



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 896 s. 2026

M7X READY SCHOOL PROGRAM LUZON CLUSTER ORIENTATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In compliance with the Memorandum No. DRRMS-07-14-2026-0002 from the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) dated July 04, 2026, the M7X Ready School Program Luzon Cluster Orientation shall be conducted at the Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City on July 24, 2026 at 1PM.
2. The Schools Division Offices are requested to send seven (7) participants that maybe be composed of the following:
 - Schools Division Superintendent,
 - Assistant Schools Division Superintendent,
 - SGOD Chief,
 - Division Engineer,
 - Division Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Coordinator,
 - School Head/s, and
 - School DRRM Coordinator/s.
3. No accommodation will be provided for this half day activity. Lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided by the host region. A Certification will be issued to delegations that need to claim reimbursement for expenses not covered by the host region, such as meals beyond those provided, accommodation, and other authorized incidental expenses
4. Travel and other expenses incurred by participants in relation to their attendance at the event shall be charged against their respective Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (DPRP) funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For participants who will not be able to attend physically. The event is available through DepEd Philippines and DepEd DRRMS Facebook Page. An advisory shall be provided for the online attendance.
6. Attached is the the Memorandum for further details.
7. Be guided accordingly.

For the Regional Director:

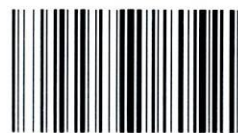
RHODA T. HAZON
Director III

Enclosed: as stipulated
Reference

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

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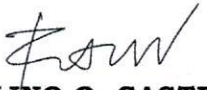
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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE

MEMORANDUM:

DRRMS-07-14-2026-0002

**FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**


FROM : FELINO O. CASTRO V
Director IV
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service

**SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF M7X READY SCHOOL
PROGRAM CLUSTER ORIENTATIONS FOR LUZON (NON-GMMA),
VISAYAS, AND MINDANAO FOR SY 2026**

DATE : JULY 14, 2026

In reference to the **Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-02354** dated **June 15, 2026**, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) shall conduct the **M7X Ready School Program Cluster Orientations** for Luzon (non-Greater Metro Manila Area), Visayas, and Mindanao in July 2026, as part of the observance of the **National Disaster Resilience Month (NDRM) 2026**.

This initiative responds to the increasing seismic activities observed nationwide and underscores the importance of enhancing preparedness measures toward establishing earthquake-ready schools across the country.

The conduct of the cluster orientations is pursuant to **Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-00599** dated **March 24, 2026**, titled "*Participation in the Conduct of M7X Ready Program Orientation for the Greater Metro Manila Area (NCR, Regions III, and IV-A)*", which initially covered selected schools, districts, and divisions within the Greater Metro Manila Area (GMMA). The M7X Ready School Program aims to certify all public schools as earthquake-ready by the end of School Year (SY) 2026–2027.

Specifically, the program aims to:

- Strengthen institutional and community preparedness for significant seismic events;
- Foster a culture of safety and resilience within the basic education sector; and
- Ensure the continuity of education following a major earthquake.



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To support the nationwide rollout of the program, the following Regional Offices are designated to host the cluster-based orientation for all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) within their respective clusters. The M7X Ready Cluster Orientation details are as follows:

CLUSTER	HOST REGION	SCHEDULE	MEALS PROVIDED
Luzon (Non-GMMA)	Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	July 24, 2026	Lunch, PM snacks
Visayas	Region VII (Central Visayas)	August 10, 2026	AM snacks, Lunch, PM snacks
Mindanao	Region XI (Davao Region)	To be announced (TBA)	To be announced (TBA)

Table 1. M7X Ready Cluster Orientation Hosting Details

To facilitate the conduct of the orientation, the target participants and the responsibilities of the concerned offices are as follows:

CATEGORY	DETAILS/RESPONSIBILITIES
Participants	- Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors - Schools Division Superintendents and SGOD Chiefs - Regional and Division DRRM Coordinators - School Heads/School DRRM Coordinators - Other personnel designated by their respective offices to support the implementation of the M7X Ready School Program.
Division DRRM Coordinators	Identify and consolidate participants from their respective divisions.
Regional DRRM Coordinators	- Identify and consolidate the participants from their respective Regional Offices. - Coordinate with the designated host region and submit the consolidated list and total number of participants to facilitate the logistical and administrative preparations for the orientation.

Table 2. Target Participants and Responsibilities of the Concerned Offices

Expenses relative to the conduct of the orientation activities, may be charged against the Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (DPRP) funds (current or continuing) and/or local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For inquiries and concerns, please contact the DRRMS through email at drms@deped.gov.ph or via Viber at 0968-499-0866.

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MEMORANDUM:

OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-00354

TO : CARLITO D. ROCAFORT
Regional Director, Region IV-A

ARTURO B. BAYOCOT
Regional Director, Region VII

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Regional Director, Region XI

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations



For

SUBJECT : HOSTING OF THE M7X READY SCHOOL PROGRAM CLUSTER ORIENTATIONS FOR LUZON (NON-GMMA), VISAYAS, AND MINDANAO FOR SY 2026

DATE : June 15, 2026

In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to strengthening disaster preparedness and promoting risk-informed planning in schools, the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) shall conduct the **M7X Ready School Program Cluster Orientations** for Luzon (non-Greater Metro Manila Area), Visayas, and Mindanao in July 2026, as part of the observance of the **National Disaster Resilience Month (NDRM) 2026**.

This initiative responds to the increasing seismic activities observed nationwide and underscores the importance of enhancing preparedness measures toward establishing earthquake-ready schools across the country.

The conduct of the cluster orientations is pursuant to **Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-00599 dated March 24, 2026**, titled "*Participation in the Conduct of M7X Ready Program Orientation for the Greater Metro Manila Area (NCR, Regions III, and IV-A)*", which initially covered selected schools, districts, and divisions within the Greater Metro Manila Area (GMMA). The M7X Ready School Program aims to certify all public schools as earthquake-ready by the end of School Year (SY) 2026-2027.

Specifically, the program aims to:



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1. Strengthen institutional and community preparedness for significant seismic events;
2. Foster a culture of safety and resilience within the basic education sector; and
3. Ensure the continuity of education following a major earthquake.

To facilitate the nationwide rollout of the program, the following Regional Offices are advised to host the cluster-based orientation convening all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) within their respective regions through a one- to two-day face-to-face activity. The host regions for each cluster are as follows:

Cluster	Host Region	Schedule
Luzon (Non-GMMA)	Region IV-A (CALABARZON)	July 23–24, 2026
Visayas	Region VII (Central Visayas)	July 27–28, 2026
Mindanao	Region XI (Davao Region)	July 30–31, 2026

Participants to the orientation shall include the Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Schools Division Superintendents, SGOD Chiefs, Regional DRRM Coordinators, Division DRRM Coordinators, School Heads, and other personnel designated by their respective offices to support the implementation of the M7X Ready School Program.

Expenses relative to the hosting of the orientation activities may be charged against the Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (DPRP) funds (current or continuing) and/or local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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OM-OUGOPS-2026-04-00599

TO : JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA
Regional Director, National Capital Region

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director, Region III

CARLITO D. ROCAFORT
Regional Director, Region IV-A

All Assistant Regional Directors concerned
All Schools Division Superintendents concerned
All Assistant Schools Division Superintendents concerned

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary
Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF M7X READY PROGRAM ORIENTATION FOR THE GREATER METRO MANILA AREA (NCR, REGIONS III, AND IV-A)

DATE : March 24, 2026

The **Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations (OUGOPS)**, through the **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS)**, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Rizal, will conduct the **face-to-face orientation** for the **M7X Ready Program** in the **Greater Metro Manila Area** (National Capital Region, Regions III, and IV-A) on **April 30, 2026 (Thursday)**, from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Ynares Center, L. Sumulong Memorial Circle, Antipolo City, Rizal**.

Objectives of the Orientation

The activity aims to certify all public schools in the Greater Metro Manila Area as earthquake-ready by the end of School Year (SY) 2026, with focus on the following:

1. Strengthening institutional and community preparedness for significant seismic events;
2. Fostering a culture of safety and resilience within the basic education sector; and;
3. Ensuring the continuity of education following a major earthquake.



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All identified participants—including **Regional, Division, and District DRRM Coordinators**, as well as **Schools Division Superintendents (SDS)** and **Assistant Schools Division Superintendents (ASDS)** from **NCR, Regions III, and IV-A**—are **required** to attend this activity (see Annex A).

Participants are expected to cascade the orientation to all schools within their respective divisions to ensure effective implementation of the program. In addition, attendees were selected based on their schools' and divisions' exposure and high susceptibility to a magnitude 7.0 or higher earthquake ("The Big One"), including proximity to the West Valley Fault. Hazard data were determined by DOST-PHIVOLCS through HazardHunterPH.

Additional Instructions

- a) Schools Division Offices are encouraged to **set up exhibition booths** showcasing their M7X Ready-related Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials.
- b) To reach a wider audience, **all public elementary and secondary school heads and/or school DRRM coordinators and SDSs, ASDSs, SGOD Chiefs and Division DRRM Coordinators in division offices in all regions** are instructed to visit the **DepEd Philippines and DRRMS Facebook pages for the livestream**. They are expected to cascade the orientation to all DepEd personnel and learners within their respective schools and offices. This is to ensure the promotion of awareness and preparedness among those who cannot attend in person.
- c) In-person participation is limited in compliance with MC No. 114.
- d) All participants are required to **confirm their attendance** by submitting their responses through this [<https://forms.gle/RuYsMwTt4bYssLYg6>] **on or before April 15, 2026 (Friday), 5:00 p.m.**

Lastly, meals (lunch, AM, and PM snacks) will be provided by DepEd-DRRMS. Transportation and other incidental expenses may be charged against DPRP funds (current or continuing) or local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The program schedule is provided in Annex B.

For concerns or further information, please contact **Ms. Erika Denise Placio**, **Program Focal Person for M7X Ready Program**, by email at drms@deped.gov.ph or erika.placio@deped.gov.ph, or by telephone nos. 8635-3764 / 8637-4933, or through Viber no. 0968 499 0866.

For information and appropriate action.



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