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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
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A joint memo circular between DOLE and TESDA, which is in process, will pave the way for the convergence of our Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) and that of TESDA's Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), which will benefit out-of-school youth (OSY) in the 41 focus/priority municipalities in the region also referred to as the *makamasang tugon areas*.


This convergence effort is hoped to concretize our Secretary's pronouncement during the Corplan Workshop of the Labor Standards and Social Protection Cluster that OSY beneficiaries of SPES should, by end of SPES period, have acquired skills and be recipient of starter kit for self-employment.

To help translate into action our agency's commitment to uplift the plight of Filipino OSY specifically in this region, cooperation of Field Offices is hereby enjoined to undertake the following:

- Start advocacy for the OSY of the SPES Program in the identified priority municipalities in your province, which will be the same focus area of TESDA;
- Conduct registration of OSY in focus/priority municipalities in your province and come up with a list and furnish copy to the regional office;
- Coordinate with TESDA Provincial Office and provide them the list of OSY hired under SPES for referral and recommendation to its Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP);
- The 60% employer share, will be in the form of educational vouchers to be given by TESDA to the training institution or member of the network of accredited training institutions; and
- The appropriate techvoc course to be determined by the concerned TESDA Provincial Office for the OSY shall consist of not more than 416 hours or equivalent to 52 days.

For your information and reference, attached is the list of focus/priority municipalities in your province.

- This Advisory is issued to fast-track our advocacy efforts specifically in the implementation of SPES for CY 2012.


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