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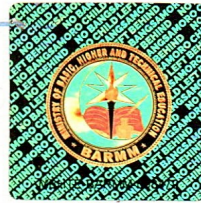
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TO : ALL DIRECTOR GENERALS

FROM : MOHAGHER M. IQBAL  
 Minister



SUBJECT : TWG ON SAFE SCHOOL DECLARATION AND GUIDELINES MEETING

DATE : 17 JULY 2023

1. The Geneva Call is continuously providing current efforts in BARMM and Mindanao to contribute to the enhanced protection of civilians. With this, the Ministry has provided with continued guidance to ensure that all the efforts are aligned with the priorities of the BARMM.
2. Previously, the Geneva Call managed to meet with the assigned focal person for the SSD initiative and shared the additional details/information on the SSD and guidelines. In the meeting, together with representatives from MBHTE, important matters were clarified and an action plan was developed and agreed upon which is attached to this document.
3. In this line and moving forward with the contextualization of the SSD, the GC alongside the lead office, OCM will be conducting a meeting alongside the TWG on **July 19-21, 2023 at Blue Lotus Hotel**. All director generals are hereby directed to send two (2) participants from your respective subsector.
4. For any clarifications/ additional details, your staff may feel free to contact Ms. Nor Ayn Makakena, at +63 (0) 945 342 7446 / [nmakakena@genevacall.org](mailto:nmakakena@genevacall.org).

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Respectfully forwarded to **MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**, Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) - BARMM, the herein letter from **FAHAD ABBASI**, Country Director, Geneva Call in the Philippines, requesting to convene proposed members of the Technical Working Group on Safe School Declaration and Guidelines.

For your honor's appropriate action.

**ABDULLAH M. CUSAIN**  
Assistant Senior Minister

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**ALVIN-YASHER K. ABDULGAFAR**  
Chief of Staff, OCM - BARMM

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**ENDORSEMENT**

05 Dhul Hijjah 1444 / 23 June 2023

Respectfully forwarded to **ABUNAWAS L. MASLAMAMA**, *Senior Minister*, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the herein letter from **FAHAD ABBASI**, *Country Director*, Geneva Call in the Philippines, dated 16 June 2023, requesting to convene proposed members of the Technical Working Group on Safe School Declaration and Guidelines.

Upon the instruction of the Chief Minister, kindly forward the same to the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) – BARMM for appropriate action.

*[Signature]*  
**ALVIN-YASHER K. ABDULGAFAR**  
 Chief of Staff

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**Hon. Ahod "Al Haj Murad" Ibrahim**  
Chief Minister  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of  
Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

Subject: Support to Convene Proposed Members of Technical Working Group on Safe School Declaration and Guidelines  
Date: 16 June 2023

Dear Hon. Chief Minister,

*Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatu.*

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for providing the opportunity to discuss with you the Geneva Call's current efforts in BARMM and Mindanao to contribute to the enhanced protection of civilians. Also, we greatly appreciate your guidance to ensure that all the efforts are aligned with the priorities of the BARMM.

We managed to meet with your assigned focal person, respectable Ms. Juckra Abdulmalik for the SSD initiative and shared the additional details/information with her on the SSD and guidelines. In the meeting, together with representatives from MBHTE, important matters were clarified and an action plan was developed and agreed upon which is attached to this letter.

In this line and moving forward with the contextualization of the SSD, we would request the OCM, being the leader of the identified Technical Working Group (TWG), to help us in convening the proposed members of the TWG. Details entailing the composition of this TWG are also attached. The first meeting is proposed to be conducted in July after Eid ul Adha and will share more updates on venue/timings accordingly.

For any clarifications/ additional details, your staff may feel free to contact Ms. Nor Ayn Makakena, at +63 (0) 945 342 7446 / [nmakakena@genevacall.org](mailto:nmakakena@genevacall.org).

Thank you in anticipation!

*Kind regards,*

**Fahad Abbasi**  
Country Director (A.I)  
Geneva Call - Philippines

**ATTENDEES:**

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1) Juckra Abdulmalik       | EA and OOH, Office of the Chief Minister          |
| 2) Petronilo A. Cristobal  | ODG, MBHTE  |
| 3) Maimona D. Bayan        | ODG, GDME   |
| 4) Synhester Bayot         | Save the Children                                 |
| 5) Fahad Abassi            | OIC, Head of Mission for Philippines and Thailand |
| 6) Nor Ayn Makakena        | Project Coordinator, Geneva Call                  |
| 7) Sittie Naida Mesug      | Project Officer, Geneva Call                      |
| 8) Mohammad Jubair Talusob | Project Officer, Geneva Call                      |

**AGENDA:**

- Introduction of Geneva Call and Save the Children
- Global and Local Issue on the Protection of Education in Armed Conflict
- Safe School Declaration and the Guidelines on the Use of School in Situations of Armed Conflict
- Recommendations and Planning Ways Forward

**HIGHLIGHTS/AGREEMENTS:**

- To include Capacity Building exercise on "IH Norms and Child Protection and Protection of Education" in the action points before finally embarking into legal review.
- Identified additional offices/committee as members of the Technical Working Group, as also recommended by the Chief Minister, Tarbiyyah, Shari'ah and Social Welfare Committee. Now, TWG composing the following:
  - o Office of the Chief Minister
  - o MBHTE
  - o MILG
  - o BPDA
  - o MSSD
  - o MPOS
  - o BHRC
  - o JPSC (Von Alhaq
  - o BTA (2) MP Pangalian Balindong, 1 (TBD)
  - o CSO (2) 1 – LBO; 1 (TBD)
  - o Shari'ah
  - o Social Welfare Committee
  - o Tarbiyyah
- Agreed on the following activities and schedules:
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July (tentatively, July 13, 2023) – Convening the members of the Technical Working Group
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> week of July and 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of August - series of Writeshop on SSD
- To request the Office of the Chief Minister to convene the first meeting of the TWG which is initially scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July 2023.

- It was highlighted that the main effort is the contextualization (incorporating Islamic references) of the spirit of the SSD/Guidelines in the context of BARMM, to ensure protection of education in armed conflict.
- Contextualization – could be, a change of name (from SSD) to something that would work with the BARMM context, in a statement or policy, including Islamic references, etc, that would be identified by the Technical Working Group (TWG).
- MBHTE representative extended the call for support and stressed out the need to include Island provinces on intervention involving education.
- MBHTE emphasizes the need to develop curriculum that will work during emergencies, termed – Curriculum on emergencies, and requested if Geneva Call could support the MBHTE in developing one.