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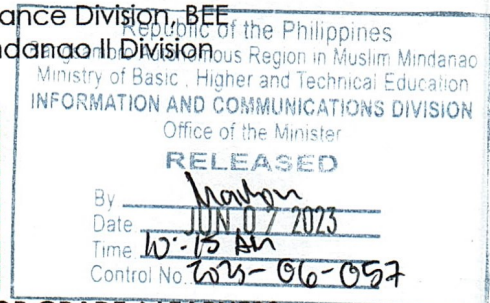
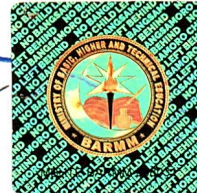
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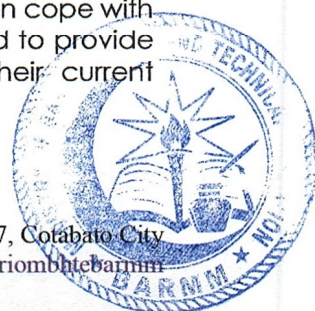
FROM : **MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**  
Minister



SUBJECT : **PILOT TESTING OF THE ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR GRADE 6 LEARNERS**

DATE : May 29, 2023

1. The Covid-19 pandemic has severely affected the academic performances of all learners globally. In the Philippines, the entire school system has been hugely affected causing so much learning losses and worsen learning gaps. In the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the Education Pathways to Peace in Mindanao conducted research titled "**Students' Learning Assessment in the Bangsamoro**" which was participated by 4,490 K-3 learners and was conducted last School Year 2020-2021. Generally, the results yielded those Grade 3 pupils perform at the level of Grade 1.
2. The result of the said research was also one of the bases which the Ministry considered in the development of the Learning Recovery Plan through the **Bawat Bata sa Bangsamoro, Bumabasa at Bumibilang**.
3. In the same manner, the MBHTE finds it compelling to also identify the learning levels and performances of the Grade 6 pupils in the current school year who at the time of the pandemic were Grade 4 and were not participants in the SLAB research.
4. The aim of this project is to determine the academic performances of Grade 6 learners which shall be used to inform the In-Service Training of teachers in the MBHTE. This activity shall involve the collection of achievement data in Mathematics, Science, Araling Panlipunan, Filipino, and English of learners from sampled schools in 11 schools divisions in BARMM.
5. Further, to ensure that the Grade 6 pupils of the current school year can cope with the learning expectancies as they proceed to junior high school, and to provide relevant pedagogical interventions, conducting this project on their current academic performances is very material to this endeavor.





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6. Hence, the Ministry, in partnership with the University of the Philippines Assessment, Curriculum and Technology Research Centre (ACTRC), shall conduct a pilot testing among the Grade 6 pupils.
7. The said pilot testing shall be conducted in Maguindanao II Division on May 31-June 01, 2023, in the following schools:
  - a. Broce Central Elementary School
  - b. Tenorio Elementary School
  - c. Simuay Junction Central Elementary School
  - d. Parang Central Elementary School
8. Attached documents are:
  - a. Guidelines Plain Language Statement
  - b. Consent Form
9. Should there be concerns, questions, or clarifications, kindly contact Project Leaders, Dr. Therese Bustos ([t.bustos@actrc.org](mailto:t.bustos@actrc.org); 0917-866-478), Abdulbasit L. Talicop at 0947-586-2852, and Clarissa Kempao at 0916-603-8142.
10. For information guidance.



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## Grade 6 BARMM Learners Assessment Plain Language Statement (PLS)

We would like to invite your school to take part in this pilot testing which aims to develop an assessment of Grade-6 student performance in the learning areas of Mathematics, Science, Araling Panlipunan, Filipino and English. The assessment activity is being conducted by staff from the Assessment, Curriculum and Technology Research Centre (ACTRC), the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod University of the Philippines System, and the Ministry of Basic, Higher, Technical Education in Bangsamoro Administrative Region in Muslim Mindanao (MBHTE-BARMM).

### **What is the aim of the activity?**

The primary aim of this project is to determine the academic performance of Grade 6 learners which will be used to inform the in-service training of teachers in MBHTE-BARMM. This activity will involve the collection of achievement data in Mathematics, Science, Araling Panlipunan, Filipino and English of learners from sampled schools in eleven (11) divisions in BARMM.

### **What will your school be asked to do?**

For this pilot stage of the activity, we ask your permission to allow the researchers to conduct assessments of Mathematics, Science, Araling Panlipunan, Filipino and English with all classes of Grade 6 students.

The tests will be administered to the whole class and will take approximately 45 minutes per learning area. The entire session will take approximately 4 hours or half a day. Your decision regarding your school's participation in the activity will not in any way affect your employment opportunities or the educational experiences of your students. Your participation will only be used to help understand the learning needs of students which will be used in designing the in-service training of BARMM teachers. It is possible that de-identified data from this activity will be used in future studies. To inform parents of this project, we request that a notice of this project be included in your school newsletter or bulletin board.

### **How will confidentiality be protected?**

Participation in this study is voluntary, and anonymity and confidentiality of student assessment data will be ensured to the fullest possible extent. Confidentiality will be preserved by names being replaced by codes. Researchers subsequently handling the data will do so using only these codes. Individual participants and schools will not be named in any reports arising from this activity. Should you wish to withdraw your school from the study at any time, or to withdraw unprocessed information that has been collected, you are free to do so. All data will be treated in the strictest confidence subject to any legal limitations. It will be stored securely in a locked facility in the ACTRC under the University's guidelines for the management of research data and records, and destroyed five years after publication of findings.

### **How will you receive feedback?**

On completion of the activity, a summary of findings will be made available to you to share with the



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students' teacher/s. It is expected that the results will be presented at workshops for teachers, and academic conferences.

If you wish to participate in this study, please complete the Consent Form attached. Consent forms will be collected by ACTRC staff on data collection day.

If you have any further questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Leaders, Dr. Therese Bustos ([t.bustos@actrc.org](mailto:t.bustos@actrc.org); +63 9178664789), Mr. Yul Olaya ([olayayul@gmail.com](mailto:olayayul@gmail.com)), or Ms. Margie Pendulat ([margiependulat@gmail.com](mailto:margiependulat@gmail.com)).

Yours Sincerely,

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## Grade 6 BARMM Learners Assessment

I (principal's name) \_\_\_\_\_ have been informed of the purpose and nature of this pilot testing and have read the Plain Language Information sheet provided. I agree to have my school participate in this activity.

I understand my participation in the activity involves providing permission for the team to conduct student assessments in my school; facilitating the collection and provision of school level information; and that I will receive information about the outcomes of the assessment.

- I have read the written information about the activity and have received a copy of that information.
- I understand participation is voluntary and I have the right to withdraw my school from participation at any time and that I may withdraw any data supplied up to the point of analysis.
- I am satisfied that the confidentiality of the information I have provided will be safeguarded subject to any legal limitations.
- I understand that as the principal of the school I am providing written consent on behalf of my students to participate in this activity.
- I understand that my students will not be identified in any publication arising from the research.
- I understand that it is possible the de-identified data about my school may also be used in future studies monitoring the progress of students in BARMM.

Signature

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Name

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School

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Position

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Address

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Date

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