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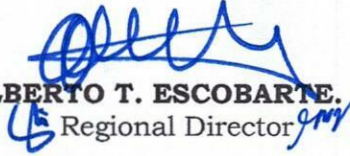
**DISTRIBUTION OF VISION SCREENING KITS IN  
REGIONS IV-A CALABARZON**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to Memorandum OM-OUPS-2025-08-02656<sup>1</sup>, the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), through the DepEd Region IV-A Education Support Services Division - School Health Section, disseminates this information regarding the distribution of Vision Screening Kits. This is with the effort of the Department of Education (DepEd) in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and the University of the Philippines Manila Philippine Eye Research Institute (UPM-PERI) recognizing the impact of early childhood visual problems in literacy outcomes and in line with Republic Act No. 11358, or the National Vision Screening Act, and the mandatory health assessments.
2. This activity aims to support the early detection of vision problems among children through the proper use of the kits, promote preventive eye care, and reduce the risk of undiagnosed visual impairments.
3. Schools Division Offices are to submit the list of recipient schools duly signed by the Schools Division Superintendent, through this link <https://tinyurl.com/NVSP-KIT2025>.
4. Vision Screening Kits shall be claimed by a duly authorized representative from the respective Schools Division Office at the 5th floor SOJR Bldg., PGH Complex, Taft Ave., Ermita, Manila from May 5 to 16, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For coordination, the following may be contacted: Benille John Sanglay, URA I Athena Marie Simon, URA I Contact Numbers: 0995-867-8604, 8524-7119 Email Address: [upm-peri@up.edu.ph](mailto:upm-peri@up.edu.ph) CC: [bsanglay@up.edu.ph](mailto:bsanglay@up.edu.ph) & [aasimon2@up.edu.ph](mailto:aasimon2@up.edu.ph).
5. Expenses relative to this activity's conduct shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Attached is the list of allocation of Vision Screening Kits.

<sup>1</sup> Distribution of Vision Screening Kits in Region III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR

8. For further inquiries, contact Pearl Oliveth S. Intia, MD, Medical Officer IV at the email address [pearl.intia@deped.gov.ph](mailto:pearl.intia@deped.gov.ph).
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II**  
Regional Director *gm*

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**ENCLOSURE I. SUMMARY OF SDO SCHOOLS WITH KINDERGARTEN  
ENROLLMENT FOR MORE THAN 75 LEARNERS.**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Regional Office/School Division Offices</b>	<b>School reflected from CO &amp; CDO</b>	<b>Additional from CO</b>	<b>Kit for SDOs</b>	<b>Additional Kit for SDO Schools for Identification of SDO</b>	<b>Total Number of Kits to be packed per SDO</b>
1	Antipolo City	36	6	1	6	49
2	Bacoor City	18	6	1	6	31
3	Batangas	52	11	1	6	70
4	Batangas City	19	1	1	1	22
5	Binan City	24	2	1	6	33
6	Cabuyao	14	2	1	1	18
7	Calamba City	23	15	1	6	45
8	Cavite	114	9	1	6	130
9	Cavite City	7	0	1	1	9
10	Dasmaringas City	14	16	1	6	37
11	General Trias City	23	3	1	6	33
12	Imus City	21	6	1	6	34
13	Laguna	67	4	1	6	78
14	Lipa City	21	14	1	6	42
15	Lucena City	24	0	1	6	31
16	Quezon	83	17	1	6	107
17	Rizal	128	14	1	6	149
18	San Pablo City	17	2	1	1	21
19	San Pedro City	22	0	1	1	24
20	Sta. Rosa City	18	0	1	1	20
21	Sto. Tomas City	14	0	1	1	16
22	Tanauan City	15	0	1	0	16
23	Tayabas City	5	0	1	0	6
24	Carmona	0	0	1	0	1
25	Calaca	0	0	1	0	1
26	Regional Office	0	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>779</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1024</b>



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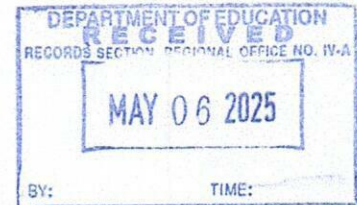


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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

OM-OUOPS-2025-07-02057



FOR : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**  
Assistant Secretary, Officer-In-Charge,  
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF VISION  
SCREENING KITS IN REGIONS III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, AND NCR**

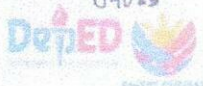
DATE : April 24, 2025

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This Office, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), respectfully submits the Complete Staff Work (CSW) in reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2024, issued by the Office of the Secretary on October 4, 2024, titled "Clearance for Issuances with the Office of the Secretary." This memorandum underscores the importance of proper coordination and adherence to the Department's policies, ensuring that all issuances directed to field offices undergo the necessary clearance process prior to dissemination. In particular, this submission pertains to Item No. 1d of the memorandum.

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), continues to uphold its commitment to the early identification and management of health conditions affecting learners' academic and developmental performance. In support of Republic Act No. 11358 or the National Vision Screening Act, vision screening for Kindergarten learners is a mandated public health service within the basic education sector.

To strengthen the implementation of this mandate, BLSS-SHD in coordination University of the Philippines Manila-Philippine Eye Research Institute (UPM-PERI) proposes the distribution of vision screening kits to Regions III and IV-A, NCR, and MIMAROPA in order to strengthen learner support and services. With appropriate equipment, school health personnel and designated screeners will be able to perform



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vision screening aligned with national standards, ensuring learners' optimal development and academic readiness.

**Recommended Activities:**

1. Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR

**II. OBJECTIVES**

1. To equip regions, SDOs, and schools with vision screening kits.
2. To support full compliance with RA 11358 in areas with implementation gaps.
3. To contribute to early identification of visual impairments and support timely intervention and referral.

**III. LEGAL BASES**

- A. Republic Act No. 11358 "National Vision Screening Act" and its IRR
- B. Department Order No. 28, s. 2018 – Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd)

**IV. CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

This Office respectfully submits, for the consideration and approval of the Undersecretary for Operations, the attached draft Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS), to be signed by Assistant Secretary Malcolm S. Garma, Officer-in-Charge, endorsing the Memorandum on Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR.

Should the contents of the memorandum be deemed satisfactory, we respectfully request confirmation by marking the "Approved" box provided below. Upon approval, we recommend the immediate dissemination of the signed memorandum to all concerned Regional Offices to ensure a unified, timely, and effective implementation of the program.

**V. ACTION DOCUMENTS**

1. Copy of Draft Memorandum on Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR
2. Budget Estimate

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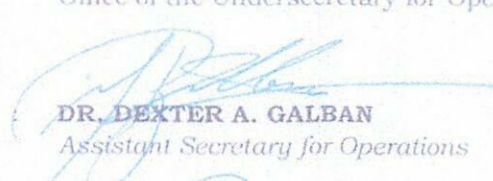


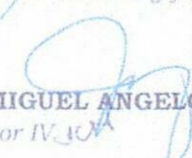
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**BUREAU OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**  
*Assistant Secretary, Officer-In-Charge,*  
*Office of the Undersecretary for Operations*

THRU :   
**DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN**  
*Assistant Secretary for Operations*

FROM :   
**DR. MIGUEL ANGELO S. MANTARING**  
*Director IV*

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENTS  
RELATED TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF VISION SCREENING  
KITS IN REGIONS III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, AND NCR**

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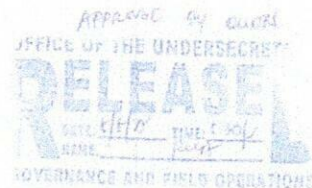






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**MALCOLM S. GARMA**  
Assistant Secretary, Officer-In-Charge,  
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

MEMORANDUM  
OM-OUOPS-2025-03076

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGION III, REGION IV-A,  
MIMAROPA, AND NCR  
SCHOOL DIVISION OFFICES, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**  
Assistant Secretary, Officer-In-Charge,  
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **DISTRIBUTION OF VISION SCREENING KITS IN REGIONS III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, AND NCR**

DATE : April 24, 2025

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and the University of the Philippines Manila-Philippine Eye Research Institute (UPM-PERI) recognize the impact of early childhood visual problems in literacy outcomes. In line with Republic Act No. 11358 or the National Vision Screening Act, and the mandatory health assessments, **Vision Screening Kits** will be distributed to the above identified regions.
2. Allocation for the Vision Screening Kits is as follows:
  - a. 1 for each SDO (except for those already previously provided with kits);
  - b. 1 for each School District;
  - c. Remaining kits shall be distributed to schools with:
    - i. 75 or more Kindergarten learners, or
    - ii. 200 or more learners in Kindergarten and Grade 1 (combined)
  - d. Any kit allocation in excess of the above identified criteria may be distributed to schools with the next highest amount of kindergarten learners as identified by the Regional Office (RO)

	Region III	Region IV-A	MIMAROPA	NCR
Number of Kits per region	898	1024	219	598

3. Vision Screening Kits for NCR, Region III, and Region IV-A shall be retrieved by a duly authorized representative from the respective RO at **5th floor SOJR Bldg., PGH Complex, Taft Ave., Ermita, Manila 1000** from **May 5 to 9**,



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**2025 8:00AM to 4:00PM.** For further coordination, the following may be contacted:

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Athena Marie Simon, URA I  
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CC: bsanglay@up.edu.ph & aasimon2@up.edu.ph

4. Vision Screening Kits for MIMAROPA shall be retrieved by a duly authorized RO representative at the DepEd Central Office from **May 5 to 9, 2025, 8:00AM to 4:00PM.**
5. Distribution to concerned SDOs, Districts, and Schools shall be arranged by the RO. DepEd CO and UPM-PERI will be furnished with both an editable copy and a signed copy of the following on or before **May 23, 2025**:
  - a. List of recipient schools
  - b. Signed copy of acknowledgement receipts (compiled into one PDF file per region)
6. Submission templates and submission folders are available through this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/NVSPKits>
7. For further queries regarding this concern, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao and/or Dr. Jesa Lourdes M. Yorobe from the BLSS-SHD at telephone no. (02) 8632-9935 or email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph).
8. Attachments:
  - a. Republic Act No. 11358 – National Vision Screening Act
  - b. Department Order No. 28, s. 2018 – Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd)
9. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.



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MIMAROPA as well as the conduct of the Pocket Vision Screening and Training in NCR in order to strengthen learner support and services. The training will equip school health personnel and designated screeners with proper techniques aligned with national standards, while the vision screening itself will help identify learners needing further eye care services.

#### **Recommended Activities:**

1. Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR
2. Lecture on Pocket Vision Screening in NCR
3. Demo-Return Demo on Pocket Vision Screening in NCR
4. Vision Screening Among Learners in Kindergarten/Grade 1 in NCR

#### **II. OBJECTIVES**

1. To equip regions, SDOs, and schools with vision screening kits.
2. To support localized training for school health personnel and designated screeners on standardized vision screening procedures.
3. To support full compliance with RA 11358 in areas with implementation gaps.
4. To contribute to early identification of visual impairments and support timely intervention and referral.

#### **III. LEGAL BASES**

- a. Republic Act No. 11358 "National Vision Screening Act" and its IRR
- b. Department Order No. 28, s. 2018 – Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd)

#### **IV. CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

This Office respectfully submits, for the review, approval, and signature of the Undersecretary for Operations, the attached documents endorsing the distribution of vision screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR and conduct of pocket vision screening training of trainers in NCR. The memorandum is to be signed by Assistant Secretary Malcolm S. Garma, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Operations.

Should the Undersecretary find the contents of the memorandum in order, we kindly request confirmation by ticking the "Approved" box below. Upon approval, we recommend the prompt dissemination of the signed memorandum to the Regional Offices concerned to facilitate the coordinated and effective implementation of the program.

#### **V. ACTION DOCUMENTS**

1. Copy of Draft Memorandum on Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR and Conduct of Pocket Vision Screening Training of Trainers in NCR
2. Request for Clearance on the Memorandum on Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR and Conduct of Pocket Vision Screening Training of Trainers in NCR through the Chief of Staff



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3. Complete Staff Work on the Memorandum on Distribution of Vision Screening kits in Regions III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, and NCR and Conduct of Pocket Vision Screening Training of Trainers in NCR to be submitted to the Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development

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