

Republika ng Pilipinas  
(Republic of the Philippines)  
MINISTRI NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA  
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
Manila

July 27, 1981

MEC M E M O R A N D U M  
No. 133, s. 1981

FIVE-YEAR INTENSIVE LITERACY DRIVE THROUGH  
NONFORMAL EDUCATION

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The promotion and development of functional literacy is one of the major areas of concern of Nonformal Education under the Ministry of Education and Culture. The existence of about 2.5 million illiterates and semi-literates today is a challenge that merits more serious efforts of our Ministry and all the other agencies concerned in the full scale development of this New Republic.

2. To meet this challenge, an intensive drive is designed for literacy teaching starting this year, 1981 and ending in 1986. All MEC personnel concerned with non-formal education are enjoined to conduct or organize classes in functional literacy in the barrios and sitios within their respective service areas. Various methods, approaches and techniques should be employed to motivate the target clientele to participate in literacy classes/projects, etc. The training for the totally illiterate should be different from that of the semi-literate as much as possible for obvious reasons. At the end of every calendar year during the campaign period, every region should have trained at least 20% of its illiterates and semi-literates which is the yearly goal of the campaign.

3. Inclosed is a list of regions with the corresponding number of illiterates and the goal for each year.

4. A special report on the literacy drive program is requested by this Office every quarter and at the end of the calendar year.

5. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. CORPUZ  
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:  
As stated

Reference:  
MEC Memorandum: No. 142, s. 1980

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CAMPAIGN ✓  
CLASSES ✓  
NONFORMAL EDUCATION ✓  
STATISTICS (Data) ✓

(inclosure to MEC Memorandum No. 133, s. 1981)

LIST OF REGIONS WITH THE NUMBER OF ILLITERATES  
AND SEMI-LITERATES AND THE YEARLY GOAL

Region	No. of Illiterates	No. of Semi-literates	Yearly Goal	
			No. of Illiterates	No. of Semi-literates
-NCR	38,923	68,260	7,784	13,260
I	63,668	43,742	12,733	8,748
II	69,864	62,098	13,972	12,419
III	48,730	74,724	9,746	14,944
IV	138,057	163,586	27,611	32,717
V	61,025	67,270	12,205	13,454
VI	131,403	146,326	26,280	29,265
VII	129,124	122,364	25,824	24,472
VIII	104,885	52,998	20,977	10,599
IX	182,288	161,426	36,457	32,285
X	75,626	11,662	15,125	2,332
XI	94,405	88,388	18,881	17,677
XII	140,790	238,474	28,158	47,694
Total	1,278,788	1,301,318	255,753	259,866