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**EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF THE BASIC EDUCATION SECTOR REFORM AGENDA (BESRA) –
TECHNICAL COORDINATING TEAM (TCT)**

1. The Basic Education Reform Agenda (BESRA) is the national government policy component of the Schools First Initiative (SFI) which will be the basis for GOP directions and actions towards the attainment of improved quality outcomes. Annex 1 shows the latest version of the BESRA Framework which outlines the Key Reform Thrusts, Indicators and Policy Actions.


2. To oversee the preparation of the instruments of various policy actions indicated in the BESRA Framework, the composition and Terms of Reference of the Technical Coordinating Team created through DepED Order 30, s. 2005 (Annex 2) is hereby expanded, as follows:

Undersecretary In-Charge of BESRA:	Undersecretary Ramon Bacani
Overall Coordinators:	Assistant Secretary Camilo Miguel M. Montesa Assistant Secretary Lilia Z. Roces
Deputy Coordinator:	Director Jesus L.R. Mateo, EDPITAF
Members:	Chairs of various BESRA Technical Working Groups (TWGs) Director Psyche Vetta G. Olayvar, EDPITAF Ms. Milagros T. Talinio, OPS
Technical Advisor	Mr. Mario M. Taguiwalo, Consultant
Senior Technical Support Staff:	Ms. Rosario de Leon, EDPITAF Ms. Miriam Coprado, OPS
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3. Specifically, the BESRA Technical Coordinating Team will continue to perform its main function as defined in DepED Order 30, s. 2005. In addition to overall coordination of activities of various TWGs, the TCT is also tasked to: facilitate the engagement of individual consultants/consultancy groups required by each TWG; provide administrative and technical

support in the conduct of TWG activities; and ensure the quality and timely completion of expected outputs from various TWGs.

4. On the other hand, various Technical Working Groups shall be created/adopted to particularly handle the preparation of the draft BESRA policy outputs with technical assistance from individual consultants/consultancy group(s), when necessary. It shall review and accept the Consultants' outputs and recommend the draft policy outputs for DepED management approval. Annex 3 shows the detailed composition and the expected outputs of the above-mentioned BESRA-TWGs.
5. The DepED Executive Committee (EXECOM) and Management Committee (MANCOM) shall provide policy directions in the course of policy instruments preparation and subsequently approve the said instruments.
6. To support the preparation and initial implementation of BESRA, the Government of Japan has provided a PHRD Grant through World Bank which will be managed by EDPITAF. The said Grant will cover the engagement of Consultants and conduct of consultations at different levels by the various TWGs. Other BESRA-related expenses such as traveling expenses of DepED personnel who will participate in the series of consultations will be charged to DepED local funds while supplies and materials and honoraria of the BESRA TCT and TWGs will be charged to OSEC Funds.
7. For information and appropriate action by concerned offices.


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