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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**CALL FOR TEACHER-VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
PROJECT SABAY EXTENDED DATA COLLECTION**

To: Schools Division Superintendent of Sagay City

1. This Office, through the Policy, Planning, and Research Division, disseminates the Memorandum from Dr. Rafaelita M. Aldaba, Undersecretary for Philippine Qualifications Framework Secretariat, Policy and Planning Service, and Education Center for Artificial Intelligence Research, OM-OUPPE-2026-09-17 titled **"Call For Teacher-Volunteers for the Project Sabay Extended Data Collection."**
2. For details, contact Glenn Boquilon, Innovation Officer at ECAIR, through email address ecair.gboquilon@deped.gov.ph or Joey Ian C. Singson, Education Program Supervisor of the Policy, Planning, and Research Division (PPRD) through email address joey.singson@deped.gov.ph.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Encl: As stated
Reference: As stated

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**SUBJECT : CALL FOR TEACHER-VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PROJECT SABAY
EXTENDED DATA COLLECTION**

DATE : 12 October 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery, Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) and the Education Center for Artificial Intelligence Research (ECAIR), is undertaking the Extended Data Collection for

Project SABAY (Screening using AI-Based Assistance for Young Children). Project SABAY is an artificial intelligence-enabled system that supports the early identification of Grade 2 learners at risk of learning and communication disorders under the Child Find System. This phase extends data collection beyond the National Capital Region so that the system can reliably serve learners across the country's major language groups.

The activity will be conducted in the identified schools, following the schedule below:

Batch 1: Visayas and Mindanao (October 18 to October 24, 2026)

Language Group	Area / Region	School	Schools Division Office
Cebuano	Cebu, Region VII	Lawaan III Elementary School	Talisay City
Cebuano	Cebu, Region VII	Bulacao Elementary School	Talisay City
Waray	Leyte, Region VIII	Tagak Elementary School	Leyte
Waray	Leyte, Region VIII	Jaro I Central Elementary School	Leyte
Hiligaynon	Iloilo, NIR	Sir Arthur E. Cooper Elementary School	Sagay City
Hiligaynon	Iloilo, NIR	Gil Lopez Elementary School	Sagay City
Chavacano	Zamboanga, Region IX	Gaudencio Saldivar, Sr. Elementary School	Zamboanga del Sur
Chavacano	Zamboanga, Region IX	Balugo Elementary School	Zamboanga del Sur

Batch 2: Luzon (December 7 to 14, 2026)

Language Group	Area / Region	School	Schools Division Office
Bicolano	Camarines Sur, Region V	Baao West Central School	Camarines Sur
Bicolano	Camarines Sur, Region V	Grand View Elementary School	Naga City
Tagalog	Manila, NCR	Pembo Elementary School	Taguig City and Pateros
Tagalog	Manila, NCR	Pail and Shovel Integrated School Inc.	Pasig City
Tagalog	Lucena, Region IV-A	Lucena West I Elementary School	Lucena City
Tagalog	Lucena, Region IV-A	Dalahican Elementary School	Lucena City
Kapampangan	Pampanga, Region III	Lourdes Northwest Elementary School	Angeles City
Kapampangan	Pampanga, Region III	Northville 16 Elementary School	Mabalacat City
Pangasinense	Pangasinan, Region I	Teodora Cacapit Elementary School	Pangasinan II
Pangasinense	Pangasinan, Region I	Binday Elementary School	Pangasinan II

Language Group	Area / Region	School	Schools Division Office
Ilocano	Ilocos, Region I	Tuguegarao North Central School	Tuguegarao City
Ilocano	Ilocos, Region I	Vigan Central School	Vigan City

In this connection, this Office respectfully requests the support of the school heads through the regional directors and schools division superintendents in identifying and endorsing at least **ten (10) teacher-volunteers per participating school** to serve as test administrators and teacher-assistants during the on-site screening. Five of the teacher-volunteers will **preferably be Grade 2 advisers/teachers** and will assist the ECAIR field team in administering the four short speech-based tasks and guiding learners through the activity. The other five teacher-volunteers, who may be teaching other grade levels, will be supporting the orderly conduct of the parallel screening stations. No specialized background is required, as an orientation and a hands-on walkthrough will be provided before actual screening.

Participation entails a brief online orientation on **October 14, 2026**, and approximately (1) day of on-site activity on the scheduled screening date for the school concerned, after the orientation.

To ensure the smooth conduct of the activity, participating schools are further requested to observe the following before the scheduled screening date:

- Designate a school focal person to coordinate with the field team;
- Make available five quiet rooms, the necessary devices (five laptops or smartphones), and internet connectivity on the screening day; and
- Assist in the distribution and collection of parental consent forms ahead of the field team's visit, as no learner shall be screened without verified written consent from a parent or guardian.

The names and details of the endorsed teacher-volunteers, using the attached **REGISTRATION FORM FOR SABAY TEACHER VOLUNTEERS (Annex A)**, should be submitted to **pmmedina@seameo-innotech-ecair.org** not later than **October 14, 2026**.

For any questions or coordination concerns, the field may reach the following focal persons:

- **Mr. Paulo Medina**, Lead Data Scientist, ECAIR, for technical concerns (pmmedina@seameo-innotech-ecair.org / 09171149757);
- **Ms. Irra Mae Vito**, Technical Assistant II / , BLD-SID (irra.vito@deped.gov.ph / 09067821386); and
- **Mr. Glenn Boquilon**, Innovation Officer, ECAIR, for administrative, operational, and logistical concerns (gboquilon@seameo-innotech-ecair.org).

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to the identified schools and the widest support for this undertaking are earnestly requested. Thank you for your continued commitment to Project SABAY and to the learners it seeks to serve.

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Annex A: REGISTRATION FORM FOR SABAY TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

School: _____

	Name	Grade Levels Taught	Section (If Adviser)	Remarks
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Annex B: ONLINE ORIENTATION INDICATIVE MATRIX

Time	Session / Topic	Key Content and Objectives	Methodology	Resource Person
9:00 to 9:10 AM (10 min)	Preliminaries and Opening Program	Online attendance and house rules for the session; National Anthem (audio-visual presentation); Invocation; DepEd Quality Policy Statement	AVP; facilitation	Host / Emcee (ECAIR)
9:10 to 9:20 AM (10 min)	Welcome Remarks and Context-Setting	Purpose and importance of the Extended Data Collection for the Visayas and Mindanao round; the DepEd, BLD-SID, ECAIR, and SEAMEO INNOTECH partnership; call for school support	Message	BLD-SID / OUPPE-ECAIR representative
9:20 to 9:35 AM (15 min)	Session 1: Getting to Know SABAY	What SABAY is and how it works as a first-line digital screening; mission and vision; objectives of extending data collection beyond the NCR to the major language groups	Lecture-discussion	ECAIR (Data Scientist)
9:35 to 10:00 AM (25 min)	Session 2: The Data Collection Activity	Target learners (Grade 2 who can see, hear, and speak) and data to be collected; target number of participants per school; the collection-day program routine; roles of the School Technical Working Group and teacher-assistants; room and test setup; scheduling of learners and compensatory (catch-up) arrangements; parental consent handling and needed data	Lecture-discussion; walkthrough	ECAIR and BLD-SID
10:00 to 10:30 AM (30 min)	Session 3: The SABAY Application (Guided Demonstration)	App background; the two-step screening flow (fill in learner information, then record the learner's speech); walkthrough of the speech tasks; guided live demonstration through screen-share. Hands-on practice will follow during the on-site dry run.	Live demonstration; screen-share	ECAIR (Data Scientist / Engineer)
10:30 to 10:45 AM (15 min)	Session 4: Coordination, Communication, and Contingencies	Per-school communication group setup; points of contact and liaisons; readiness checks before the visit; weather and class-	Lecture-discussion	ECAIR (Innovation Officer)

Time	Session / Topic	Key Content and Objectives	Methodology	Resource Person
		suspension contingencies and rescheduling		
10:45 to 11:00 AM (15 min)	Recap, Open Forum, Next Steps, and Closing Remarks	Recap of what is requested from each school; open forum (Q&A); next steps; the on-site schedule for the Visayas and Mindanao round (September 28 to October 5, 2026); and concluding remarks	Open forum; facilitation	Facilitator; ECAIR and BLD-SID
Total	2 hours	Online synchronous orientation		

Language Group	Area / Region	School	Target Date of Activity
Cebuano	Cebu, Region VII	Lawaan III Elementary School	Oct 19, 2026
Cebuano	Cebu, Region VII	Bulacao Elementary School	Oct 19, 2026
Hiligaynon	NIR	Sir Arthur E. Cooper Elementary School	Oct 21, 2026
Hiligaynon	NIR	Gil Lopez Elementary School	Oct 21, 2026
Waray	Leyte, Region VIII	Tagak Elementary School	Oct 22, 2026
Waray	Leyte, Region VIII	Jaro I Central Elementary School	Oct 22, 2026
Chavacano	Zamboanga, Region IX	Gaudencio Saldivar, Sr. Elementary School	Oct 23, 2026
Chavacano	Zamboanga, Region IX	Balugo Elementary School	Oct 23, 2026