



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

10 Jul 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
QAD-2026-010

**CONDUCT OF FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) TO SDOS ON THE NATIONAL
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NQMS) IMPLEMENTATION FOR
CERTIFICATION**

To: Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
QAD Chief and EPS
QMS Teams of Schools Division Offices
All Other Concerns

1. In accordance with the Regional Office's mandate to ensure the establishment and effective implementation of Quality Management Systems (QMS) within Schools Division Offices (SDOs), this Office will facilitate a Quality Management System Needs Assessment through an FGD to SDOs. The purpose of this FGD is to ascertain the readiness and technical assistance requirements of each SDO for the establishment and implementation of the National Quality Management System (NQMS) under the Department of Education's "One DepEd, One QMS" initiative.
2. Aligned with ISO 9001:2015 and the Department of Education's National Quality Management System (NQMS), the activity aims to:
 - a. determine the current status of QMS implementation in each Schools Division Office, including the existing documentation particularly the operations manual and planning documents, conduct of internal quality audits, implementation of risk management practices, and other quality management processes;
 - b. determine training and technical assistance requirements of Schools Division Office personnel on QMS concepts, documentation, process management, internal quality audits, risk-based thinking, continual improvement and other QMS-related matters;
 - c. gather baseline information to guide the development of implementation plans, capacity-building interventions, and technical support for each Schools Division Office.
3. The activity is scheduled for **July 30, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 p.m.** to be held online via MS Teams through the link - **<https://tinyurl.com/assessmentnqms>**. Participants are advised to log in at least ten minutes prior to the commencement of the activity.
4. The participants to the activity include the following: All RO-QAD personnel, Team and Deputy Team Leaders from the Quality Management Teams (QMR, KMT, IQAT, TAT, QWT, RMT) of the Schools Division Offices within the SOCCSKSARGEN Region.



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5. The FGD will be facilitated by the assigned QAD EPS per group as indicated below:

Group	SDOs	Facilitator
1	Kidapawan City Cotabato	Michael A. Poblador EPS, QAD
2	Tacurong City Sultan Kudarat	Nathaniel F. Bangoc II EPS, QAD
3	Koronadal City South Cotabato	Louella D. Jabido EPS, QAD
4	General Santos City Sarangani	Grace Patrice M. Mondragon EPS, QAD

6. Refer to the following enclosures for details of the activity:
Enclosure 1: Indicative Schedule of Activities
Enclosure 2: NQMS Best Practices and Challenges
Enclosure 3: Checklist Assessment
7. Each SDO is requested to fill-out and submit the templates on:
a. Best Practices and Challenges encountered on NQMS implementation
b. Checklist Assessment which can be accessed through the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/nqmssoxSDO>.
8. For inquiries, contact Grace Patrice Mondragon, deputy – RO QMR through email at gracepatrice.mondragon@deped.gov.ph.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


ATTY. ALBERTO F. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

Encls.: As stated
References: DepEd Order 09, s. 2021
Allotment: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subject:

WORKSHOPS

GPM/ QAD/RM- CONDUCT OF FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) TO SDOS ON THE NATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NQMS) IMPLEMENTATION FOR CERTIFICATION
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INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Activity	Person Responsible
9:00-9:30 AM	Attendance Checking Preliminaries - Prayer - DepEd Quality Policy Opening Message Statement of Purpose and Objectives	QAD ADAS Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO II Regional Director Norman S. Valeroso Chief, QAD
9:30-10:00 AM	Cascading National Quality Management Systems (NQMS) to SDOs	Norman S. Valeroso Chief, QAD
10:00-12:00 AM	FGD (Breakout Rooms): Practices and Challenges Encountered during NQMS Implementation at the SDOs • Kidapawan & Cotabato • Tacurong & Sultan Kudarat • Koronadal & South Cotabato • General Santos & Sarangani	QAD EPS SDOs Michael A. Poblador EPS, QAD Nathaniel F. Bangoc, II EPS, QAD Louella D. Jabido EPS, QAD Grace Patrice M. Mondragon EPS, QAD
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00-2:00 PM	Assessment of NQMS Needs relative to its Implementation (SDO Level)	Grace Patrice M. Mondragon EPS, QAD
2:00-3:00 PM	OPEN Forum	Nathaniel F. Bangoc, II EPS, QAD
2:00-3:00 PM	Ways Forward Closing Program	Norman S. Valeroso Chief, QAD QAD ADAS



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NQMS BEST PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES

SDO:
Best practices in initial stage of NQMS preparation/implementation: Provide at most three (3) 1. 2. 3.
Challenges Encountered in the initial stage of NQMS preparation/implementation Provide at most 3. 1. 2. 3.
Recommendations/actions taken to address the challenges identified: 1. 2. 3.

Prepared by:

QMR Representative



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**NATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NQMS) CASCADING TO THE
SDOs of DEPED SOCCSKSARGEN**

CHECKLIST ASSESSMENT

SDO: _____

Goal: To effectively cascade the NQMS implementation across all SDOs of DepEd SOCCSKSARGEN for the ISO 9001:2015 Certification in 2027

Where are we now? This assessment is conducted relative to the establishment of the National Quality Management System (NQMS) in your SDO to ensure addressing your needs in preparation for the SDO ISO Certification in 2027.

I. Please mark the appropriate box with a ☒ or ☒ to indicate your needs.

Item No.	Activities	✓ or ✗	Remarks
1	Workshop on the External and Internal Issues of the Organization (Planning Documents) *		
2	Workshop on Risk-Based Quality Planning and Management*		
3	Workshop on QMS Documentation*		
4	Workshop on Quality Workplace*		
5	Training Course on Auditing QMS*		
6	Technical Guidance on Management Review*		
7	Training Course on Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Formulation*		
8	Technical Assistance on each QMS Team (RO-QMS Team to SDO-QMS Team)		
9	Conduct of Internal Quality Audit*		
10	Conduct of Readiness Assessment*		



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Recommendations/Suggestions how we can assist you. Thank you.			

*Note: *Non-negotiable as per CO instruction, however, SDO may forego the activity if done already.*