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**Department of Education**  
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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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

To: Assistant Regional Director  
 Schools Division Superintendents  
 Chiefs of Functional Divisions in the Regional Office  
 All Others Concerned

1. This pertains to Memorandum OASF-2026-683 entitled Submission of Regional Inventory of Planned Contests and Competitions for Fiscal Year 2026 and Invitation for the Online Policy Consultation.
2. Attached is a copy of the said Memorandum on the implementation of the Government Assistance and Subsidies – Training and Upgrading Knowledge for Learners, Teachers, and Achievers in Schools (GAS-TUKLAS) for guidance.
3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Encl.: None

Reference: None

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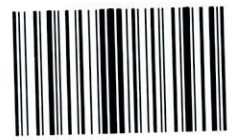
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MEMORANDUM  
OASF-2026- 683

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**

FROM : **ATTY. EDSON BYRON K. SY**  
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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**

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**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](mailto:gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph) or through mobile or Viber number at **(+63) 9682057523**.

For guidance and compliance.

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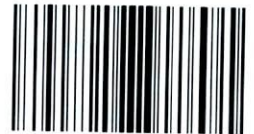
## Regional Inventory of Planned Contests and Competitions

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### Dear Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents,

This is to respectfully transmit the memorandum titled "*Submission of Regional Inventory of Planned Contests and Competitions*", signed by ASec. Edson Byron K. Sy, on March 19, 2025. The document directs all concerned offices to facilitate the submission of a consolidated regional inventory of planned contests and competitions for FY 2026 through the Inventory link:

FY 2026 Regional Inventory of Planned Competitions: <https://tinyurl.com/TUKLAS-Inventory>

This also reminds all concerned offices that GASS will convene an online policy consultation meeting with RO GAS Focal Persons and Designated SDO GAS Focal Persons on March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM via Microsoft Teams:

Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/46868970241685?p=lrN3YbKh9v8sjeRyBj>

Shortcut URL: <https://tinyurl.com/GAS-TUKLAS-Meet>

Meeting ID: 468 689 702 416 85

Passcode: 7Di9v2h3

Pre-Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/PreReg-GAS-TUKLAS>

The copy of the Memorandum and other pertaining documents can be accessed through this link:

[GAS-TUKLAS Documents](#)

For further details, please refer to the attached memorandum. Should you have any questions or require clarifications, you may contact Mr. Ruel N. Capanzana at [gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:gass.prdd@deped.gov.ph) or through

our landline at (02) 8636-1620.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email and the attached file(s).

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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