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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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DECENTRALIZED LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS (DLRCs)  
FOR EDUCATION IN REMOTE AREAS

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
School Superintendents

1. The Department of Education and Culture, through DEPIRAF, assisted by UNICEF, is establishing 182 new Decentralized Learning Resource Centers in Regions II, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, and XII, areas that have been identified as the more disadvantaged in terms of educational resources, drop-out rates and school outcomes.

2. It may be recalled that 56 Decentralized Resource Centers were established in 1975, to serve as sub-regional dissemination areas for the 5 major areas of the curriculum: Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Communication arts - English and Communication arts - Filipino. These centers shall henceforth be known as Decentralized Learning Resource Centers.

3. The new DLRCs in the above-mentioned regions shall be given priority in their development even while the DLRCs already established in Regions I, III, IV, IV-A, VII, and XI (see Inclusion No. 3) shall continue to be developed.

4. The general functions of the DLRCs are as follows:

- a. To serve as in-service training arms for the continuing education of teachers through the systematic delivery of curriculum innovations;
- b. To serve as resource centers for materials and trained manpower, to pioneer in the production and dissemination of local instructional materials such as tests, teaching aids and teaching modules for primary and elementary school teachers and their pupils; and

- c. To serve as non-formal education centers to plan, organize and schedule appropriate educational activities aimed at specific groupings in the community, e.g., farmers, housewives, voters, out-of-school youths, etc.

5. Inclosed are guidelines on the selection of these centers. Regional directors shall have the responsibility of identifying the new DLRCs taking into consideration the DDJ patterns in each province of the regions, as well as the locations of other centers such as the Regional In-Service Education Centers and their pilot schools, the Learning Centers of the BSE and the Non-formal Education Centers; giving preference to schools where no other learning centers have been established.

6. In this connection a proposed integration scheme of the different centers will be sent under separate cover to regional directors to help them in the new DLRCs.

7. Regional directors are requested to submit not later than December 30, 1977 the names of the new DLRCs in their respective regions. It is imperative that those centers be identified as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to prepare for the training program for the staffs of these DLRCs to be conducted in April and May next year.

8. In line with the training institute, a planning seminar will be organized with the following participants: the assistants regional directors in charge of planning; the regional non-formal education supervisors, the chiefs of the Bureau of Elementary Education and the RSDC directors. Output of this seminar will be: (i) the designing of the summer institute curriculum; and (ii) a delineation of functions and responsibilities between the ROs and the RSDCs in order to achieve a more effective working relationship. Details of this seminar shall be announced at a later date.

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Secretary of Education and Culture

Incls.:

as stated

Reference: Department memorandum (No. 147, s. 1977)

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General Guidelines for Selection of DLRCs

- I. A. Each province in the Regions specified will have 5 DLRCs each, 4 primary school centers to function as satellite DLRCs for one central or provincial DLRC which will function as their intermediary link with the RSDC and other regional centers.
- B. DLRCs established in 1975 (56 of them) shall function as central DLRCs.
- C. For those provinces without any established DLRC yet to function as central DLRCs, one complete elementary school will be identified.

II. Criteria for Selection

A. Of satellite DLRCs

1. Centrally located relative to a cluster of deprived schools (DDUs)
2. Geographically evenly distributed for complete coverage
3. Located in the more disadvantaged area of the province
4. Remoteness of location, but showing some degree of potential for development, i.e., trained staff, etc.
5. Teaching primary level only

(Note: Depending on the knowledge and judgment of the Regional Directors, satellite DLRCs may be established among DDJ schools, which, given the staff training and physical assistance, may be in a better position to service the other DDU schools having been once a DDJ, and therefore knowledgeable of the existing conditions therein.)

B. Of central/provincial DLRC

- a. Accessible and centrally located
- b. Offering complete elementary level
- c. Having initial physical facilities and resources
- d. Having staff trained in summer institutes

In Regions I, III, IV, IV-A, VII and XI

1. Secondary and Tertiary College-Preparatory Schools

REGION	RSOC/ADDRESS	DACC/ADDRESS
I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northern Luzon State College</li> <li>2. St. Louis University Baguio City</li> <li>3. Central Luzon Teachers College Bayambang, Pangasinan</li> <li>4. Assumption College San Fernando, Pampanga</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Singalang Pilot School Bangued, Abra</li> <li>2. Tagudin Elementary School Ilocos Norte</li> <li>3. Pandan Cocoyan Elementary School Ilocos Sur</li> <li>4. St. Vincent's Elementary School Bontoc, Mountain Province</li> <li>5. Christ the King College San Fernando, La Union</li> <li>6. Alaminos Central School Pangasinan</li> </ol>
III	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assumption College San Fernando, Pampanga</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moncada North Central School Moncada, Parlac</li> <li>2. Talavera Central School Talavera, Nueva Ecija</li> <li>3. Orion Elementary School Batang</li> <li>4. Angeles University Angeles City</li> <li>5. Mabayan Elementary School Olongapo City</li> </ol>

Number and Type of Decentralized Learning Resource Centers (DLRCs)  
To Be Established Per Region Per Province

Region	MSLRCs	Province	Established DLRCs	Needed Number and Type of DLRCs To Be Established
I	SLC	Cagayan Ibabala	St. Paul College Santiago North Central School	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs
	PLSU and SAC	Kalinga-Apayao	Bona North Central School none	4 primary school DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary school DLRCs
	RIAC SAC	Batanes Cuirino Ifugao	Basco Central School none Lagana Central School	4 primary school DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs
II				Total: 5 complete elementary and 28 primary school DLRCs
		Samarines Sur Albay Masbate Sarangani Comarines North Catarmanes	Lagaron Elementary School Liguan Central School none Colegio de la Milagrosa Diet Central Elementary School none	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
				Total: 2 complete elementary and 24 primary school DLRCs
III		Magros Occidental	E.R. Maglona Elementary School	3 primary school DLRCs
	WSSC	Iloilo Aklan Guimaras (Sub-prov.) Antique Capiz	Bhansayan Elementary School Juniury Pilot Elementary School Kalibo Pilot Elementary School none none none	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs 1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
				Total: 3 complete elementary and 23 primary sch. DLRCs
IV		Eastern Samar Western Samar Southern Leyte Leyte	Borongon Pilot School Calboy Pilot School Yemas Opus Pilot School Palo I Elementary School	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs

Division	Region	Province	Established DLRCs	Needed Number and Type of DLRCs To Be Established
IX	ZBOC	Northern Samar (Biliran (sub-prov.))	none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			none	Total: 2 complete elementary and 28 primary school DLRCs
IX	ZBOC	Sulu Zamboanga del Sur Zamboanga del Norte Davao Davao-Occidental	Malimnad Talisay Elementary Sch. Pescadian City Pilot School Dipolog-City Demonstration Sch.	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			Total: 2 complete elementary and 20 primary school DLRCs	Total: 2 complete elementary and 20 primary school DLRCs
X	SBOC	Misamis Oriental Comiguin Agusan del Norte Agusan del Sur Davao Misamis Occidental Surigao del Norte	Togoluan Pilot Elementary School Mandaue Elementary School So. Cabbasaran Pilot Elem. Sch. Agusan Central School Dakiluan Normal School	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			Total: 2 complete elementary and 28 primary school DLRCs	Total: 2 complete elementary and 28 primary school DLRCs
XI	SBOC	Davao Oriental North Cotabato Lanao del Norte Lanao del Sur Sultan Kudarat	Dallera Pilot Elementary School Victor Dioso of Misamis Tampio Pilot Elementary School	4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs 4 primary school DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			none	1 complete elementary and 4 primary sch. DLRCs
			Total: 2 complete elementary and 20 primary school DLRCs	Total: 2 complete elementary and 20 primary school DLRCs
GRAND TOTAL: 35 complete elementary and 167 primary school DLRCs				

- SBOC - Saint Mary's College  
 NISC - Northern Luzon State College  
 AD - Angeles University  
 WASC - West Visayas State College  
 ZBOC - Zamboanga State College  
 SMC - San Nicolas College  
 NDEA - Notre Dame Educational Association  
 DVO - Divine Word University

REGION	NSDC/ADDRESS	DIRC/ADDRESS
IV and IV-a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. University of Santo Tomas Manila</li><li>1. Palawan Teachers College Puerto Princesa City</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Loney Files Elementary School Loney, Balingasa</li><li>2. Sacred Heart College Lucena City</li><li>3. Base North Central School Roue, Marinduque</li><li>4. San Agustin Central School San Agustin, Marblow</li><li>5. San Jose Central School San Jose, Occidental Mindoro</li><li>6. Maria Central School Marro, Palawan</li><li>7. Brooke's Point Central School Brooke's Point, Palawan</li><li>8. Puerto Princesa Pilot School Puerto Princesa City</li></ol>

Although belonging to region IV-a, supervision of these DIRCs rests with OSI.



REGION	RESID./ADDRESS	DLRG/ADDRESS
VII	Silliman University Dumaguete City	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. North City Elementary School Dumaguete City</li><li>2. San Nicolas Elementary School Cebu City</li><li>3. Tubigon Central Elementary School Bohol</li><li>4. Sibulan Central Elementary School Negros Oriental</li></ol>
XI	Arancio de Duvaso Davao City	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. St. Mary's College, Girls' Department Tagum, Davao del Norte</li><li>2. Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy Mati, Davao Oriental</li><li>3. Holy Cross College Migos, Davao del Sur</li><li>4. Polomolok Central School Polomolok, South Cotabato</li></ol>