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Angara Backs Caraga's Education Initiatives

BUTUAN CITY—DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara has reaffirmed his full support for the educational initiatives of DepEd Caraga, highlighting his commitment to inclusive, innovative, and community-centered learning across the region.

On June 19, 2025, Secretary Angara led the energization of the off-grid last mile school at Datu Saldong Domino Elementary School in Tagpange, Agusan del Norte, donating digital equipment including laptops and tablets for learners and teachers. His presence underscored the government's dedication to bridging the digital divide and motivating learners and teachers to

maximize the benefits of modern learning technologies. The project equips students with digital literacy skills, ensures educational continuity even in off-grid areas, enhances teacher capacity through access to new teaching tools, and boosts learner engagement and motivation. *To Page 2*



CROSSING RIVERS. Secretary Angara crosses the river in Tagpange, Agusan del Norte on his way to launch the Energization of Off-grid School at Dato Saldong Domino Elementary School. June 19, 2025.

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The Energization project provided sustainable electricity for the school community through solar power, courtesy of Agusan del Norte Electric Cooperative (ANECO), with support from FDC Misamis Power Corporation, NEA, and local and national leaders. Angara augmented the project with donations of laptops and other electronic equipment which he personally sourced and brought to the area. *"I came here not just to see lights turn on, but to see a community empowered,"* said Angara during his speech.

DepEd Caraga Regional Director Maria Ines C. Asuncion called it "a promise fulfilled."

Other officials, including Buenavista Mayor Joselito Roble, Governor Maria Angelica Amante, Congressman Dale Corvera, and NEA Administrator Antonio Alameda, highlighted the project's role in transforming lives and bringing hope to remote communities. The activity was facilitated by the Schools Division of Agusan del Norte, headed by SDS Jeanie L. Mativo, CESO V and ASDS Hector DN. Macalalag, PhD, CESO IV. To Page 3



OPENED. Secretary Angara, along with the provincial, municipal, barangay, DepEd and school officials, and other stakeholders, led the ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially seal the completion of the Energization of Off-Grid School at Dato Saldong Domino Elementary School. June 19, 2025.



POWERED AND CONNECTED. DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara joins an online meeting with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. at Dato Saldong Domino Elementary School, accompanied by learners, teachers, LGU officials, local community members, and the media, as the school celebrates its solar-powered electrification milestone. June 19, 2025.



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After witnessing the solar electrification of Datu Saldong Domino Elementary School, Secretary Sonny Angara proceeded to Buenavista Central Elementary School for the blessing and inauguration of the new ALS Community Learning Center. He met and congratulated the learners and teachers, underscoring the Department's commitment to bringing quality education to all. *"This center is a symbol of second chances, hope, and the promise that education is for everyone,"* he said.

The project was implemented in partnership with UNICEF, which aimed to expand access to education for out-of-school youth and adult learners, providing opportunities for skills development and lifelong learning in the community.



FIRST IN MINDANO. Secretary Sonny Angara gives full support to the school community as he inaugurated the first of its kind ALS Community Learning Center at Buenavista Central Elementary School, a project implemented in partnership with UNICEF, whose representative attended the ceremony, along with the top LGU and DepEd Officials. June 19, 2025.

Secretary Angara's support extends beyond these milestone events. He has actively promoted public-private partnerships, engaging stakeholders to bring in resources, expertise, and innovative solutions to support DepEd Caraga's programs.

By fostering strong collaboration with local government units (LGUs), he has encouraged active local participation in educational initiatives, ensuring that programs like the Compassion Project, the Floating School in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur, and the construction of the new DepEd Caraga Regional Office building in Brgy. Tiniwisan, Butuan City receive sustained support and local ownership. *To Page 4*



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Angara's efforts have had significant impact on the teachers, learners, and communities of Caraga:

- Teachers gain new skills and resources that improve instructional delivery and professional growth.
- Learners enjoy enhanced access to education, modern learning tools, and programs that build skills for the 21st century.
- Communities benefit from strengthened educational ecosystems, increased participation in local schooling initiatives, and improved support for off-grid and marginalized learners as well as the Garden to Table School Business Model.

Secretary Angara has also ensured strong support for regional programs and events, including:

- ARAL Program launching last September 19, 2025, represented by Usec. Ronald Mendoza.
- Engagements with the Caraga delegation to Palarong Pambansa 2025, including his presence at the billeting quarters in Dingras NHS, Ilocos Sur, and his continued efforts supporting the preparations for the 2026 Palaro through Usec. Malcolm Garma, who have been coordinating with local DepEd and LGU officials in Agusan del Sur.



ALS LEARNERS. The first batch of ALS learners to benefit from the newly inaugurated ALS Community Learning Center at Buenavista Central Elementary School, Agusan del Norte, posing with their teachers and local government officials. The ALS CLC is a project implemented in partnership with UNICEF, whose representative attended the ceremony, along with the top LGU and DepEd Officials. June 19, 2025.

DepEd Caraga Regional Director Maria Ines C. Asuncion expressed her gratitude, saying, *"Secretary Angara's leadership inspires teachers, learners, and communities alike. His support strengthens partnerships, mobilizes local stakeholders, and ensures that every learner, regardless of location, receives quality education."*

Through these efforts, Secretary Angara continues to reinforce DepEd Caraga's mission of providing inclusive, quality, and sustainable education, empowering learners and communities across the region. (By Public Affairs Unit)

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