

ANNEX 9. LEVEL 2 MOST SIGNIFICANT STORY¹

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L201	Parents with a Purpose	Ako po si [NAME] may asawa. Graduate po ako ng BEED. 2 years po ako nagturo ng Kindergarten sa isang private school, dito sa Cotabato Shariff Kabunsuan College Inc. Hindi po ako pinalad na maging Licensed Professional Teacher. Proud parent stakeholder ng BES. Nagkaroon po ako ng idea tungkol sa ABC+ through the initiative of BES teachers, dati, wala akong alam sa ABC+ dahil pero dahil doon nagkaroon ako ng idea about Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines MBHTE-BARMM. As a parent maraming nabago sa buhay ko, sana magtuloy-tuloy na ang programang ito para kahit papaano meron kaming/ako ambag na maitulong sa mga teacher sa pagtuturo sa pamamagitan ng pag-gabay sa module ng mga anak namin. kung gagawan ko ng titulo ang storya ng buhay ko ay "Parent with a Purpose". Dahil sa ABC+ Program, feeling ko hindi lang ako mother ng four boys ko, kundi role model nila at least of the other mothers. Happy to serve. Bubong Elementary School.	"Ang tulong ng ABC+ sa amin" - Ito po ang story na napili namin
L202	Education is the value of Every Human Being.	"I am [NAME]. A parent of 3 pupils from Mohammad Integrated School. As a parent and a vendor, it is not easy for me to teach my three (3) children. I have to work hard to feed them. But as a parent, it is my responsibility as well to do other jobs for them, I have to teach them to help them gain the knowledge that they deserve most. I am very grateful that the ABC+ program helped my children's needs concerning the learning materials that they'd been sharing with us. Even the teachers always encouraged the parents to guide them in this crisis time of the pandemic. If I compare my experience before and after ABC+, it is far from my expectation. My children learned a lot from those inside the program of ABC+, though there are times when I wasn't able to teach my children well. The advantage of ABC+ is that during this pandemic, I have time for my children to teach them, though changes may happen. Modules helped a lot to boost my children's knowledge. Their time is not wasted playing and doing nonsense. The effects are really good because I do believe that modules help strengthen the learner's knowledge and produce more thinking activities. Because I believe that education is the value of every human being."	We know the innovations are good and bad but I do believe that if we can guide our children on how to use them properly, I mean "TIME MANAGEMENT WILL DO", they will learn to discipline themselves from inside to outside.
L203	"A Love for a Children"	"I am [NAME], a teacher I at Pagalamatan Elementary School. I learned about this ABC+ Program/Activity during the conduct of Training for Trainers on Literacy Strategies and Use of SRMs: Integrating SEL and GESI in Learning Language and Literacy in School and at home last February 28 to March 4, 2022. Before ABC+, I can say that my knowledge about some strategies that I learned from my previous seminar is not vividly clear to me, because every time I have seminars I am comparing what I have learned from it, and every time I am comparing it, there are some points that they contradict with each other. After I have learned the ABC+, all strategies, techniques, and some points that may help the teachers to apply it in the classroom were strengthened. It helps me as an educator to have a clear knowledge about some strategies that can be	(1) The story is clear and it talks about children and (2) The story shows love for the children.

¹ Removed actual names for privacy and confidentiality.

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		<p>used by us in teaching our learners, especially in Literacy and Numeracy integrating the SEL and GESI.</p> <p>There are some changes in terms of teaching my pupils, and these changes help me to promote equal treatment to my learners, especially now that I have learned the SEL and GESI. This change is very important because it positively affects the learners. I can say that my learners develop a lot, it may not be perfect but gives a positive impact on the young Bangsamoro learners in our school and this BARMM region. Our goal is to promote quality and competitive Bangsamoro Learners in this region. "</p>	
L204	The Contextualizer	<p>"I've been a writer in several workshops on developing reading materials in Magindanaw before the coming of ABC+ and before the inclusion of Cotabato City in BARMM. I am so grateful that my skill in contextualized material development is being recognized by our division and thus is always included in every program and activity that ABC+ is conducting in support of the MBHTE's 5B's Program. I am invited as the writer of Magindanaw stories, a member of the Quality Assurance Team of Video Lesson Script in Matya Tanu, Magindanaon (BRP), and a Language Coach in Video Lesson Recording by ABC+. My skills were more developed and I am happy too that I was able to recommend some of my co-teachers who have talents in broadcasting so that they can also share in the achievement of ABC+ to support ABC+. I learned a lot in script development and in the skills of broadcasting even in writing stories (listening to small books, big books) using Blooms App because I engaged with ABC+. Looking forward to the time that these video lessons will be out in the field because I know it would be very beneficial to the learners, especially to the beginning reading learners. "</p>	<p>The contextualized stories and video lessons for beginning reading are so significant since the teachers' skills were developed during the development of the materials and hopefully, the product will help in filling the academic gap, especially in Literacy of the Learners.</p>
L205	"Pagbasa, naging Madali"	<p><i>Ako po si [NAME]. Nagtuturo sa Usman Baunga Elementary School. Nagkaroon ng pagbabago sa aking pagtuturo lalo na sa pagbabasa ng mga mag-aaral. Nalaman ko po kung ano ang dapat basahin ng mga mag-aaral o kung saan dapat magsimula sa pagtuturo ng pagbabasa sa mga mag-aaral. Naging madali sa mag-aaral ang pagkatuto sa pagbasa dahil sa mga ginawang reading materials na umaayon sa kanilang level. Ang pagbuo ng babasahin na naaayon sa level nila ang naging susi upang mas aktibo silang sumali sa pagbabasa. Naging madali din sa akin bilang guro ang pagtuturo ng pagbasa dahil sa mga nabuong babasahin na ito.</i></p>	<p>This has become important because of the beneficial changes in our (teachers') reading. teaching.</p>
L206	ABC+, Salamat sa Pagkatuto	<p><i>Ako ay isang magulang mula sa Tiwi Central School na buo ang suporta at pagpapahalaga sa pag-aaral ng aking mga anak. Wala naman akong gaanong naging problema sa aking mga anak dahil sinamay ko sila sa pagbabasa mula sa kanilang murang edad at ito ay kanilang nakahilig.</i></p> <p><i>Madalas akong sa eskwelahan dahil isa akong GPTA official at teacher. Kung minsan nasaksihan ko na maraming mga bata ang talagang hirap bumasa at walang hilig sa pagbabasa. Isa sa dahilan nila ang kakulangan ng mga babasahin kaya'y hindi atraktibo sa kanila ang mga aklat sa silid-aralan.</i></p> <p><i>Nasaksihan ko ang araw na namigay ng mga babasahin ang ABC+ at ako'y nakibasa rin. Sobra akong humanga at bumilib dahil madaling unawain at may makulay na larawan na nakakatawag pansin sa mga bata. Yung tipong kapag pinanood mo ang larawan ay ma-enganyo ka ring basahin ang kwento. Simula noon ay marami na akong nakitang mga bata na nagbabasa nito sa ilalim ng puno at sa covered court at nagkukwentuhan sila tungkol dito. Tunay na napakaganda naidulot nito sa mga bata. Nadevelop ang love for reading nila. Kasi tunay namang napaka-ayos ng pagkakasulat maging ang ilustrasyon o larawan. Madaling intindihin at malinis ang pagkakagawa.</i></p> <p><i>Bilang isang magulang, ako'y umaasa na sana'y mapagpatuloy ang mga ganitong proyekto bilang suplemento sa mga batang nahihirapan magbasa at magkaroon ng hilig dito. Nawa'y lalo pang pagpalain ng maykapal ang mga taong nasa likod ng</i></p>	

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		<i>proyektong ito.</i>	
L207	An Eye Sore, An Eye Opener	<p>Learning and development may be overrated but it is integral and indispensable in any office or organization. I have been in the service since I was 20 years old – so 20 years now and half of it handling an administrative position. I was lucky enough to be tapped either as a participant or a trainer. I met ABC+ when all efforts to improve the quality of education are at a crossroads. This was due to the limitations set by the pandemic. This was the time when I learned about the different modalities of conducting training. Especially virtual sessions. It was ABC+ who introduced me to Zoom, GMeet, and Google Classroom! Imagine, handling sessions in person to explaining my topic in front of a computer. I first doubted its efficiency and effectiveness knowing that the internet connection in Legazpi is unreliable. Well, I was proven wrong especially when I changed roles from a participant to a trainer. I can confidently handle a virtual learning session starting from scheduling a Zoom meeting, annotating a screen, handling breakout rooms, and other nitty-gritty.</p> <p>My left eye may have been permanently marked due to eye stress during the more than two weeks of computer radiation. I know that many have enlightened beliefs about online learning. I also believe that our gains ripple infinitely.</p>	<i>(Naging mahalaga po ito dahil sa pagbabago ng ating pagtuturo sa pagbasa.)</i>
L208	Walang imposible sa pagkatuto ng mga bata	<p><i>Sa panahon ng pandemya at lahat ng paaralan at nagsara ako ay isang guro na naghanap ng paraan kung paano maipagpapatuloy ang pagkatuto ng mga batang nasa unang grado. Ako ay si [NAME], nagtuturo sa Mababang Paaralan ng San Jose, bayan ng Malilipot, Dibisyon ng Albay. Isang guro na handang maglingkod para sa mga bata. Naging trainer ako ng ABC+ TT1 at TT2. Bago magkaroon ng pandemya, ako'y isang guro na ginagampanan lamang ang aking responsibilidad para sa pagkatuto ng mga bata sa loob ng silid-aralan. Subalit nagkaroon ako ng malaking inspirasyon mula sa mga pagsasanay na aking nadaluhan sa ABC+. Naglunsad ako ng isang inisyatibo upang makapagpapatuloy ang mga bata na mahikayat matuto, magbasa at mag-aral sa kaunting oras kahit nakasara ang paaralan ng dalawang taon. Humingi ako ng tulong sa komunidad namin lalo na sa mga may kaalaman magturo, sila ang naging kaagapay ko para maitayo ang Learning Home-Libraries. Isang lugar na puwedeng magsilbing paaralan, may mga aklat na puwedeng basahin, well-structured din tulad ng isang klasrum at may guro na magtuturo at gagabay sa mga bata, ang mga volunteer tutors. Sa umpisa mahirap mabuo ang proyekto, dahil may iilan na negatibo ang pananaw, subalit mas nakakarami pa rin ang handa at bukas palad na tumulong sa pamamagitan ng serbisyo at material. Sa kasalukuyan na ang gaming paaralan ay nasa full face-to-face classes na at ang mga namamahala sa home libraries ay pumapasok sa amin bilang Learning Support Aide, pansamantala muna naming tinigil ang pagpunta dito ng mga bata. Magkakaroon ng bagong paghahanda at iskedyul ang mga batang gagabayan sa lugar na ito. Hindi maikakaila na makabuluhan ang papel ng komunidad sa pagkatuto ng mga bata. Anumang hamon sa pagpapatuloy ng pagkatuto ay malalampasan kung tulong-tulong ang bawat – isa.</i></p>	
L209	MY ABC+ READING JOURNEY	<p>The reading crisis during the pandemic time was a tough challenge for me as a school leader. It was so timely that ABC+ had partnered with DepEd where it became a part of my ABC+ journey. With all the training that I attended as a regional trainer and even facilitated with the teachers and school heads in the division, somehow and somewhat the learnings on reading strategies and creating a positive climate in the school and at home helped the learners improve their literacy domains. Through my project initiative as a final output which was dubbed Project SMK (Syllable Mastery in Katon way), the number of frustrated readers was lessened. The said project which I implemented in the school reaped a National Award as one of the Noteworthy Literacy Practices and school supplies worth of 10 thousand pesos conducted and sponsored by ABC+ during the Learning Conference via Zoom. Indeed, it was realized with flying colors because of the distributed leadership I employed with the external and internal stakeholders in the school. The love for reading among the pupils, teachers, parents, and the community was intensified because of the training conducted by ABC+ and more so</p>	

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		the collaborative effort by various stakeholders in combating struggling readers in the school.	
L210	From Tiny Dot to Gem	<p>I am a simple classroom teacher from the far-flung school of Sto. Domingo District. Even though I am the District MTB Coordinator, I have limited participation in workshops and training outside the district.</p> <p>Our Division and Education Supervisor in MTB-MLE introduced to me the ABC+ program and activities. They included me in the Regional Training of Trainers (RTOT) somewhere in August 2019. From that training, I was assigned to train many teachers from our district and other districts as well. Since then, a big change has come into my life. Since then, I am always identified as a facilitator every time our district conducts training about literacy. More workshops and training from ABC+ were given to me as part of my professional growth.</p> <p>Last July 2022, another opportunity was given to me and that was to be part of the Division of Albay Core Team for the 8-Week Curriculum.</p> <p>All the confidence and abilities I am well equipped for today are all because of ABC+ training. They transformed me from an ugly duckling to a beautiful swan. From a tiny dot to a gem. Likewise, I became an effective teacher more than before.</p> <p>Words of gratitude were owed to Deped RO5, Deped Albay Division, ABC+, and Sto. Domingo District for giving me a chance to showcase my talent and skills as a teacher and trainer as well. My enthusiasm to continue to grow is still burning. I still wait for another chance to pursue it.</p>	
L211	ABC+, A Bridge to One's Childhood Dream	<p>I learned about ABC+ activities from our Education Program Supervisor in LRMS, [NAME]. A year ago, he invited me to join and participate in the teachers' training for teachers in the development of Minasbate Story Books in Early-grade. It was indeed magical and a roller coaster of an event for me because ever since then, I have been an active and privileged participant in ABC+ training and an active user of their materials. Indeed, my life has changed because of this partnership. Many changes have happened in the past year of implementing ABC+ activities. One of the things that I have witnessed is that children are showing signs of change in behavior in terms of their fondness and love for reading and appreciating books. Teachers were provided with great opportunities because they were able to make Minasbate stories for their students, which helped the kids and helped them grow professionally. The training provided by ABC+ molded and honed the skills of the teachers on how they could teach their learners scientifically, which is beneficial in the field. Among these changes, the most significant I encountered and experienced as a result of ABC+ activities was when I was allowed to finally fulfill my long-time dream – my childhood dream of becoming a writer of children's books. Ever since I was a kid, I have wanted to write and publish stories that my readers would enjoy and relate to. My dream has finally turned into reality. ABC+ became the bridge to my childhood dream. I never, in my wildest dream, thought that I could become a quality assurance of the books that we developed during those months of training. I feel so privileged and honored because of these opportunities. This is why I am forever grateful and in debt to Sir Juancho Azares and ABC+. It was truly significant for me because not only were my dreams fulfilled, but it also changed the lives and views of the learners when it comes to reading and appreciating books.</p>	
L212	ABC+ and me	It was during the early period of the pandemic when I was called to attend the very first ritual training that I have experienced in my whole life, the capacity building for Learning Resource Evaluators sponsored by ABC+. Even if it was	

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		<p>my first time, I never hesitated to attend because I'm a person who is a risk-taker by nature and very willing to learn things that would enhance my knowledge, skills, and attitudes – the 3 main areas of focus that I would like to improve as an individual – because I am dealing with different kinds of people.</p> <p>At this point, I am thankful to our LRMS Supervisor, [NAME] for believing in my capacity. Had it not been for Sir Juancho, I would not be able to discover my potential as a learning resource evaluator and quality assurer of Minasbate Learning Resource Materials. The story I have written was significant to me because the experience made a meaningful change in my life as a person and as a learning resource evaluator. The real-life experience I had with the activities that ABC+ exposed me to was a real behavior-changing experience. I never realized that I could be equipped with enough quality knowledge to assure learning resource materials in Minasbate. But with the support of the ABC+, the Minasbate Editing Guide, the Load Allowance, and the very accommodating facilitators, I was able to help develop quality learning resource materials that grade 1-3 learners of Minasbate can use.</p> <p>Without the innovation from ABC+, my story would have been insignificant. Imagine the big number of Grades 1-3 learners in the province of Masbate who benefit from the locally developed learning resource materials. Indeed, ABC+ was able to make an educational breakthrough that will remain forever igniting in the hearts of the teachers, learners, and parents of Calasuche Elementary School and most schools of the Masbate province. Hat's off to ABC+ Team.</p>	
L213	ABC+: A Heaven-Sent Gift	<p>ABC+ in the life of an Education Leader! Assigned working in the Curriculum Implementation Division which focuses on the teaching-learning process of Instruction which is the heart of the Department of Education. In this division, we are facing many challenges not only brought about by the Corona Virus Pandemic but by the low academic performance of our learners especially in the area of literacy and numeracy. ABC+ was introduced to us as one of the pilot divisions in Region VI. Orientation, Seminar Workshops were conducted for Teachers and School Leaders on Learning Materials Deut Teaching Strategies, and others. Before ABC+ was implemented, we experienced many problems or challenges in the delivery of Early-grade Instruction especially in Reading due to the presence of many learners under the frustration level. But with the partnership with ABC+ and its implementation of the Program, Projects, and Activities, there's a decrease in the number of non-readers. Good changes happened in our learners and teachers. As well in school and in the community, learners' achievement improved, and teachers' confidence levels up. Parents were happy with the materials received by their children and the improved socio-emotional aspect of their kids. ABC+ played an important role not only in the lives of the learners but also in the teaching competence of our learning facilitators. The community is very grateful for the program because it played an important role in the total development of the child. They observed their children were focused on their studies and minimized their time on computer games. Indeed ABC+ is God sent to us! It's a gift from heaven. A big salute to the men and women of ABC+. Our Big Congratulations!</p>	
L214	My 3Gs with ABC+	<p>I was very fortunate to be part of the advocacy of ABC+ to improve the quality of education of our learners. I would like to capture my experiences in the 3Gs- Growth, Greatness, and Grace. I have witnessed how the lives of our educators and esp. our learners, have improved. There is growth in terms of the level of knowledge and skills among teachers, learners, parents, external stakeholders, and instructional leaders. With this personal growth comes Greatness-greatness in the quality of work we saw produced and the amount of time, energy, and dedication we have invested to facilitate the transfer of learning from ABC+ activities to its rightful beneficiaries. Lastly, I also see my work in ABC+ as Grace. It is with the Lord's grace that we have moved despite the insurmountable obstacle brought about by the pandemic. There</p>	

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		<p>were so many personal and professional struggles I have undergone. But I believe it is also grace that will sustain me as I continue my mission of being one of the advocates of learning and empowerment for our struggling learners and all people in our educational system helping each child, one pupil at a time. I want to echo the works of Chito Salavar. "How we do God's work is where our talents can best be served" So all the insights I gained from my various ABC+ experiences became part of my journey for growth, greatness, and grace. I believe that I was led to this beautiful world of ABC+ because that is where my talents as a supervisor can best be served, doing God's work.</p>	
L215	<p>Masarap na Kalbaryo sa Puso ng Ex Ko</p>	<p>"Hay naku! Diyos ko Lord, bakit ba sa akin pa ibinigay itong coordinatorship ng Mother tongue Based Multilingual Education," reklamo ko sa kasama ko sa office na si Sir Donald. "Hoy, di ba nga 3 years kang coordinator ng MTB-MLE doon sa Antique sa pinakamamahal moy Kinaray-a language. Kayang-kaya mo yan, " sagot si Sir Donald.</p> <p>OO, sa Antique pa lang una kong naranasan bilang Education Program Supervisor sa Filipino and pagiging coordinator ng MTMLE ng Kinaray-a language. Diyos ko po, super hirap at super dami ng travel at trabaho. Oo, tinanggap ko ang trabahong iyon dahil wala namang choice diba? Kahit nakakasama ng sabihing "Para sa Bata Para sa Bayan", yuck ewan ko ba. Aba'y sa totoo lang sukang-suka ako sa linggwahe parang Ex ko pinabayaan ko. "Hoy, wala ka na naman sa sarili mo. Anong iniisip mo? Si MTB-MLE o si Ex mo? tanong ni Sir Donald habang tinatapak ang balikat ko. " Weeh... Si MTB. Alam kong malaking pasanin ito. Hindi ito Ex ko na pwedeng balik-balikan." Isang araw noon...."Sir Tlno, memo oh, punta ka raw ng Manila dadalo sa Launching ng ABC+," sabi ni RF ang Secretary sa office. "Salamat Sir RF," sabi ko habang nakamot noo na tinatanggap ang memo. Binasa ko ang memo at walang magawa , nangutang kay Maam Nona at lumipad ng Manila. Simula nong araw na iyon, nagsimula na ang kalbaryo ko sa MTB-MLE. Diyos ko dinagdagan pa ng ABC+ na ito. May panahon pa kaya ako sa lovelife ko or even sa Ex ko? Training dito, training doon, CRLA here and there, speaker dito, speaker doon. Ok lang din sana kasi libre, pinapakain at pinapatulog ka sa magagarang hotel. Diba class? Heto pa ha, pag Quality assure ng mga Early-grade reading Materials sa Kinaray-a, Akeanon, Hiligaynon at iba pa na lengguahe ng rehiyon. Aba'y 483 titles din iyon. Pagsasapuna ng mga Editing Guide etc. etc. My God, mary and Joseph, hindi na ako makahinga. Talagang parang tuluyan nang magkakalayo kami ng Ex ko nito. Parang hindi na bolera sa akin ang "Para sa Bata, Para sa bayan!" "Hello, Sir Loloy...ah ok po...a sige po prepare lang po letter kay RD para malaman nila ni Maam Ellen.. TY po," tinawagan ako ni Sir Loloy and head ng ABC+ sa rehiyon. Punta daw sa Makati para sa launching ng pinaghirapan naming dalawang mudules na gagamitin ng mga kumukuha ng edukasyon sa mga Teacher Education Institution. Lipad na naman, 10% na lang ang tsansa ng balikan namin si Ex walang time na sa kanya. Dumating ako ng Makati, sa sobrang pagod ay napaidlip ako. "Puntahan ko kaya si Ex, may time pa ako bago bumalik ng Iloilo,"sabi ko sa sarili. Puntahan ko si Ex, miss na miss ko na sya. Pagbabakasakali na makapagbalikan kami.Sa pintuan pa lang ng bahay nila tanaw ko na siya, naghihintay sa akin. Nakadopa ang dalawang kamay. Ibig sabihin buong puso niya akong tatanggapin, lumuhod ako sa harao niya, at humingi ng tawad sa lahat ng oras, pinabayaan at hindi siya napuntahan para man lang mabisita sya. Tinulungan ko siyang mabuti, naramdaman ko ang sakripisyo nita sa mga sagot dulot ng korona sa kanyang ulo. Sa mga dugo na dumaloy sa dalawa niyang mga paa at palad, nakita ko ang pagdaloy ng dugo na huhugas ng aking sakripisyo sa MTB=MLE. Napagtanto ko nang mga oras na yon na tama siya kailangang magsakripisyo para sa kapakanan ng lahat. Ring...Ring.. "Shit, hala ka! nagsisimula na ang opening program, panaginip lang pala," bulong ko sa sarili.. Kinuha ko ang CP ko. "yes Sir Loloy, coming, bababa na po," sagot ko. Ex, salamat ngayon yayakapin ko na ang MTB-MLE, ABC+ at syempre ikaw; Isasapuso ko na rin and "Para sa Bata Para sa Bayan" dahil heto ang mandato ko.</p>	
L216	<p>Inspiration in a Change</p>	<p>I am [NAME] School Head of Barbaza Central School, District of Barbaza, Division of Antique. I am 60 years old and 28 years in the service. ABC+ was introduced to us a couple of years ago and we were the venue in the training of ABC+ for</p>	

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		<p>the teachers in kindergarten to grade 3. I was not a member of the training but I stayed in the venue for the whole duration of the seminar as a spectator/observer. There's a saying that nothing is permanent in this world except change, but I would like to say that change in ABC+ is spectacular. I can see it from the daily activities and reactions of the teachers. It was indeed a significant change especially on the part of the teachers for they are all motivated, excited, and passionate enough to make a difference in the lives of the learners where the foundation of learnings in the grade levels they are holding are very important and fundamental.</p>	