



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 307 s. 2026

**SUBMISSION OF REGIONAL INVENTORY OF PLANNED
CONTESTS AND COMPETITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND
INVITATION FOR THE ONLINE POLICY CONSULTATIONS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. OM-OASF-2026-683 titled **Submission of Regional Inventory of Planned Contests and Competitions for Fiscal Year 2026 and Invitation for the Online Policy consultations.**
2. Attention is particularly invited to paragraphs I, II, IIIB & IIIC, IV, V, and VI of the said Memorandum.
3. Enclosed are the Concept Note and Annexes A to S of GAS-TUKLAS Implementation which can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/GAS-TUKLASImplementation>.
4. For further queries, contact Sol Grace O. Timola, Chief Education Supervisor of Field Technical Assistance Division at +639947934133 and solgrace.timola@deped.gov.ph.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Encl.: Concept Note and Annexes A to S of GAS-TUKLAS Implementation

Reference: OM-OASF-2026-683

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

INVENTORY

POLICY

RDV/FTAD-RMWLC-Submission of Regional Inventory of Planned Contests and Competitions for Fiscal Year 2026 and Invitation for the Online Policy consultations
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MEMORANDUM
OASF-2026- 683

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL OFFICE GAS FOCAL PERSONS
DESIGNATED GAS SDO FOCAL PERSONS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REGIONAL INVENTORY OF PLANNED CONTESTS AND COMPETITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND INVITATION FOR THE ONLINE POLICY CONSULTATION**

I. RATIONALE

The Department of Education (DepEd), pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 12314 or the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA), approved on January 5, 2026, has been allocated funding for the implementation of the Government Assistance and Subsidies – Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools (GAS-TUKLAS) Program.

- A. The GAS-TUKLAS Program is designed to provide financial assistance to qualified and financially disadvantaged learners and their teacher-coaches for participation in duly recognized competitions.
- B. In support of a structured, evidence-based, and demand-driven implementation, there is a need to establish baseline information on planned contests and competitions for FY 2026.
- C. The generation of an advanced inventory will enable the Department to:
 1. Align program design with actual participation demands;
 2. Inform budget planning and allocation strategies; and
 3. Identify potential operational considerations and implementation risks.

II. PURPOSE

- A. This Memorandum directs all concerned offices to facilitate the submission of a consolidated regional inventory of planned contests and competitions for FY 2026.
- B. Specifically, the inventory shall be utilized for:
 - 1. Program planning and resource allocation;
 - 2. Refinement of policy parameters and eligibility criteria; and
 - 3. Establishment of baseline data for monitoring and evaluation.
- C. The conduct of the inventory is part of the baseline data gathering for the GAS-TUKLAS Program. Inclusion in the inventory shall not be construed as an approval, confirmation, or automatic entitlement to funding under GAS-TUKLAS.
- D. The official guidelines prescribing the procedures, eligibility criteria, documentary requirements, and approval processes for financial assistance under the GAS-TUKLAS Program shall be issued separately. All future funding requests shall be evaluated in accordance with said guidelines.

III. SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Regional Offices (ROs)

ROs shall serve as the primary consolidating and endorsing units and shall:

- 1. Oversee the regional-level implementation of the inventory process;
- 2. Ensure the timely collection of data from all Schools Division Offices (SDOs);
- 3. Conduct validation and quality assurance, including:
 - a. Verification of completeness and accuracy of entries;
 - b. Assessment of the legitimacy of organizing bodies; and
 - c. Review of reasonableness of indicative cost estimates;
- 4. Consolidate all validated submissions into a single regional inventory;
- 5. Certify that all entries have undergone appropriate review; and
- 6. Submit the final endorsed inventory to the Central Office within the prescribed timeline.

B. Schools Division Offices (SDOs)

SDOs shall act as the intermediate coordinating and validation units and shall:

- 1. Coordinate with all School Heads, both public and private, within their jurisdiction;
- 2. Facilitate the collection of required data on planned contests and competitions;
- 3. Conduct initial validation, including:
 - a. Verification of participation intent;
 - b. Confirmation of competition legitimacy; and
 - c. Review of completeness of required information;
- 4. Consolidate school-level submissions into a division-level dataset; and
- 5. Submit validated data to the Regional Office within the timelines set by the RO.

C. Public and Private Schools

School Heads shall:

1. Identify planned contests and competitions for learner and teacher-coach participation;
2. Ensure that identified competitions are organized by legitimate and recognized institutions or organizations;
3. Provide accurate and complete information, including indicative cost estimates; and
4. Submit required data to the SDO in accordance with prescribed timelines.

IV. COVERAGE OF INVENTORY

A. Coverage includes planned contests and competitions to be participated in by schools within FY 2026.

B. Eligibility of Competitions

1. Organized by legitimate, recognized, and credible institutions or organizations;
2. Relevant to learner development, academic excellence, skills enhancement, or co-curricular engagement.

C. Required Information per Entry.

Each competition shall be listed separately and shall include:

1. Competition title;
2. Level of competition;
3. Organizing body;
4. Number of learner participants;
5. Number of teacher-coach participants; and
6. Indicative estimated costs, disaggregated where applicable.

D. Cost Estimates

1. All cost estimates shall be:
 - a. Reasonable and justifiable;
 - b. Indicative in nature; and
 - c. Subject to validation during program implementation
2. Final funding decisions shall be based on approved guidelines and available appropriations.

V. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE

ROs shall accomplish the attached online Microsoft Excel template per region entitled **“FY 2026 Regional Inventory of Planned Competitions”** which is accessible through the following OneDrive link: <https://tinyurl.com/TUKLAS-Inventory> and must be completely accomplished **on or before March 27, 2026.**

VI. CONDUCT OF ONLINE POLICY CONSULTATION

- A. GASS will convene an online policy consultation meeting with **RO GAS Focal Persons and Designated SDO GAS Focal Persons** to present the proposed policy instruments, program framework, eligibility parameters, implementation arrangements, and fund utilization mechanisms on **March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM via Microsoft Teams through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GAS-TUKLAS-Meet>**. This initiative aims to ensure a common understanding and aligned implementation across all participating offices.
- B. Attached is the latest draft of the Implementation Guidelines of the GAS-TUKLAS, and the consultation shall solicit inputs and recommendations from field implementers regarding operational challenges, potential implementation risks, and corresponding mitigation strategies to strengthen the program's effectiveness at the ground level through a Stakeholders Input Matrix document.
- C. Also attached is the Indicative Program for the Policy Consultation Meeting for your reference. The pre-registration form is accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PreReg-GAS-TUKLAS>. Representatives for each Regional Office and School Division Office are highly encouraged to join in the discussion.

For questions or clarifications, your office may contact **Mr. Ruel Capanzana, Technical Assistant II** of GASS – Policy Review and Development Division (GASS-PRDD), through email at gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph or through mobile or Viber number at **(+63) 9682057523**.

For guidance and compliance.

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