



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 195, s. 2026

UNANG HAKBANG SA KINABUKASAN (UHSK) PROJECT

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Bago City, Canlaon City,
La Carlota City, and Negros Occidental
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the Memorandum CO-EPS No. 02-060, s. 2026 titled "Unang Hakbang sa Kinabukasan Palistahan and actual Distribution for incoming Kindergarten and Grade 1 Learners dated February 5, 2026, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As Stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subject:

PARTNERSHIPS

PROJECTS

MPJDP/ESSD/RM Unang Hakbang sa Kinabukasan (UHSK) Project of GMA Kapuso Foundation, Inc.
_____/February 20, 2026



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EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

CO-EPS No. 02-060, s. 2026

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
(REGION I, II, III, IV-B, V, VI, NIR, VII, VIII, X, XI)
CONCERNED SCHOOLS DIVISIONS OFFICES

FROM : 
CILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : **UNANG HAKBANG SA KINABUKASAN PALISTAHAN AND
ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN
AND GRADE 1 LEARNERS**

DATE : 05 February 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the continued support of GMA Kapuso Foundation, Inc. (GMAKF) in providing assistance to incoming Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas through its annual *Unang Hakbang sa Kinabukasan (UHSK)* Project.

For School Year 2026-2027, GMAKF intends to distribute approximately sixty thousand (60,000) backpacks with basic school supplies to selected public schools nationwide. The project aims to help address access and participation concerns by providing essential learning materials to learners in remote and underserved communities.

In this regard, concerned Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents of the pre-selected schools as listed below are hereby requested to extend appropriate assistance to GMAKF representatives in facilitating the UHSK Palistahan and actual distribution of the backpacks with school supplies to incoming Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners.

For coordination, you may contact Ms. Royce Ann Octavio of GMA Kapuso Foundation at mobile number 09088869001 and through email address RDOctavio@gmanetwork.com.

For further information, please contact the External Partnerships Service, DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

GMA KAPUSO FOUNDATION, INC.
UNANG HAKBANG SA KINABUKASAN 2026
PROPOSED AREAS

Total of 60,000 beneficiaries from incoming Kindergarten and Grade 1 leaners from 22 provinces

NO.	REGION	DIVISION	MUNICIPALITIES
1	Region I	Pangasinan	Agno Anda Burgos Bani
2		La Union	San Gabriel Caba Luna Bacnotan Bauang
3	Region II	Cagayan	Calayan Island
4	Region III	Aurora	Dinalungan Dingalan Dilasag Dipaculao
5	Region IV-B	Romblon	Banton Magdiwang Cajidiocan San Fernando
6		Palawan	Aborlan Narrra Roxas Taytay El Nido
7	Region V	Catanduanes	Panganiban Bagamanoc Pandan Caramoran
8		Masbate	San Fernando Batuhan Baleno
9		Albay	Santo Domingo Guinobatan Ligao Oas
10	Region VI	Iloilo	San Dionisio Carles Dumangas
11	Negros Island Region (NIR)	Canlaon City	
12		Negros Occidental	La Castellana Pulupandan
13		La Carlota City	
14		Bago City	

15	Region VII	Cebu	Sogod Borbon San Remegio
16	Region VIII	Southern Leyte	Silago Liloan Hinunangan
17		Northern Samar	Biri Rosario Laoang Cataraman
18	Region X	Bukidnon	Talakag Damulog Dangcagan
19	Region XI	Davao Oriental	Tarragona San Isidro Manay
20	CARAGA	Surigao del Norte	Del Carmen Bacuag General Luna Mainit
21		Dinagat Island	Tubajon Loreto Hibusong Island
22	BARMM	Maguindanao del Sur	Ampatuan Pandag Paglat