

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM), a level IV state University, created and operating under Republic act No. 763, s. 1952, as amended and Presidential Decree No. 1312, s. 1978 with a principal office and postal address at Bai Matabay, Plang Avenue, Poblacion, Kabacan, Cotabato, represented herein by its President, JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD, hereinafter referred to as the "USM-Kabacan";

-and-

Schools Division Office of Cotabato (SDO-Cotabato), a DepEd division of schools, with principal office address at Cotabato Province Capitol Compound, Amas, Kidapawan City represented herein by ROMELITO G. FLORES, CESO V, School Division Superintendent, Cotabato, hereinafter referred to as "SDO-Cotabato".

Jointly, the USM and the SDO-Cotabato herein referred to as "PARTNERS".

WHEREAS, the SDO-Cotabato, supports schools and learning centers and enables them to deliver accessible and quality education to the community it serves, by implementing education plans and policies, monitoring implementation of curriculum standards and providing instructional supervision and/or technical assistance and building communities of good practices, ensuring equitable distribution and allocation of resources while establishing linkages among educational stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the SDO-Cotabato recognizes the importance of developing innovative approaches to support student learning, especially through independent study and localized instructional materials in mathematics;

WHEREAS, the SDO-Cotabato recognizes the need for self-learning instructional materials and capacity building in the development of instructional materials and action research;

WHEREAS, the USM is a government institution of higher learning established in 1952 by Bai Matabay Plang, a state University with four mandated functions, namely: instruction, research, extension, and production;

WHEREAS, the USM through its College of Science and Mathematics and the University Extension Services Center, aims to uplift education in underserved communities through research-based extension services;

WHEREAS, the USM, as an academic institution, through the Office of the University Extension Services Center, supports SDO-Cotabato through capacity-building, instructional material development, and research-based extension activities;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and strong commitment of PARTNERS to advance the quality of education in the region, PARTNERS hereby agree to collaborate in the planning implementation, and evaluation of the said extension project under the following provisions:

Witness:

LEORONCE C. JANDOG, PhD
VPAA/Project Leader

DEBBIE MARIE B. VERSOZA, PhD.
VPRDE

GLYN G. MAGBANUA, PhD.
ESO, Director

PHILIP LESTER P. BENJAMIN, PhD.
CSM, Dean

MARY JOY D. BAUTISTA, PhD
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JUVY B. MITURA, EDD.
EPS-LRMDS

JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD
President

USM by:

ROMELITO G. FLORES, CESO V
Superintendent, DepEd Cotabato Division

SDO-Cotabato by:

Section 1. Scope of Work/Description of the Project

PARTNERS hereby undertake the implementation of Extension Project with the title “**Strengthening Barangay Schools: Validating and Implementing Representation Approach-Based Learning Materials for Independent Study of Mathematics in Remote Schools**” with an approved budget of PhP 60,000.00.

Section 2. Obligations of UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO

The **USM shall:**

1. *Conduct extension activities with permission and proper consultation with concerned and target participants;*
2. *Conduct capacity-building activities and workshops for mathematics teachers of SDO-Cotabato;*
3. *Lead the development, validation, and pilot-testing of representation approach-based Learning Activity Pages (LAPs);*
4. *Provide technical and academic expertise in instructional material development and implementation;*
5. *Facilitate monitoring and documentation of the project outcomes and learning impact;*
6. *Share results of the implementation with relevant stakeholders and propose scaling strategies where applicable.*

Section 3. Obligations of the Schools Division Office of Cotabato

The **SDO-Cotabato shall:**

1. *Recommend beneficiary schools for the extension project.*
2. *Advise school heads to designate participating mathematics teachers and ensure their attendance in training and project-related activities.*
3. *Ensure that school heads provide the necessary venue and support for workshops, validation, and pilot-testing activities.*
4. *Encourage collaboration among teachers in developing and refining LAPs.*
5. *Provide feedback and reflections on the implementation to guide project refinement.*
6. *Ensure the dissemination and sustained use of validated materials within the school.*

Section 4. Amendments

No amendment or modification of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be valid unless evidenced by a written Agreement executed by the parties' respective authorized representatives.

Section 5. Arbitrary Clause

If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the parties in connection with the implementation of this Agreement, the parties shall make an effort to resolve such dispute or difference by mutual agreement. Accordingly, the parties may resort to court only after all efforts to settle the dispute amicably have been exhausted.

USM by:


JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD
President

SDO Cotabato by:


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Section 6. Binding Effect

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain in full force and effect for the activities under this Agreement until 2026, unless sooner terminated in writing by either of the parties with written consent from the other party and subject to yearly evaluation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, through their respective representatives, have hereunto affixed their signature this ____ day of ____, 2025 at _____, Cotabato, Philippines.

**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF COTABATO
(SDO-COTABATO)**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO
(USM)**


ROMENTO G. FLORES, CESO V 
Superintendent, DepEd Cotabato Division


JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD
President

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:


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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Municipality of Kabacan, Cotabato)S. S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in the Municipality of Kabacan, Cotabato, this
day of APR 14 2026 2025, personally appeared:

	ID No.	Issued on/Issued at
ROMELITO G. FLORES, CESO V	_____	_____
JONALD L. PIMENTEL, PhD	<u>P2390660B</u>	<u>JULY 01, 2021 / DTA DAVAO</u>

Known to me are the same person(s) who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Understanding and they acknowledged to me that the same is of their own will and voluntary act and deed and that of the institutions they represent.


The foregoing instrument refers to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), consisting of three (4) pages, including the page in which this Acknowledgement is written, signed by the parties, including their instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof and sealed with my Notarial Seal.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, on the date and place above written.

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