455,920
(2) Visayas	NIR	10	27,800
	Region VI	22	61,160
	Region VII	11	30,580
	Region VIII	13	36,140
(2) Visayas Total		56	155,680
(3) Mindanao	BARMM (BaSulTa)	11	30,580
	BARMM (LaMa)	12	33,360
	Region IX	19	52,820
	Region X	22	61,160
	Region XI	26	72,280
	Region XII	26	72,280
	Region XIII	24	66,720
(3) Mindanao Total		140	389,200
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>1,000,800</b>



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Table d.2 (Detailed SIM Card Distribution per region, referencing both underserved and unserved areas)

- Please refer to Annex F for the list of priority schools identified for your reference.

Island Group	Region	Classification	COUNTA of Region	No. of SIM Cards
(1) Luzon	CAR	Underserved	15	41,700
		Unserved	10	27,800
	CAR Total		25	69,500
	Region I	Underserved	10	27,800
		Unserved	1	2,780
	Region I Total		11	30,580
	Region II	Underserved	19	52,820
		Unserved	9	25,020
	Region II Total		28	77,840
	Region III	Underserved	10	27,800
		Unserved	7	19,460
	Region III Total		17	47,260
	Region IV-A	Underserved	8	22,240
		Unserved	3	8,340
	Region IV-A Total		11	30,580
	Region IV-B	Underserved	39	108,420
		Unserved	12	33,360
	Region IV-B Total		51	141,780
	Region V	Underserved	16	44,480
		Unserved	5	13,900
	Region V Total		21	58,380
(1) Luzon Total			164	455,920



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(2) Visayas	NIR	Underserved	3	8,340
		Unserved	7	19,460
	NIR Total		10	27,800
	Region VI	Underserved	18	50,040
		Unserved	4	11,120
	Region VI Total		22	61,160
	Region VII	Underserved	8	22,240
		Unserved	3	8,340
	Region VII Total		11	30,580
	Region VIII	Underserved	8	22,240
		Unserved	5	13,900
	Region VIII Total		13	36,140
(2) Visayas Total			56	155,680
(3) Mindanao	BARMM (BaSulTa)	Underserved	10	27,800
		Unserved	1	2,780
	BARMM (BaSulTa) Total		11	30,580
	BARMM (LaMa)	Underserved	8	22,240
		Unserved	4	11,120
	BARMM (LaMa) Total		12	33,360
	Region IX	Underserved	12	33,360
		Unserved	7	19,460
	Region IX Total		19	52,820
	Region X	Underserved	11	30,580
		Unserved	11	30,580
	Region X Total		22	61,160



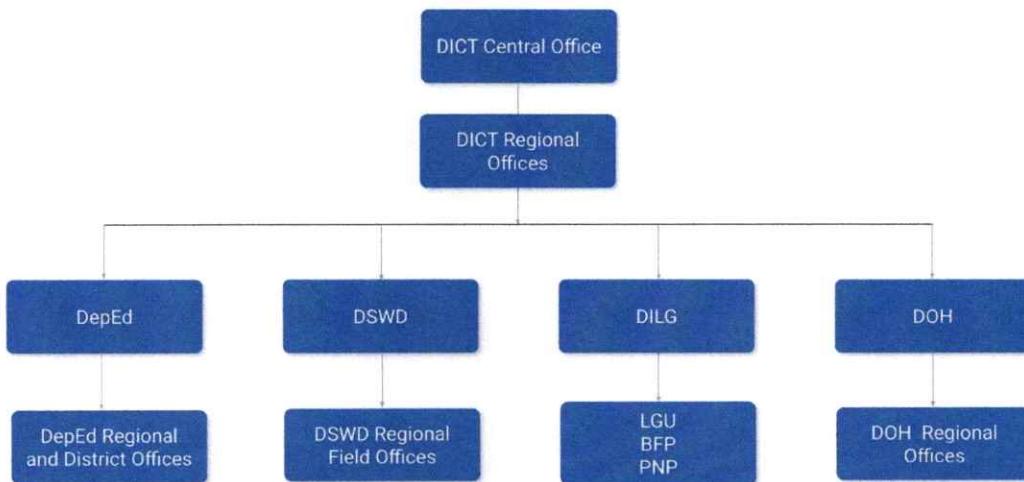
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Region XI	Underserved	9	25,020
	Unserved	17	47,260
Region XI Total		26	72,280
Region XII	Underserved	13	36,140
	Unserved	13	36,140
Region XII Total		26	72,280
Region XIII	Underserved	10	27,800
	Unserved	14	38,920
Region XIII Total		24	66,720
(3) Mindanao Total		140	389,200
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>1,000,800</b>

#### IV. Roles and Responsibilities of Key Stakeholders

Effective implementation of the Juan Sim ng Bayan Program depends on coordinated action among national agencies, regional offices, and local government units. The following outlines the distinct responsibilities of each stakeholder group.

##### Stakeholder Operational Structure for SIM Distribution





#### A. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)

### Central Office:

- Develop and issue the SIM card distribution guidelines.
  - Design and disseminate the overall Bayanihan SIM Operational Guidelines, detailing standard operating procedures (SOPs) for inter-agency coordination, logistics, SIM card registration, activation, and beneficiary validation.
  - Ensure the guidelines align with RA 10929, the SIM Registration Act, and relevant presidential directives
  - Review and update of the implementation quarterly, incorporating field feedback and evaluation data.
- Lead SIM Card Procurement and Regional Allocation.
  - Procure SIM cards bundled with mobile internet subscription through a direct mode of procurement process in compliance with RA9184.
  - Determine regional allocations
- Monitor and evaluate program implementation
  - Conduct periodic audits and impact assessments to evaluate the program's effectiveness and reach
- Coordinate and Oversee Logistics and Delivery Scheduling
  - Supervise the nationwide delivery of the plan in coordination with the Service Provider (MNO), ensuring timely dispatch and secure transfer of SIM card shipments to DICT Regional Offices.
  - Validate each delivery through signed receiving forms, real-time logistics, tracking, and reconciliation against master dispatch lists.
  - Assign a logistics oversight team to coordinate issue resolution and updates on delivery milestones.
- Provision and disbursement of the budget necessary to cover logistics and distribution requirements. *(The budget for the expenses related to the distribution activities of the ROs will be given and sourced from the FPIAP fund. The amount will depend on the number of identified locations of the project per Regional Office, and shall cover the provision and disbursement of the necessary budget to support logistics and distribution requirements.)*

### Regional Offices:

Serve as the lead implementing office at the regional and provincial levels.

- As the lead implementer of the program, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), through its Regional Offices, shall



exercise final decision-making authority on all matters related to the implementation and coordination of activities within their respective areas of responsibility.

- This authority specifically applies to on-the-ground distribution activities, including but not limited to issues involving beneficiary validation, allocation, logistics, scheduling, and any other operational concerns that may arise during implementation. All partner agencies, such as DepEd, DSWD, DILG, and others, are expected to coordinate with and defer to the DICT Regional Office for final decisions to ensure consistent and streamlined execution across all identified locations.
- Support the implementation of the centralized inventory and reporting system by:
  - Receiving, inspecting, and tagging SIM card deliveries from MNO, verifying against dispatch lists,
  - Encoding inventory status and handover logs,
  - Uploading acknowledgment of receipt and flagging discrepancies,
  - Coordinating with DepEd, DSWD, and MNOs on post-distribution data tracking.
- Facilitate the receipt of allotted SIM cards from the MNO at the regional level and distribute the corresponding quantities to DepEd and DSWD, based on the validated beneficiary lists. (*DepEd and DSWD shall then handle the actual distribution to beneficiaries at the designated locations, in coordination with LGUs and other local partners, ensuring adherence to the distribution plan and proper documentation of acknowledgment of receipt, with technical assistance from DICT and the MNOs*)
- Coordinate with regional counterparts from DepEd and identified schools, DSWD, DILG, and DOH/ BFP (for crowd control and emergency assistance during distribution), PNP/AFP (for security assistance in conflict areas)
- Oversee on-site SIM distribution, including beneficiary check-in, orientation, and SIM registration and activation.
- Provide technical support and ensure compliance with the guidelines in coordination with the MNO representatives
- Take the lead in the dissemination of project-related information and assist beneficiaries concerning Geofencing, load seeding schedule, SIM card registration requirements, and device compatibility necessary for the effective use of the subsidized SIM cards
- Oversee and submit reports on SIM card distribution activities and usage status to the DICT Central Office



## B. Department of Education (DepEd)

- Identify and Validate Beneficiaries
  - Generate official lists of enrolled learners and eligible DepEd personnel in participating schools.
  - Validate the accuracy of records in coordination with the Schools Division Offices, and submit the master lists to the DICT Central Office in parallel with the records submitted to the Regional Offices
- Coordinate and Prepare Distribution Sites
  - Designate accessible public schools as SIM card distribution venues.
  - Ensure venues are equipped with seating, ventilation, power supply, and basic amenities for the distribution activity
  - Assign school-based Project Focal Persons to assist with logistics and orientation during distribution
- Coordinate with schools for SIM card distribution and orientation schedules.
- Establish and/or maintain a centralized distribution venue or designated area to facilitate the organized dissemination of SIM cards and related project materials.
- To be present at the designated location and distribute the SIM cards to their identified beneficiaries based on the official lists submitted.
- To shoulder expenses, as necessary, for DepEd personnel or representatives involved in the distribution, subject to DepEd's internal policies and availability of funds.

## C. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

- Identify and verify low-income and vulnerable families eligible for the Project, using Listahanan and 4Ps databases.
- Endorse validated beneficiary lists to the DICT Central Office, which will then be forwarded to the concerned DICT Regional Offices, to facilitate validation when necessary during implementation and distribution
- Work with LGUs to ensure validation and proper family identification
- To be present in the designated location identified by DepEd and to distribute SIM Cards to their 4Ps listed beneficiaries.
- To provide expenses, as necessary, for DSWD personnel or representatives involved in the distribution, subject to DSWD's internal policies and availability of funds.



- To ensure that only DSWD staff officially authorized by the agency are assigned to process and distribute the SIM cards to the beneficiaries listed in the official lists submitted to the DICT Central Office and relayed to the Regional Offices.

#### **D. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)**

- Coordinate with the LGU regarding SIM card distribution activities
- Ensure peace and order during distribution activities through coordination with the local PNP and barangay officials
- Engage Local Peace and Order Councils to assist in organizing and securing events.
- Facilitate coordination between families, barangays, and LGUs.

#### **E. Local Government Units (LGUs)**

- Lead local coordination meetings and mobilize all barangay-level support.
- Ensure availability and preparation of secure, accessible distribution sites.
- Oversee the deployment of barangay officials and community volunteers.
- Support the dissemination of information to residents via barangay public address systems and social media.
- Collect and submit feedback and incident reports from barangays to DICT Regional Offices.

#### **F. Department of Health (DOH)**

- Ensure health and safety protocols are followed during distribution activities, especially in high-density areas.
- Deploy health workers or Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to monitor crowd health conditions.
- Provide necessary advisories on COVID-19 or other infectious disease prevention during gatherings.
- Coordinate with LGUs to ensure distribution sites meet sanitation and ventilation standards.

#### **G. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)**

- Conduct safety inspections of distribution venues to ensure fire safety compliance.
- Assist in crowd control and emergency response readiness during distribution events.



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- Provide personnel as part of the Incident Management Team (IMT) when required by the LGU.
- Support in managing orderly queues and ensuring emergency access routes remain unobstructed.

#### H. Philippine National Police (PNP)

- Provide security at distribution sites to prevent crowding, theft, or disturbances.
- Coordinate with barangay officials and DILG to maintain peace and order.
- Support in the verification of identities and the legitimacy of recipients when necessary.
- Respond to emergencies or violations of law and order during distribution activities.

### III. Validation of Beneficiaries

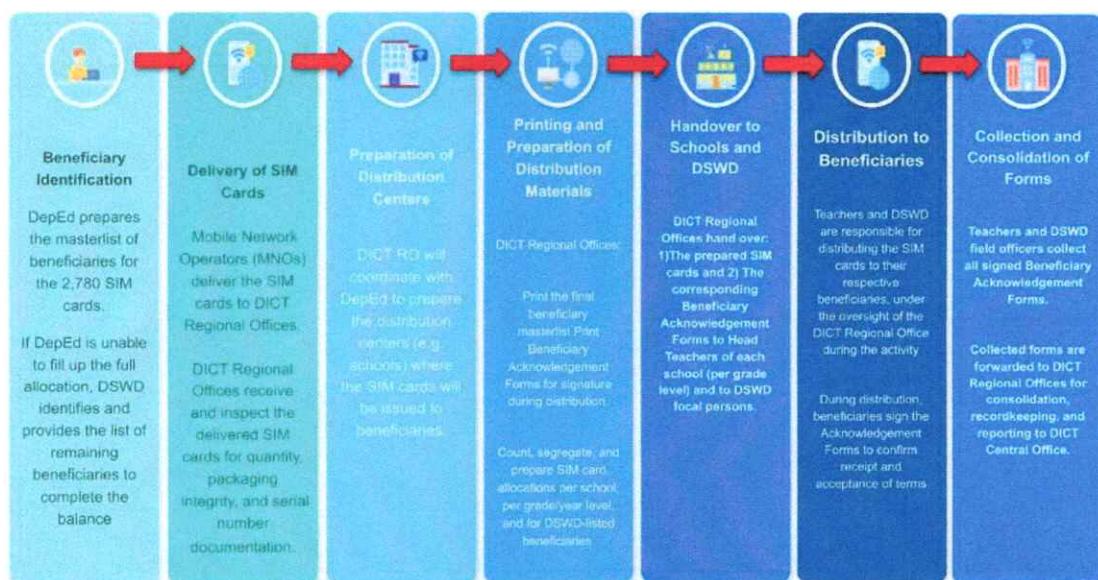
#### A. Beneficiary Criteria

- Students are enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools.
- DEPED personnel in remote or underserved areas.
- Families listed in DSWD's 4Ps or Listahanan databases.

#### B. Validation Mechanisms

- Cross-checking data from DepEd and DSWD with barangay records.
- On-ground validation through DEPED, DSWD, and barangay officials.

### IV. Distribution Mechanics

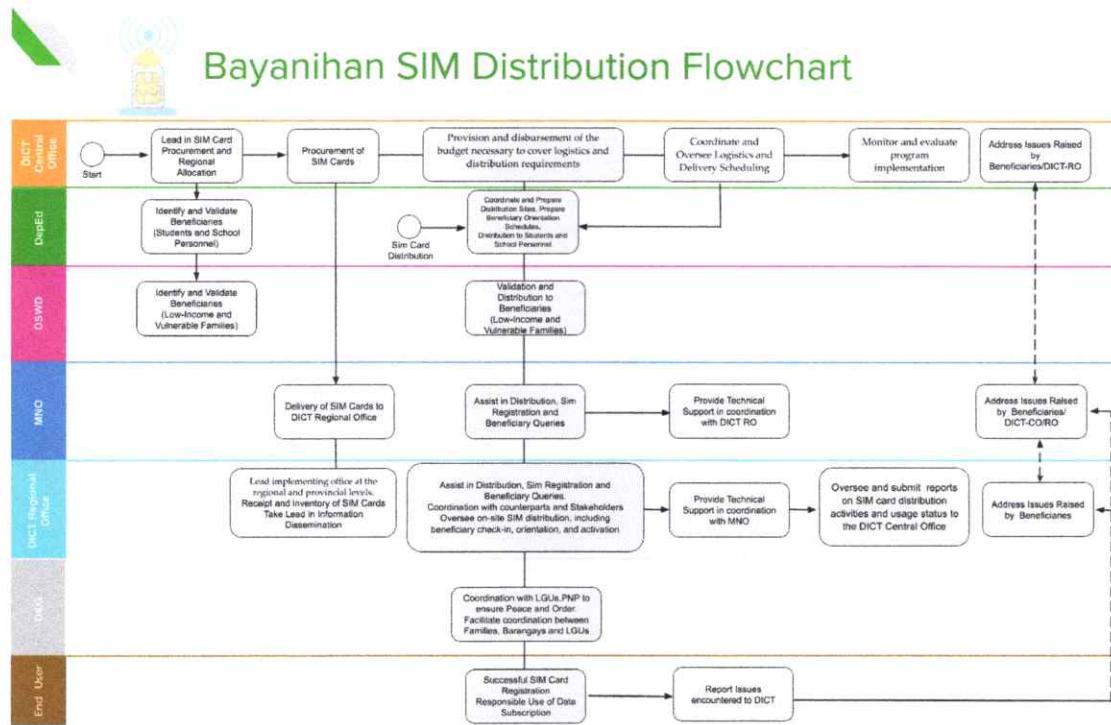




1. Beneficiary Identification
  - DepEd prepares the masterlist of beneficiaries for the 2,780 SIM cards.
  - If DepEd is unable to fill up the full allocation, DSWD identifies and provides the list of remaining beneficiaries to complete the balance.
2. Delivery of SIM Cards
  - Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) deliver the SIM cards to DICT Regional Offices.
  - DICT Regional Offices receive and inspect the delivered SIM cards for quantity, packaging integrity, and serial number documentation.
3. Preparation of Distribution Centers
  - DepEd prepares and coordinates the distribution centers (e.g., schools) where the SIM cards will be issued to beneficiaries.
4. Printing and Preparation of Distribution Materials
  - DICT Regional Offices: Print the final beneficiary masterlist, Beneficiary Acknowledgement Forms for signature during distribution.
  - Count, segregate, and prepare SIM card allocations per school, per grade/year level, and for DSWD-listed beneficiaries.
5. Handover to Schools and DSWD
  - DICT Regional Offices hand over: The prepared SIM cards and the corresponding Beneficiary Acknowledgement Forms to Head Teachers of each school (per grade level) and DSWD focal persons.
6. Distribution to Beneficiaries
  - Teachers distribute the SIM cards to their respective student beneficiaries.
  - DSWD field officers distribute to their listed beneficiaries.
  - During distribution, beneficiaries sign the Acknowledgement Forms to confirm receipt and acceptance of terms.
  - Beneficiaries receive a **SIM pack only**.
7. Collection and Consolidation of Forms
  - Teachers and DSWD field officers collect all signed Beneficiary Acknowledgement Forms.
  - Collected forms are forwarded to DICT Regional Offices for consolidation, recordkeeping, and reporting to DICT Central Office.



## V. Implementation and Monitoring



### a. Coordination and Planning

- The DICT will oversee the SIM card distribution process and work closely with key government offices and stakeholders to ensure efficiency.
- The DICT will coordinate with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to support the distribution efforts by providing information dissemination, deploying security personnel, and ensuring the presence of first aid responders.
- The DICT will coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd) on identifying the distribution points and the distribution schedules in the identified public schools.
- The distribution schedule for DepEd beneficiaries shall be on weekdays. For DSWD beneficiaries, the schedule will depend on the availability of the identified venue and the coordination of all parties involved, including the DICT Regional Office, LGU, and DSWD, with DepEd joining as necessary.
- Coordination meetings will be conducted with DICT, DILG, and DepEd Regional Offices, as well as other relevant agencies, to align on distribution strategies and responsibilities.
- A timeline and distribution plan will be created, outlining specific delivery dates, target regions, and logistical arrangements.



- DICT Regional Offices, in coordination with DILG Regional Offices, will serve as the primary coordinators for distribution at the provincial and municipal levels.

**b. Inventory Management and Allocation**

- DICT and the Service Provider will implement a centralized inventory tracker to monitor the number of SIM cards available, distributed, and remaining in stock.
- A total of 1,000,800 SIM cards (2,780 SIM cards per site in 360 sites) will be allocated for distribution to the pre-selected beneficiaries. If the number of eligible beneficiaries from DepEd schools is less than 2,780, the excess SIM cards will be distributed to pre-qualified recipients from DSWD. Should there still be an excess after allocation to DSWD recipients, the remaining SIM cards will be distributed to identified recipients from adjacent barangays.
- Contingency stocks will be reserved to address lost, damaged, or undelivered SIM cards.

**c. Establishment of Distribution Points**

- The DICT will coordinate with DepEd in determining the distribution sites and organizing the program and ceremonial activities. DepEd will identify the public school(s) that are most accessible to the majority of the beneficiaries
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- Each distribution site will be equipped with:
  - A help desk set up by the Service Provider for the whole duration of the SIM card distribution, to assist beneficiaries with SIM card registration, downloading of mobile application/s for tracking their data allocation and utilization, as well as for basic troubleshooting.
  - Security personnel provided by the DILG/LGU manage crowd control and prevent unauthorized access.
  - Medical assistance stations provided by the DILG/LGU (if large-scale distribution is conducted).
- If the number of DSWD beneficiaries exceeds that of DepEd, the DICT Regional Office shall coordinate with the LGU, together with DSWD, to facilitate distribution. DepEd may also be included in the coordination, as necessary, to ensure that beneficiaries who were unable to receive the SIM cards during the DepEd-led distribution can collect them at the DSWD-identified distribution locations.

**d. Eligibility Verification and Beneficiary Authentication**

Parent or Guardian as Representative for DepEd Public School Students:



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- For student beneficiaries enrolled in DepEd public schools (Grades 1–12), the SIM card shall be issued to a parent or legal guardian on behalf of the student.
- The parent or guardian must present (1) the DepEd-issued ID of the student beneficiary or their Learner Reference Number (LRN), or an official document/proof of enrollment., (2) a valid government-issued ID, and (3) proof of relationship to the student (e.g., birth certificate or certification from the school).
- The parent or guardian will be responsible for ensuring proper safekeeping and appropriate use of the SIM card.

**Issuance to DepEd Personnel (Teachers and Staff) and Other Beneficiaries:**

- DepEd teachers/personnel and other eligible beneficiaries shall receive their SIM cards directly.
- Each beneficiary must present a valid DepEd-issued ID for DepEd personnel or any government-issued ID for other eligible beneficiaries confirming their employment and/or identity.

**General Distribution Protocol**

- All recipients, whether parents/guardians or students, must sign an acknowledgment receipt upon receiving the SIM card.
- Each beneficiary/representative must present valid identification (e.g., government-issued ID, school ID) and proof of eligibility before receiving a SIM card.
- Verification will be conducted through:
  - DepEd (for students and teachers)
  - DSWD (for indigent families)
- A digital or paper-based masterlist will be maintained at each distribution point to document names of recipients, ID number and type, date and location of issuance, and corresponding SIM card serial number and mobile number (for tracking purposes).
- **The maximum number of SIM cards allocated per household is limited to two (2),** regardless of the number of schoolchildren enrolled in DepEd primary and high schools (Grades 1–12) within the family, to ensure that free mobile internet connectivity is provided to as many households as possible. This maximum includes any SIM card that may be received by a parent or guardian who is listed as a 4Ps beneficiary.
- During distribution, the teachers assigned shall be those who supervise the students or the advisers of each section. However, if the number of beneficiaries is small and does not require all assigned teachers, distribution may be covered by another teacher or the head teacher. They



shall ensure that beneficiaries are properly identified and correspond to the official lists before receiving their SIM cards.

**e. On-Site SIM Registration and Activation**

- A registration kiosk will be set up by the Service Provider at distribution sites to assist beneficiaries in complying with the SIM Registration Act.
- Beneficiaries will be required to register their details before they can use the SIM card.
- Trained personnel from the DICT Regional Offices and Service Providers will be available to guide recipients through the activation process, including:
  - Inserting the SIM card into their mobile devices
  - Initializing mobile settings, enabling cellular data to access the internet
  - Registering their SIM cards.
  - Setting up an online account for mobile applications to track their data usage (i.e., Globe One, Giga Life, DITO App)
  - Understanding the validity and limitations of the free data package
  - Manually “PULLING” the 25 GB data allocation if it is not automatically seeded into their accounts.

**f. Post-Distribution Support and Education**

- Upon receiving the SIM card, beneficiaries will be given a SIM card usage guide containing:
  - Instructions on how to activate and use the SIM card
  - Details of the free monthly data allocation and usage guidelines
  - A list of official customer support contacts for technical issues, registration concerns, and reporting of lost SIM cards.
  - Information on SIM card security and responsible usage, including guidelines on preventing SIM-related fraud or scams
- DICT Regional Offices will conduct follow-up checks to ensure that beneficiaries can use their SIM cards effectively and report any unresolved issues to DICT.

**g. Tracking and Reporting**

- A tracker (Excel or CSV File) will be maintained to monitor distribution progress and SIM card activations.
- Regular reports will be submitted by DICT regional offices to the DICT Central Office detailing:
  - Number of SIM cards distributed per area
  - Beneficiary complaints or technical issues encountered
  - Any logistical challenges or security concerns



- Audit checks will be conducted periodically to prevent misuse, duplication, or fraudulent distribution of SIM cards.
- A feedback mechanism will be set up for beneficiaries to provide their comments or suggestions on the mobile services.

#### **h. Service Performance Monitoring**

- To ensure effective performance monitoring of the 25GB monthly internet data allocation, each beneficiary school shall designate a **Project Focal Person**, preferably a member of the school administration. The designated Project Focal shall be responsible for the following:

1. Download and install the MNO's Official Mobile Application to monitor the 25GB data allocation and utilization.
2. Monitor and confirm the seeding of the 25GB allocation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month through the application dashboard.
3. Monitor the utilization of the 25GB allocation on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of each month, also via the application dashboard.
4. Capture and collate screenshots of the application dashboard per user account (i.e., the home page showing data seeding and utilization for all registered accounts) as visual documentation of the monthly status;
5. Submit the collated screenshots to the DICT as the official monthly report with a written summary or narrative report.

#### i. Restriction on Political Branding in SIM Distribution

Pursuant to these guidelines, the distribution of SIM cards shall be facilitated exclusively by the DepEd and the DSWD, with support from the DICT, the service provider, and the DILG to ensure effective delivery of basic services to the citizenry.

As this is a national project, the participation of elected officials or political representatives is highly discouraged to maintain the neutrality of distribution activities and to avoid any political associations.

Furthermore, all Bayanihan SIM Project distribution materials must remain free of personal branding, including names, images, or logos of political figures and/or political parties, to uphold impartiality and prevent any perception of political endorsement or affiliation.



## IX. Annexes

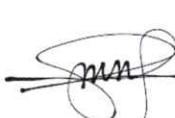
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Annex A

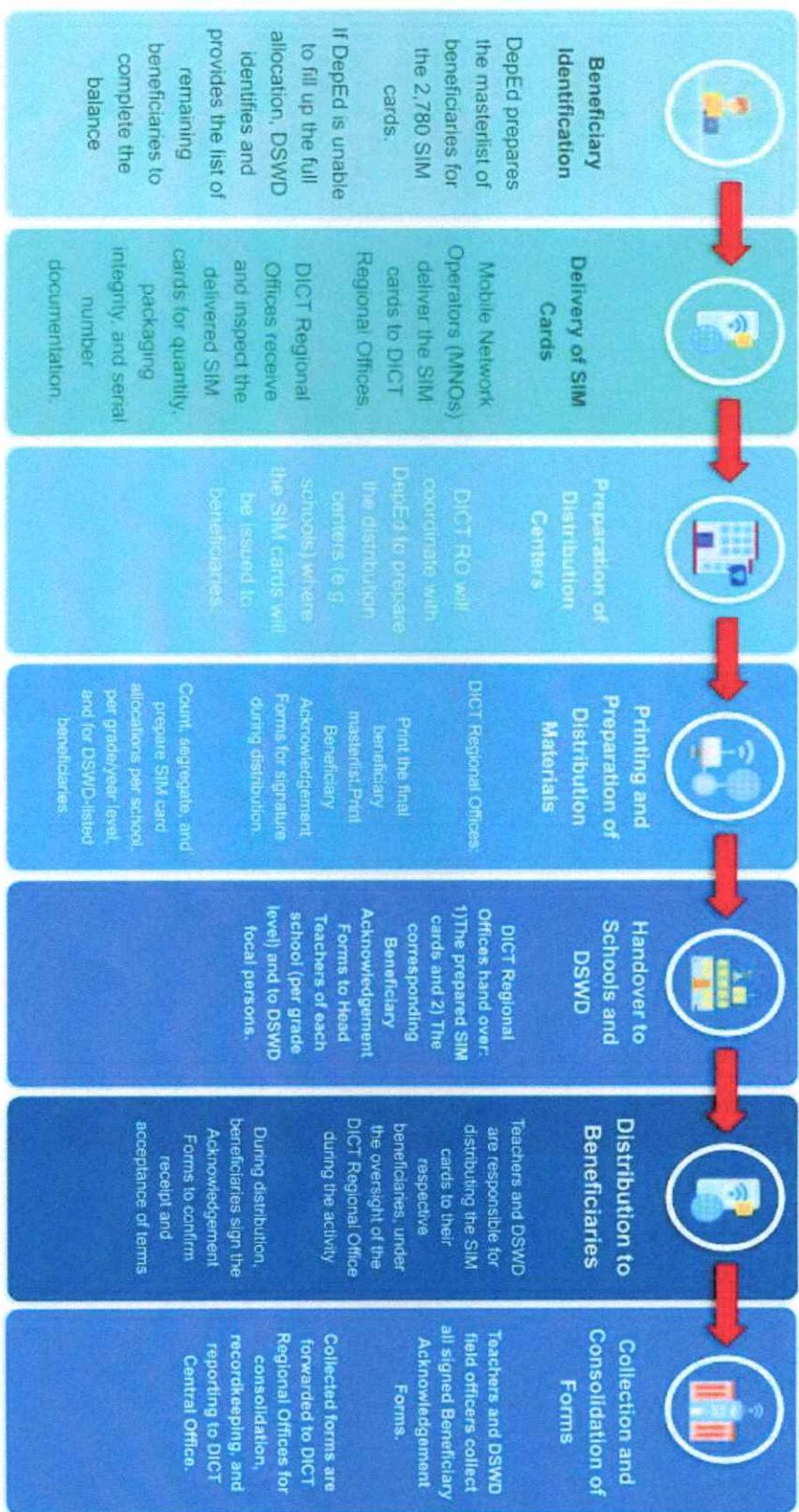
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<p><b>Control No.: DICT-BAF-2025-(R1School ID)-xxxx</b></p>																
<p><i>Instruction: Accomplish in three (3) copies – for Accounting, DICT Central Office (CTP-APMT), and Beneficiary</i></p>																
<p>I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of a SIM card provided by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) under the Free Public Internet Access Program - Bayanihan SIM Project, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10929 and Republic Act No. 11934 (SIM Card Registration Act).</p>																
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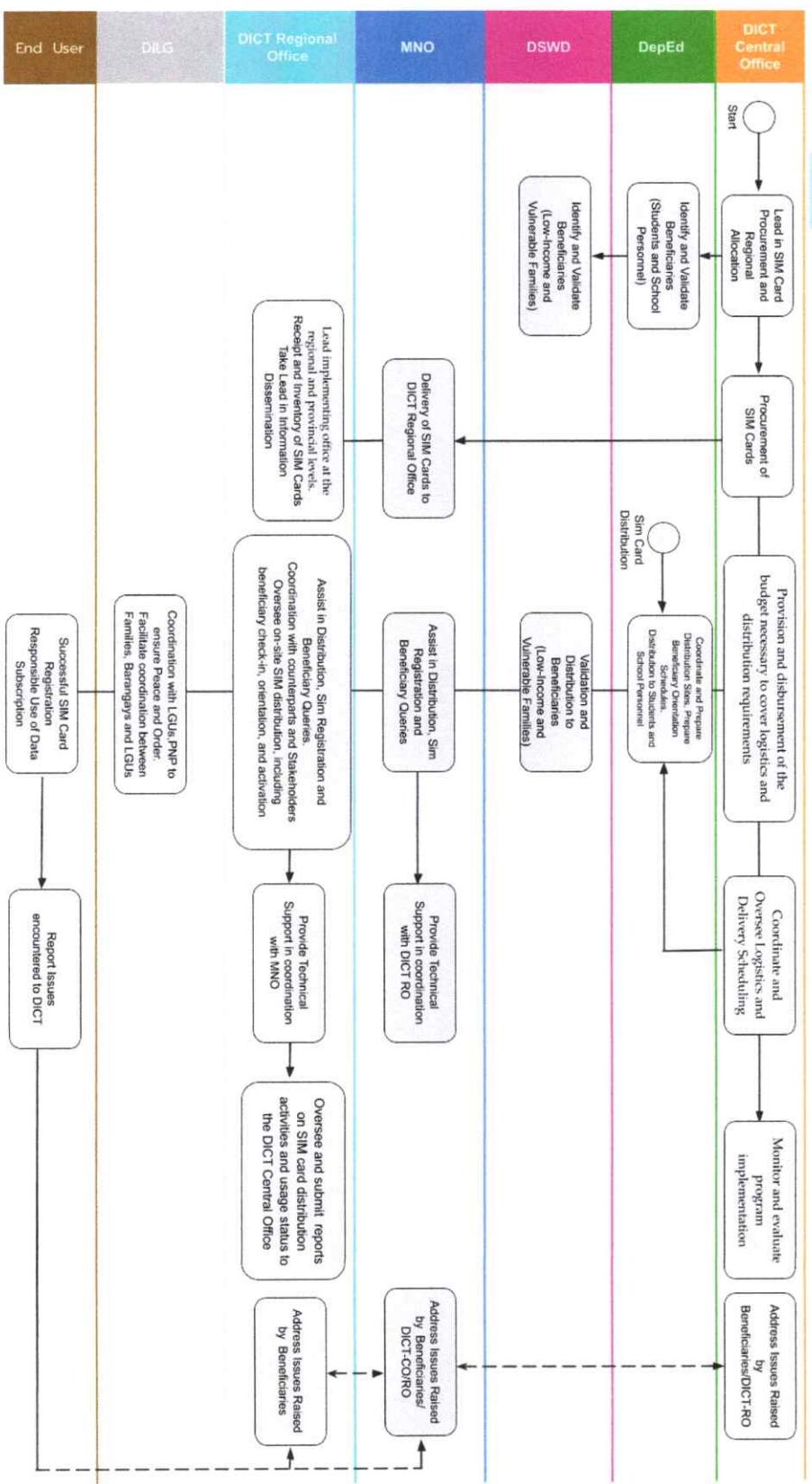


## Annex B: Flowchart - Distribution Mechanics and Flowchart





## Bayanihan SIM Distribution Flowchart





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## Annex C

### Stakeholders Directory

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Agency/Office	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION/DESIGNATION	WORK PHONE	MOBILE NUMBER	EMAIL	LAST UPDATED Date
2	DICT Central Office				(888) 555-0199	(888) 555-0100	daniel@contoso.com	
3	DICT ROCS							
5	DICT CAR							
6	DICT Region I							
7	DICT Region II							
8	DICT Region III							
9	DICT Region IV-A							
10	DICT Region IV-B							
11	DICT Region V							
12	DICT Region VI							
13	DICT Region VII							
14	DICT Region VIII							
15	DICT BARMM(Basulta)							
16	DICT BARMM (LaMa)							
17	DICT Region IX							
18	DICT Region X							
19	DICT Region XI							
20	DICT Region XII							
21	DICT Region XIII							



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Annex D: Distribution Tracker



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Annex E: User Inspection and Acceptance Form

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**INSPECTION ACCEPTANCE FORM  
(INSPECTION ACCEPTANCE REPORT)**

	Procurement of Mobile Data Subscriptions for Internet Connectivity in Developmental Locations (JuanSIM ng Bayan Program – Bayanihan SIM Project)	
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Document Type	DICT REGIONAL OFFICE	Date of Acceptance
INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE REPORT (IAR)		

Lot Number	
DepEd School Name	
Province	
Municipality	
Barangay	

SIM CARD INSPECTION REPORT				
Number of SIM Cards Delivered		<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE (FAIL)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Number of SIM Cards Delivered (Contingency Stocks) (5% of 2780)		<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE (FAIL)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Service Provider (Mobile Network Operator)				
SIM Card Packaging Design Conformity?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)			
SIM Card Form Factor Specification Standard?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)			
All SIM Cards delivered are sealed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)			
SIM Cards have no visible packaging damages?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)			
Detailed list of each SIM Card, with Serial Number, International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) and Integrated Circuit Card Identifier (ICCID) in soft and hard copies submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS) <input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)			

TECHNICAL REPORT SUBMITTED		
Field Test Report indicating Downstream/Upstream Data Rate (Throughput), Latency, Jitter, Packet Loss, Signal Strength, Coverage Area.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Documentation confirms tower proximity to identified DepEd beneficiary schools within 500 meters to 2.5 kilometers, supported by field validation results including drive tests and signal mapping to verify service availability and network reliability.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Evidence of an established and significant subscriber base.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)

Tested by:	Witnessed by:
MNO Representative	DICT Representative



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## USER ACCEPTANCE TEST FORM (SERVICE ACCEPTANCE REPORT)

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SIM Card Network Connectivity Test (1 SIM card per Lot)		
Able to latch to network upon inserting SIM card to device	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Able to successfully register the SIM Card	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Able to receive 25 GB Mobile Data	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
25 GB verified thru MNO App	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Able to receive a welcome message	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)
Able to browse the internet	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)

<b>SECURITY</b>		
Has the capability to block malicious content and online child safety risks, including pornography, proxies, and child abuse-related materials	<input type="checkbox"/> YES (PASS)	<input type="checkbox"/> NO (FAIL)

OVERALL ACCEPTANCE STATUS  PASS  FAIL

Tested by:	Witnessed by:
MNO Representative	DICT Representative



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**Annex F**

**List of Priority Schools**

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**List of Beneficiary Schools**

*Juan Sim ng Bayan Program*

*Free Public Internet Access Program - Bayanihan SIM*

**A. Regional Distribution Summary**

Regional Distribution			
Island Group	Region	Locations	No. of SIMs
Luzon	CAR	30	83,400
	Region I	16	44,480
	Region II	39	106,420
	Region III	13	36,140
	Region IV-A	10	27,800
	Region IV-B	48	133,440
	Region V	17	47,260
<b>Luzon Total</b>		<b>173</b>	<b>480,840</b>
Visayas	Region VI	29	80,620
	Region VII	14	38,920
	Region VIII	8	22,240
<b>Visayas Total</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>141,780</b>
Mindanao	BARMM (BaSuTa)	8	22,240
	BARMM (LaMa)	7	19,460
	Region IX	10	27,800
	Region X	24	66,720
	Region XI	19	52,820
	Region XII	19	52,820
	Region XIII	49	136,220
<b>Mindanao Total</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>376,080</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>1,000,800</b>



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**B. Full List of Beneficiary Schools**

No.	School ID	School Name	Island Group	Region	Province	Municipality	Barangay
1	502619	Cagul-ing Integrated School	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Atok	Caliking
2	135428	Ambuklao ES	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Bokod	Ambuklao
3	136047	Limos Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Kalinga	Pinukpuk	Limos
4	136198	Bagnen Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Mountain Province	Bauko	Bagnen Proper
5	305201	Cal-ewan Agricultural Vocational National High School	Luzon	CAR	Kalinga	Pinukpuk	Ammaoan
6	502173	Bally Integrated School	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Kabayan	Bally
7	135080	Subagan PS	Luzon	CAR	Abra	Lisan-Baay (Lisan)	Subagan
8	135417	Labiño-Acquisto Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Bauko	Gambang
9	135314	Banan Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Apayao	Kabugao (Capital)	Lanneng (Liyung)
10	135655	Hungdian CS	Luzon	CAR	Ifugao	Hungdian	Poblacion
11	136028	Cagulau ES Annex (Da-o PS)	Luzon	CAR	Kalinga	Pasil	Cagulau
12	135297	Baddua ES	Luzon	CAR	Apayao	Kabugao (Capital)	Baddua
13	305121	Mayor Ricardo de San Jose, Sr. Comp. HS	Luzon	CAR	Apayao	Fiora	Santa Maria
14	135144	San Quintin CS	Luzon	CAR	Abra	San Quintin	POBLACION
15	136034	Asibanglan Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Kalinga	Southern Pinukpuk	ASIBANGLAN
16	135582	Pongayan Bo. Sch.	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	Kapangan	PONGAYAN
17	135627	Longlong ES	Luzon	CAR	Benguet	La Trinidad	PUGUIS
18	136058	Pinukpuk Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Kalinga	Northern Pinukpuk	JUNCTION
19	135208	Collago ES	Luzon	CAR	Abra	Lagayan	COLLAGO
20	135674	Nagtipulan ES	Luzon	CAR	Abra	Langangiang	NAGTIPULAN



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21	134977	Balacao ES	Luzon	CAR	Abra	Bangud West	BAÑACAO
22	135138	Sta. Rosa Elementary School	Luzon	CAR	Abra	Pennanubia	SANTA ROSA
23	135378	Sipa ES	Luzon	CAR	APAYAO	SANTA MARCELA	SIPA PROPER
24	135771	Dolowog PS	Luzon	CAR	IFUGAO	ALFONSO LISTA (POTIA)	DOLOWOG
25	135389	Swan ES	Luzon	CAR	APAYAO	PUTDOL	SWAN
26	135008	Silasih ES	Luzon	CAR	ABRA	BUCAY	BANGBANGCAG



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Annex G

JuanSim ng Bayan - Bayanihan SIM Project Terms of Reference TOR

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**1. PROJECT TITLE**

Procurement of Mobile Data Subscriptions for Internet Connectivity in Developmental Locations (JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project)

**2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and declares its policy to promote an environment for the development of infrastructure that would ensure the availability and accessibility to reliable and secure mobile data access suitable to the needs of the nation. This Terms of Reference (TOR) details the procurement requirements for the deployment of mobile data internet subscriptions through SIM cards, delivered over expanded mobile network coverage in unserved areas as well as within existing service coverage in underserved areas, to promote inclusive and equitable internet access nationwide.

**3. OBJECTIVE**

The Free Public Internet Access Program (FPIAP) is a digital empowerment initiative implemented by the DICT that aims to connect Filipinos nationwide by providing free internet access, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10929, also known as the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act." Under the Program, the Bayanihan SIM Project will support this objective by providing mobile data services to beneficiaries in public schools within unserved and underserved areas, ensuring maximum usage and access to its benefits. This aligns with Section 4 of R.A. 10929, which mandates the provision of free internet in public places, including public basic education institutions. The pre-programmed Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) cards with mobile data allocations will be procured from a Mobile Network Operator (MNO) through competitive bidding.

*Unserved Areas* refer to geographic regions or communities that do not have any access to basic telecommunications services, such as mobile network coverage or broadband internet, typically lacking the infrastructure necessary to provide services, meaning no telecommunication providers are offering reliable coverage or internet connectivity.



## ANNEX H

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## 1. Who is eligible to receive the subsidized SIM card?

Eligible beneficiaries are individuals identified under the program criteria, including:

- a. Enrolled learners in public elementary and secondary schools located within the tower coverage.
- b. DepEd personnel (Teachers, Principals, and Staff) in designated schools.
- c. Schools require SIM cards, as determined by DepEd, for the use of their internet connection.
- d. Households classified as under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and other DSWD-validated social assistance programs.
- e. Residents in identified barangays who meet the eligibility criteria and fall within the tower signal coverage zones

## 2. What are the requirements to claim the SIM card?

- 2 Valid government-issued ID or proof of eligibility
- Presence at the designated distribution site
- A signed Beneficiary Acknowledgment Form

### 3. Is the SIM card free?

Yes. The SIM card is provided **free of charge** as part of the government's digital inclusion initiative.

#### 4. What devices are compatible with the SIM card?

The SIM card requires a **4G/LTE-capable, open-line device**. Beneficiaries are advised to ensure their device meets these specifications to fully utilize the services.

## 5. What is geofencing, and how does it affect the SIM card?

Geofencing restricts the SIM card's access to the free 25GB monthly data allocation to designated geographic zones covered by specific towers included in the project. If the subscriber is outside the coverage range of these designated towers, the SIM remains active, but the 25GB monthly data allocation will not be available. The beneficiary has



discretion over whether to purchase additional data plans or call and SMS packages offered by the Mobile Network Operator (MNO).

## 6. What if my SIM card does not work or gets damaged?

Please report to the **nearest DepEd/DICT distribution center** or contact the DICT Regional Office. Replacement may be possible upon verification.

## 7. Do I need to register for a SIM card?

Yes. In compliance with the **SIM Card Registration Act**, all recipients must register their SIM cards using a valid ID and follow the instructions provided during distribution.

## 8. How do I register my SIM card?

To register your SIM card and activate your **free 25GB monthly data**, follow these steps:

1. **Go to:**

GLOBE: [new.globe.com.ph/simreg](http://new.globe.com.ph/simreg)

SMART: [smart.com.ph/simregistration](http://smart.com.ph/simregistration)

DITO: [dito.ph/sim-registration](http://dito.ph/sim-registration)

**Or scan the QR code** provided in the SIM card packaging of the particular MNO..

2. **Provide your personal information and upload a valid ID** as required by the SIM Card Registration Act (RA 11934).

3. **Wait for the text confirmation** indicating successful registration and activation of your SIM card.

**Note:** Only individuals **18 years old and above** can register for a prepaid SIM card. Minors may ask their parents or guardians for assistance.



## **9. Can I sell or give away my SIM card?**

No. The SIM card is **non-transferable** and intended only for the registered beneficiary. Unauthorized transfer may lead to disqualification from the program.

## **10. What kind of support is available after I receive the SIM card?**

Assistance is available for technical issues, SIM registration, and general inquiries. You may contact the dedicated MNO (Mobile Network Operator) hotline or helpdesk for support or the DICT regional office for assistance.

## **11. What happens if I do not consume the 25GB of free data within the month? Will the unused data be carried over to the next month?**

No. The **25GB monthly data allocation is non-cumulative**. Any unused data will **expire at the end of each month** and will not carry over to the following month. Beneficiaries are encouraged to utilize the data allowance within the prescribed period.

## **12. How long is the subscription period, and what happens to the SIM card after it ends?**

The **initial subscription period is one (1) year** from the date of SIM activation. The program may be **extended**, subject to the success and evaluation of the project.

After the subscription period ends, the SIM card will remain active and usable as a regular SIM, which users may load or top up as needed; however, it will no longer include the monthly 25GB free data allocation.

The BayanihanSIM program subscription may be renewed for another 12 months, subject to the availability of funds in the succeeding year, to allow continued access to the government-subsidized free data allocation.



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ROUTING SLIP

CONTROL NUMBER:

**URGENT** DICT-PN-2025-11-010

DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

JUANSIM NG BAYAN PROGRAM-BAYANIHAN SIM PROJECT UNDER THE FREE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS  
PROGRAM

Date	From	For	Recommendations / Instructions
11-5-25	FPIAP- CTP	J-OSEC	Ma'am/Sir, <i>Respectfully for approval of the Secretary.</i> <i>Thank you</i> 1. CSW
			2. Distribution Guidelines <i>Were you able to address the inquiry of OCOS?</i>
	<i>RECEIVED OSEC DICT Office of the Secretary Date 05 NOV 2025</i>	<i>FPIAP Intpw 11/11/25 2:50</i>	<i>— Yes, we sent a response to OCOS through doctacks. As per Dir. Darlene, they only have a clarifying question. but they already approved the guidelines. She also noted that they already saw our response &amp; advised that we can endorse this to OSEC already. Thanks. -Claudia</i>
	<i>11-7-25 received OSEC FPIAP</i>	<i>OSEC</i>	<i>Signed</i>
	<i>RE 11/25/2025 D. OSEC DICT Office of the Secretary Date 07 NOV 2025</i>	<i>FPIAP</i>	
			<i>Mem 3:41</i>

Reminder:

Under Sec. 5 of RA 6713, known as the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees," public officials and employees must act promptly on letters and requests, and must respond to letters or communications within fifteen (15) working days from receipt thereof. The reply must contain the action taken on the request. Likewise, all official papers and documents must be processed and completed within a reasonable time.

Under Sec. 8 of RA 9485, known as the "Anti-Red Tape Act," applications or requests for frontline services shall be acted upon within five (5) days for simple transactions or ten (10) days for complex transactions, as defined in the Citizen's Charter.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

## I. REFERENCE

- a. V4 Distribution Guidelines for the JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project (*Annex A*)
- b. V5 Distribution Guidelines for the JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project (*Annex B*)

## II. BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

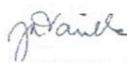
1. The distribution of the Bayanihan SIM Project will be implemented in coordination with relevant agencies to ensure effective and streamlined execution.
2. The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) will identify and validate the primary and secondary beneficiaries of the program. They will also facilitate the actual distribution to the identified beneficiaries.
3. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) will provide support in mobilizing the Local Government Units (LGUs) for the conduct of the distribution.
4. The previous version (*Annex A*) of the guidelines, which was approved up to the FPIAP Project Management level, has been updated to reflect the latest revisions in the Terms of Reference of the Project.
5. In view of the involvement of multiple agencies, the distribution guidelines must be formally adopted to ensure uniformity, accountability, and efficient implementation.

### III. RECOMMENDATION

The FPIAP PMT respectfully recommends that the Distribution Guidelines (*Annex B*) be signed and adopted by the heads of the concerned agencies to facilitate proper coordination and the successful nationwide rollout of the Bayanihan SIM Project.

  
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Free Public  
Internet Access  
**EDGAR M. NAVARRO**  
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Free Public Internet Access Program, Bayanihan SIM Project

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Officer-In-Charge, Undersecretary for  
Infostructure Management and Cybersecurity

Recommendation:  
For approval

  
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Christina Faye  
Madrid  
**ATTY. FAYE M. CONDEZ-DE SAGON,**  
MSNA  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

Recommendation:  
May we also ask for clarification on  
why families are allowed up to two  
sims?

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

REMARKS:

  
**HENRY RHOEL R. AGUDA**  
Secretary

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BAYANIHAN SIM PROJECT DISTRIBUTION  
GUIDELINES



## Distribution Guidelines for the JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project Under the Free Public Internet Access Program

### I. Background

The JuanSIM ng Bayan Program - Bayanihan SIM Project (The “Project”) aims to provide free internet access to selected beneficiaries located within the mobile network service coverage areas of both underserved and unserved communities in key developmental locations nationwide. This will be operationalized through the procurement and distribution of SIM cards with subsidized data under the Free Public Internet Access Program.

For SIM card distribution, the branding to be used is “**Bayanihan SIM Project**,” in alignment with GAD principles and to promote inclusivity, while reflecting the current DICT messaging of “Digital Bayanihan.”

To streamline and oversee the equitable and transparent distribution of subsidized SIM cards, the DICT sets forth the following distribution guidelines. This guideline establishes a structured framework for the equitable, secure, and transparent distribution of Bayanihan SIM cards to qualified beneficiaries across the country. The distribution process will be conducted in coordination with key national and local government agencies, including the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Local Government Units (LGUs), with the DICT Regional Offices serving as the lead implementers at the ground level.

The DICT, through its Regional Offices, shall oversee logistics coordination, SIM inventory tracking, beneficiary validation at the point of distribution, and post-distribution reporting. Meanwhile, the physical distribution activities shall be hosted at designated public schools, spearheaded by DepEd personnel in close coordination with the DICT and concerned LGUs.

### II. Objectives

The Project is designed to promote inclusive digital access by ensuring mobile internet connectivity for unserved and underserved populations across the Philippines. Its primary objectives are the following:

- To provide free SIM cards bundled with 25GB monthly data to verified beneficiaries in key developmental areas, supporting the goal of universal internet access under RA. No. 10929 and the Free Public Internet Access Program.



**Acknowledgment Form**  
*(For DepEd/DSWD Receipt of Bayanihan SIM Cards)*

Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Teacher/DSWD Representative)	
Designation	
School Name	
Region	
Division	
Grade Level / Section	
Number of SIM Cards Received	
Remarks	

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above-stated number of Bayanihan SIM cards. I certify that I am an authorized recipient and that I will distribute the SIM cards to the assigned beneficiaries under my supervision. I commit to collecting the corresponding Beneficiary Acknowledgment Forms from the students and submitting them to the DICT Regional Office. I understand that I am responsible for the safekeeping and proper handling of the issued SIM cards until they are distributed.

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Signature

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Date



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## BAYANIHAN SIM Beneficiary Acknowledgement Form

Control No.: dict-baf-2025-(R1School ID)-xxxx

**Instruction:** Accomplish in two (2) copies – for DICT Central Office (CTP-APMT), and Beneficiary

I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of a SIM card provided by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) under the Free Public Internet Access Program - Bayanihan SIM Project, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10929 and Republic Act No. 11934 (SIM Card Registration Act).

I understand and agree to the following:

1. The SIM card includes 25GB of free monthly data, valid for one (1) year, subject to extension based on program evaluation.
2. The SIM card is geofenced; the SIM card's access to the free 25GB monthly data allocation is restricted only to designated geographic zones covered by specific towers included in the project. If the subscriber is outside the coverage range of these designated towers, the SIM remains active, but the 25GB monthly data allocation will not be available. The beneficiary has discretion over whether to purchase regular data plans or call and SMS packages offered by the Mobile Network Operator (MNO).
3. Unused data does not carry over to the next month.
4. The SIM card is non-transferable and is to be used solely by the registered beneficiary.
5. SIM registration is required under RA 11934.
6. After the subsidy ends, the SIM remains active and may be used as a regular SIM without the free data.
7. Misuse, resale, or unauthorized transfer of the SIM may lead to disqualification from the program and penalties as provided by law.

### Beneficiary Details:

Full Name		
Valid ID Presented		ID No.
Contact Number / Email Address		
SIM Card Number		
SIM Card IMSI		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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SIM Card Number		
SIM Card IMSI		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bayanihan_Sim List of Beneficiaries, Primary and Adjacent Schools (*For Further Verification of serviceability of MNOS)						
Lot No.	Tag	Classification	School ID	School Name	Latitude	Longitude
	Primary Beneficiary School	Underserved	302655	Isabela National High School- Sikatuna Extension	10.19168691	123.1279646
51	Adjacent School		117211	Sikatuna ES	10.18865638	123.1260365
51	Adjacent School		117199	Banogbanog Elementary School	10.182467	123.108021
51	Adjacent School		117210	Sebulcauan Elementary School	10.211833	123.117728
51	Adjacent School		120273	Luz ES	10.186485	123.132513
51	Adjacent School		120266	Dadiangao ES	10.17729	123.143148
51	Adjacent School		120283	Taloto ES	10.160613	123.11936
51	Adjacent School		120236	Bonbon ES	10.205668	123.157578
51	Adjacent School		117258	Binata-an ES	10.217574	123.13354
52	Primary Beneficiary School	Underserved	117262	E. Basa PS	10.293808	123.131676
52	Adjacent School		117263	Guinpana-an Elementary School	10.296902	123.114003
52	Adjacent School		302646	Guinpana-an National High School	10.297881	123.115481
52	Adjacent School		302647	Guinpana-an National High School - Mamballo Extension	10.274723	123.110687
52	Adjacent School		117267	Mamballo Elementary School	10.271674	123.110808
52	Adjacent School		117216	L.N. Agustin Elementary School	10.312318	123.124973
52	Adjacent School		117266	Magallion Cadre Elementary School	10.285435	123.090992
52	Adjacent School		305808	Mateo Libo-on National High School	10.285528	123.137102
52	Adjacent School		117269	Montilla Elementary School	10.279716	123.143367
52	Adjacent School		117218	Cabacungan Elementary School	10.325128	123.132775
52	Adjacent School		302602	Cabacungan National High School	10.324246	123.132167
53	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	117146	Cemeco ES	9.510356516	122.600291
54	Primary Beneficiary School	Underserved	120188	Nalundan ES	9.756113373	123.0540224
54	Adjacent School		120176	Campilay Elementary School	9.756894	123.064953
54	Adjacent School		303229	Demetrio Alviola National High School - Nalundan Extension	9.756892	123.049396
54	Adjacent School		120194	Talapitan Elementary School	9.7778252	123.096318
54	Adjacent School		120169	Atoles Elementary School	9.758898	123.086711
54	Adjacent School		120173	Cababian Elementary School	9.732709	123.03046
54	Adjacent School		312917	Cababian Community High School	9.732106	123.031088
54	Adjacent School		120181	Danawan Elementary School	9.742138	123.076594
54	Adjacent School		120189	Pagsalayon Elementary School	9.765284	123.01857
54	Adjacent School		189519	Naula-an Elementary School	9.733745	123.067667
55	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	120353	Cantombol Elementary School	9.60022566	122.981277
55	Adjacent School		120105	Tabuac Elementary School	9.586175	122.974949
55	Adjacent School		120342	Barang-barang Primary School	9.611254	123.004467
55	Adjacent School		303214	Dodong Escario Memorial High School	9.581777	122.996602
55	Adjacent School		120351	Canggohob Elementary School	9.631667	122.970518
55	Adjacent School		312923	Canggohob High School	9.634308	122.9869735
56	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	120504	Buenavista Elementary School	9.344221279	122.9729504

				Regionalized Distribution and Number of Slim Cards per MNO and per Classification			
		Region	Bid Award	Count of Underserved Lots	SUM of Number of Slim Cards		
		NIR	Smart	2	2		
		NIR Total					
56	Adjacent School		312934	San Miguel High School	9.352386	122.944798	
56	Adjacent School		120519	San Miguel Elementary School	9.354254	122.941392	
56	Adjacent School		120510	Kakha Elementary School	9.315745	122.967731	
56	Adjacent School		312933	Kakha High School	9.316063	122.966929	
56	Adjacent School		120411	Caningay Elementary School	9.377551	122.988336	
57	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	120511	Kanggabok Elementary School	9.277218683	122.9380884	2780
57	Adjacent School		120530	Caniogan Valley Elementary School	9.270781	122.916656	
57	Adjacent School		120527	Bago-Bago Elementary School	9.259228	122.938508	
57	Adjacent School		120514	Nagbinlod Elementary School	9.30134	122.916549	
57	Adjacent School		312931	Nagbinlod High School	9.298649	122.91285	
57	Adjacent School		120196	Tubod Elementary School	9.260692	122.965325	
58	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	189506	Sallingkubong Elementary School	9.148600816	123.0761501	
58	Adjacent School		312969	Mainit High School	9.125108	123.078415	
58	Adjacent School		189529	Kabangkalan Elementary School	9.170808	123.080765	
58	Adjacent School		120480	Tayak Elementary School	9.112307	123.075159	
59	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	120612	Dobdob ES	9.280323888	123.0750461	2780
59	Adjacent School		312958	Valencia National High School – Dobdob Extension	9.281022	123.07411	
59	Adjacent School		120614	Inas Elementary School	9.305208	123.09781	
60	Primary Beneficiary School	Unserved	312912	Pedro R. Abul MHS	9.197162666	122.9797301	2780
60	Adjacent School		120539	San Isidro Elementary School	9.197873	122.978959	
60	Adjacent School		189525	Hagiklik Elementary School	9.19847	122.9991	
60	Adjacent School		120528	Baknit Elementary School	9.202516	122.952933	
60	Adjacent School		120449	Calaian Elementary School	9.177418	122.961731	