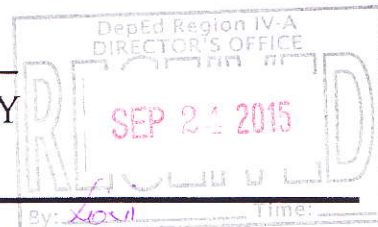




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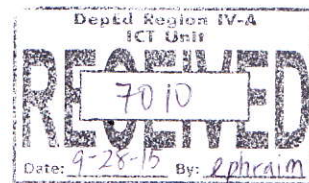
MEMORANDUM

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
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CC: Usec. MARIO A. DERIQUITO  
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FROM: Usec. RIZALINO D. RIVERA *[Signature]*



SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF "RESEARCH STUDY ON COOKING  
SYSTEMS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS"

DATE: 23 September 2015

This Office received a request for permission to conduct an assessment of existing cooking facilities of public elementary schools. This is part of research activities under the school feeding component of the Regional GIZ Fit For School Program. The Department of Education (DepEd) supports this request and its objective to address limitations in upscaling DepEd's school feeding program through improvements in school kitchens using energy-efficient, smoke free and cost-effective cooking systems.

Please see the attached letter from the Dr. Bella Monse, Principal Advisor of the GIZ Regional Fit for School Program for details on the conduct of the assessment of elementary schools.

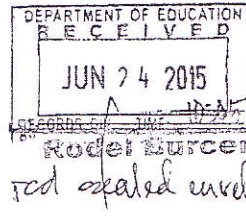
For your information and cooperation.

Thank you!

*To: SDSs  
For your appropriate  
action, please.  
Thank you! God Bless!  
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**Subject:** GIZ facilitated research study on cooking systems of elementary schools

Your Excellency, dear Brother Armin,

Warmest greetings from GIZ Fit for School Program!

As part of the research activities under the school feeding component of Regional GIZ Fit for School, we plan to conduct an assessment on existing cooking facilities of public elementary schools in cooperation with GIZ's Poverty-Oriented Basic Energy Services Program (GIZ-HERA) to address possible limitations in upscaling DepEd's school feeding program.

The results of the assessment will provide the Department of Education with information on possible improvements in school kitchens, particularly on energy-efficient, smoke-free and cost effective cooking systems. The preparation of school meals could become less costly, safer and more climate friendly due to a more efficient combustion and a lower carbon-monoxide emission.

For this purpose, we would like to seek permission to gather the necessary baseline information from schools with the use of a questionnaire. Please be assured that the administration of the questionnaire will not disrupt classes in any way since the participation of the pupils is not necessary at any time. The questionnaire is designed in such a way that the school principal (or other assigned school personnel) will be able to complete it without interrupting the regular school routine.

We will also appreciate if we can engage the Department in determining the study site, contextualization of the questionnaire and finalization of data collection process to ensure that Department's protocols are all followed. GIZ will cover all costs related to the assessment, and the only expense implication to DepED is its in-kind contribution as regards to the time involvement of its personnel to complete the questionnaire.

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We would also kindly request for one counterpart person in the corresponding school divisions to provide the schools with assistance in case of uncertainties regarding the questions and to help with the feedback loop back to GIZ.

We look forward to your most favorable consideration and to discuss our next steps with the DepED.

Very truly yours,



DR. BELLA MONSE

Principal Advisor  
GIZ Regional Fit for School Program