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Stakeholders tap radio in delivering education services

Education stakeholders recently launched “Education for All Through Radio” (EFAR) which seeks to build a network of institutions that will harness radio as alternative means of providing education services to the less privileged.

According to the Foundation Information Technology Education and Development (FIT-ED), the program proponent, EFAR will tap content providers, broadcasters, teaching institutions, technology providers, and development organizations in delivering education services to those who have special needs and with little or no access through traditional system.

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus said a huge number of school-aged children who are supposed to be in school are out of school. The Department with the assistance of education stakeholders intends to provide wider access to basic education with the use of multi-media.

“The EFAR provides opportunities for out-of-school children and youth to gain basic education through radio-based instructions,” Lapus said.”

Funded by the Coca-Cola Company, the EFAR aims to develop curriculum-relevant radio content and enhance existing ones in the areas of Science, Mathematics, English as a second language, health and environment, among others. It also provides facilitators’ guide including teacher training and learner’s supplementary materials.

The beneficiaries of the project are general public – for radio only. Meanwhile, special interest groups such as teachers, out-of-school youth, indigenous peoples, children and adults in remote communities or conflict-afflicted areas will use radio as well as face-to-face sessions.

The program will be implemented in partnership with the Department of Education, the University of the Philippines National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education and Development, and the Alternative Forum for Research in Mindanao.

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EFAR will be piloted in the divisions of Abra, Nueva Viscaya, Aklan, Cebu Province, Dumaguete City, Northern Samar, Davao City, Davao Oriental, Island Garden City of Samal, and Panabo City.

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