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Department of Education

Region VI – Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DISSEMINATION OF DEPED MEMORANDUM OUF-2022-0672 (CLARIFICATION ON THE VALIDITY OF FY 2021 GAA FUNDS)

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Curriculum Implementation Division
School Governance and Operations Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
Accountants / Bookkeepers / Designated Bookkeepers of Implementing Units
All Others Concerned

- 1. Attached is **DepEd Memorandum OUF-2022-0672** dated November 23, 2022 titled "CLARIFICATION ON THE VALIDITY OF FY 2021 GAA FUNDS".
- 2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

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FOR

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Undersecretary for Administration

: ATTY. CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE S. ARNUCO

Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration

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PROGRAM TEAMS

FROM

: ANNALYN M. SEVILLA

Undersecretary for Finance

ATTY. OMAR V. ROMERO
Assistant Secretary for Finance

SUBJECT

: CLARIFICATION ON THE VALIDITY OF FY 2021 GAA FUNDS

DATE

: November 23, 2022

This has reference to the request for clarification on the disbursement period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 funds as mentioned in *Memorandum OUF-2022-0556* (Deadline for Various Financial Transactions) dated October 5, 2022, particularly on the reiteration of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11640.

R.A. No. 11640 expressly provides the amendment to Section 62 of R.A. No. 11518,2 to wit:

Section 62. Cash-Based Budgeting System. Appropriations authorized in this Act, including the budgetary support to GOCCS and financial assistance to LGU, shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified, under the same general and special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2022 xxx (Emphasis supplied)

Likewise, construction of infrastructure projects, delivery of goods and services, inspection and payment shall be made not later than December 31, 2022. (Emphasis supplied)



¹An Act Extending the Availability of the 2021 Appropriations to December 31, 2022, Amending for the Purpose Section 62 of the xxx General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2021.

²General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2021.

This is further reiterated in the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) National Budget Circular No. 587 dated January 3, 2022, to wit:

Section 3.5 Pursuant to R.A. No. 11640 which extended R.A. No. 11518 (FY 2021 GAA), appropriation items authorized under RA 11518 for MOOE and CO are valid for release, obligation, and disbursement until December 31, 2022. (Emphasis supplied)

In compliance with the above provisions, the Finance Strand may only accept and process valid claims for payment chargeable to FY 2021 funds for delivered goods and services /infrastructure projects, until December 31, 2022.

Inasmuch, however, as the DBM has in past years³ clarified to the DepEd that projects covered by contracts already completed/delivered/accepted are obligations which the government has the duty to pay, we are presently confirming with the DBM the validity of said FY 2021 funds. In particular, we seek guidance if the period for disbursement for obligated projects extends to FY 2023.

Nonetheless, this Office does not recommend the commencement or continuation of ongoing procurement projects charged against the FY 2021 funds which may no longer be awarded, obligated, delivered, and paid before December 31, 2022 considering the relevant prescribed procurement, delivery, and disbursement timelines. Particular attention is directed to program teams with ongoing procurement projects charged against the FY 2021 funds, which were affected by the recently DBM-disapproved request for augmentation of the Quick Response Fund and Disaster Preparedness and Response Program.

For your information and appropriate action.

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³Payment of valid obligations under 2019 and 2020 appropriations.