

CORE TEAM STATUS UPDATE MEETING ON DRR EDUCATION PROJECT IN CEBU PROVINCE

Held on January 20, 2016

To start the New Year 2016, SEEDS Asia conducted a meeting with the Core Team Members for an update reporting of the Project implementation status from its commencement on November 2014 up to the present January 2016 which was held last 20th of January 2016. Reported are the activities conducted including the status of the submission of iPlans (Instructional Plans) of the Teachers at Model Schools, activities planned and proposed for the current year 2016 and the renewal of commitment of the Department of Education Region VII (DepEd RO7) to the implementation of the DRR Education Project within the Project duration which is March 2017 and beyond.

It was agreed in the meeting that in support of having sustainable DRR Education, a Regional Memorandum shall be issued by the DepEd RO7 addressed to all concerned Schools Division Superintendents (SDS) Core Team members to prioritize the implementation of the Project itself. Core Team will also be expanding its membership to include the Curriculum Implementation Division (CIDs) of DepEd Danao, Bogu and Cebu Province (for Daanbantayan District).

One of the activities for 2016 to be implemented are the coordination meetings with the seven (7) additional DepEd Divisions and the local government units (LGUs) of the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-Lapu, Talisay, Toledo, Carcar and Naga for the rolling out of the DRR Education Project which will be called DRR Education Promotion Schools. Also, meetings with the *barangays* (communities) where the DRR Education Model Schools are located together with the School Heads, DepEd Division concerned and the Local DRRRM Officer will also be conducted so that the cooperation of the local communities will also be encouraged. The existing Education Cluster body of DepEd RO7 shall also be revived with its functions enhanced that will include DRR Education concerns in order to address the sustainability of the Project in the long run. Other activities planned for implementation are the conduct of pilot DRR Education Day/Week in Model Schools before the end of the School Year (SY) 2015-2016 at the 4th Quarter period of classes, Core Team Workshop-Planning for the Sustainable Implementation of the DRR Education Project in Region 7 on the last week of March and continuous monitoring and documentation of the DRR Education initiatives and activities which will be included in the DRR Education Handbook which will be published by SEEDS Asia for distribution nationwide.



Ms. Kathleen Almonte of SEEDS Asia Cebu Project Team presenting on the Project accomplishments for the period November 2014 to December 2015



Mr. Victor Yntig, DRRM Focal Person of DepEd RO7, explaining about the Education Cluster and its reactivation that will include DRR Education concerns in its agenda



The Core Team listening to the upcoming activities for 2016 as presented by Ms. Jacqueline Pono, the Assistant Coordinator of SEEDS Asia Cebu Project Team