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**ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE COUNTRY TEAM
FOR THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN STUDY**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) in cooperation of this Department are undertaking a global Out-of-School Children (OOSC) Study, which includes the Philippines as the focal country. This study will be undertaken for about 24 months starting June 2010.

2. The over-all goal of the study is to highlight the urgency of addressing the problems of OOSC, and the need to provide guidelines for improving assessment and monitoring in order to accelerate and scale up the achievement of the goal on Universal Primary Education and Education for All (EFA) by 2015. Specifically, this initiative aims to support this country to:

- a. improve the statistical information and analysis on OOSC and the factors contributing to exclusion from schooling;
- b. strengthen institutional capacities for implementing appropriate statistical and monitoring methodologies;
- c. analyze existing policies related to school participation; and
- d. identify bottlenecks and develop context-appropriate, realistic and robust plans for accelerating and scaling enrolment and sustaining attendance/completion rates.

3. This study will produce a major report on out-of-school children together with evidence-based guidelines and policy briefs, as well as capacity building or development plans, support to education planning and reform, and advocacy activities. Hence, the UNICEF and UIS require the creation or organization of country technical working teams to ensure political support, integration into planning and reform processes, technical expertise and resource mobilization.



The members of the Philippine Country Team to undergo the OOSC Study are the following:

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- 4. The study will be open to the participation of interested donors and partners from non-government organizations (NGOs).
- 5. The support and cooperation of all concerned is enjoined.
- 6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference: N o n e

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