



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



Unnumbered Memorandum

**USAID VISIT FOR THE INAUGURATIONS OF THE
HEARING/AUDIOLOGICAL TEST CENTER AND INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (IECRC)**

To : **Dr. Cherrylou D. Repia**
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City Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Batangas City
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Supt. Merthel M. Evardome
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Batangas Province
Provincial Sports Complex, Batangas City

1. Please be informed that the Resources for the Blind through the Gabay's Project has organized the USAid Visit for the Inaugurations of the Hearing/Audiological Test Center in the Provincial Health Office of Batangas at 9:30 am, and the Inclusive Education Community Resource Center at Batangas Elementary School on January 13, 2023, 11:00 am.
2. As such, may I request your attendance in the said activity. Attached hereto are the copy of the invitation and indicative schedule of activities for ready reference.
3. For information and appropriate action.


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### **ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE**

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**Attention: SUPT. FELIZARDO D. BOLAÑOS**  
City Schools Division Superintendent  
Division of Batangas City

**SUPT. MERTHEL M. EVARDOME**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Division of Batangas  
Boliboc, Batangas City

**SUBJECT: USAID VISIT FOR THE INAUGURATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:**

*(1) HEARING/AUDIOLOGICAL TEST CENTER IN THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE OF BATANGAS ON JANUARY 13, 2023 AT 9:30 IN THE MORNING, AND;*

*(2) INCLUSIVE EDUCATION COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (IECRC) AT BATANGAS CITY EAST ELEM. SCHOOL ON JANUARY 13, 2023 AT 11:00 IN THE MORNING*

Dear Atty. Escobarte,

Greetings of peace, joy and love for the new year 2023 from the Resources for the Blind, Inc.!

Gabay's collaboration with you and other officials and staff in the above-mentioned schools' divisions for more than three years resulted in significant increase of learners who are blind, low vision, deaf and hard of hearing enrolled in schools. It started with 83 students with sensory disabilities from Kinder to Grade 3 in SY 2019-2020, now reaching 208 students for SY 2022-2023. With these numbers, we would like to express our gratitude to all of you.

The **Face-to-Face Inauguration of the New Hearing/Audiological Test Center in the Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Batangas** which was initially planned to take place last August 2022 is **finally scheduled on Friday, January 13, 2023** with the USAID Official Mission Director, **Mr. Ryan Washburn, Office of Education, Ms. Yvette Malcioln, Deputy Director and Mr. Henry Grageda, Agreement Officer Representative** are also attending. Likewise, some officials from the DepEd of Batangas City and Province, and Resources for the Blind, Inc. will also be present in this Ceremony. Attached in Annex 1 is the Final Program of Activities for reference purposes.



It is with honor to request your presence during the Inauguration Ceremony of the IECRC with Supt. Felizardo Bolaños for the acceptance of the FSL stories in video for the teachers of the deaf in the city together with the Regional and City Division Supervisors In-Charge of SPED. Likewise, we would also like to request Supt. Merthel Evardome to be present during the Inauguration of the Hearing/Audiological Test Center for the acceptance of the FSL stories in video for the teachers of the deaf in the province with the Division Supervisor In-Charge of SPED.

After these activities, we are inviting all of you to a lunch meeting in a venue which will be communicated to you later.

Ms. Ludy Anile, Project Field Coordinator will contact your Secretary for your response on this matter. If you have urgent concerns, your Secretary can connect her thru email, [ludy@blind.org.ph](mailto:ludy@blind.org.ph) or landline (02) 8726 3021 to 24 or mobile phone 0907 223 5358.

We sincerely thank you in anticipation of your support to these activities. More power and blessings to all of you!

Very truly yours,



**DR. YOLANDA S. QUIJANO**  
Chief of Party, Gabay

**Inauguration Ceremony of the Hearing/Audiological Test Center**

**Provincial Health Office of Batangas**

*January 13, 2023 | 9:30am*

| <b>Time</b>         | <b>Activities</b>                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:30 am – 09:50 am | Unveiling/Turning over of the Marker and Ribbon<br>Cutting of the Hearing Center<br><i>USAID MD, Gabay COP, Hon. Gov. Mandanas</i> |
| 09:50 am – 10:00 am | Doxology                                                                                                                           |
|                     | Philippine National Anthem                                                                                                         |
|                     | Acknowledgment of Participants                                                                                                     |
| 10:00 am – 10:10 am | Special Message:<br><i>Ryan Washburn</i><br><i>Mission Director, USAID/Philippines</i>                                             |
| 10:10 am – 10:20 am | Response Message<br><i>Hon. Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas</i><br><i>Governor of Batangas Province</i>                            |
| 10:20 am – 10:30 am | Turn-over of FSL Stories<br>Gabay COP -to- USAID MD -to- Dr. Evardome (DepEd)                                                      |
| 10:30 am - 10:40 am | Closing and Photo Opportunity                                                                                                      |
| 10:40 am – 10:50 am | Observation and interaction with Para-audiometrists in training                                                                    |
| <b>Time</b>         | <b>Activities</b>                                                                                                                  |

**Inauguration Ceremony of the Inclusive Education**

**Community Resource Center (IECRC)**

**Batangas City East Elem. School, Batangas City**

*January 13, 2023 | 11:00am*

| <b>Time</b>         | <b>Activities</b>                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11:00 am – 11:10 am | Unveiling/Turning over of the Marker and Ribbon<br>Cutting of the IECRC Center<br><i>USAID MD, Gabay COP, Dr. Bolaños (DepEd)</i> |
| 11:10 am - 11:20 am | Room showing of the IECRC and informal interactions with teacher                                                                  |

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11:20 am – 11:30 am | Turn-over of Filipino Sign Language Stories<br>Gabay COP -to- USAID MD -to- Dr. Evardome (DepEd)                |
| 11:30 am – 11:40 am | Message<br>Dr. Felizardo Bolaños<br><i>Schools Division Superintendent, DepEd Division of<br/>Batangas City</i> |
| 11:40 am – 11:45 am | Special Number<br>Batangas City East Elementary School – Blind and Deaf<br>Students                             |
| 11:45 am – 11:55 am | Brief congratulatory message from Ryan Washburn<br>Photo Opportunity                                            |
| 12:00 pm            | Travel to _____ Restaurant for Lunch                                                                            |