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TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL

MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS OFFICERS AND

**OTHERS CONCERNED** 

SUBJECT

SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON THE FOOD FOR

SCHOOL PROGRAM (FSP) FOR SUMMER (APRIL-JUNE

2006)

In order to sustain government efforts to mitigate hunger among children and their families and upon instruction of Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Cabinet Level Meeting last April 3, 2006, the Food for School Program's distribution of rice in DepEd Supervised pre-schools, public elementary schools and Day Care Centers is extended during the summer months of April to June 2006 in the following areas:

- 1. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class municipalities, and some 4<sup>th</sup> class municipalities of Forty-nine (49) provinces covered by clusters 3, 4 and 5 of Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information Mapping System (FIVIMS); and
- 2. All public elementary schools in the National Capital Region (NCR).

Attached are the Supplemental Guidelines on the FOOD FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM "BIGAS para sa MAG-AARAL at PAMILYA" for SUMMER (April-June 2006).

In view thereof, local chief executives and officials concerned are hereby encouraged to provide the usual support and assistance to ensure that the FSP will reach the intended areas and beneficiaries.

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The DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to assist and coordinate with their counterparts from concerned agencies at the regional and field offices to ensure compliance of all concerned to the President's directive.

For compliance and guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

WENCELITO T. ANDANAR

Undersecretary for Local Government











# SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON THE FOOD FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM "BIGAS para sa MAG-AARAL at PAMILYA" FOR SUMMER (April-June 2006)

### Introduction

In order to sustain government efforts to mitigate hunger among children and their families and upon instruction of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during the National Nutrition Council Cabinet Level meeting on 03 April 2006, the Food for School Program's distribution of rice in DepEd-supervised preschools, public elementary schools, and Day Care Centers is extended during the summer months of April and June 2006.

For this purpose, the following guidelines shall be adopted in addition to the guidelines of the FSP already issued by DepEd and DSWD:

#### A. Rice Distribution

- One kilo of rice shall be distributed to each child from 24 April until 02 June 2006 for a total of 40 days. The rice ration for one week (7 kilograms) per child shall be given at one time, preferably on Mondays of each week.
- The School Head and the Day Care Worker shall remain primarily responsible for the safekeeping and distribution of rice to their respective beneficiaries. An orientation shall be conducted by them on the purpose of the program and on the rice distribution scheme i.e. specific time and place, authorized recipient, forms to fill up/sign.
- 3. The School Head and the Day Care Worker shall ensure church-based involvement in the implementation of the Food for School Program this summer. They shall coordinate with the local parish, Protestant church, Iglesia ni Kristo, Muslim religious leaders and other religious groups to ensure that the information on the summer rice distribution program is widely disseminated and that the original FSP target beneficiaries are provided with rice supply for the summer.

- 4. The barangay health worker, or the barangay nutrition scholar, or the members of the Parent-Teacher-Community Association or the Parents Association in the barangay may be tapped by the School Head and the Day Care Worker for the information campaign and rice distribution scheme.
- No family shall receive more than one (1) kilogram of rice per day despite having more than one child enrolled in either the DepEd-supervised preschool, Grade 1, or Day Care Center.
- The balance of rice from the November 2005 to March 2006 regular FSP implementation shall be included in the stock for distribution during the months of April and May using the Stock Record (FSP Form 4).
- 7. The services of Grade 1 teacher/s particularly for the distribution of rice and upkeep of records/forms shall be required by the School Head. As an incentive, service credit equivalent to one (1) day shall be granted for every day that teachers report for duty, thus earning a total of 6 days service credits if they report for 6 Mondays during the summer activity.
- 8. The LGUs are encouraged to provide incentives for services of the Day Care Workers during the rice distribution in summer.

## B. Monitoring

- Consistent with the FSP program guidelines, all appropriate FSP forms must be properly filled up to support rice distribution from 24 April until 02 June 2006.
- Health and nutritional assessment of the beneficiaries shall be undertaken
  by the school health and nutrition personnel as part of their summer
  activities. Travel allowances incurred by them shall be chargeable against
  School Division funds. Likewise, the day care worker shall continue growth
  monitoring and health promotion activities.
- Monitoring shall be undertaken by the inter-agency monitoring teams at the national and regional levels to determine progress of implementation.
- DepEd and DSWD Field Offices shall submit reports on the extent of implementation of this program in the target areas on or before 02 June 2006.
- DepEd and DSWD shall submit a report to NNC on the FSP specifically the outreach of the summer rice distribution on or before 15 June 2006 for integration into a report to the President.

# C. Funding

For DepEd requirements, the balance of the P500 million released in February 2006 used to purchase the rice from NFA, shall be utilized to cover the same number of beneficiaries during the summer program.

For DSWD requirements, DBM was instructed by the President to release an additional P30 million to DSWD to cover the same number of target beneficiaries in Day Care Centers in the program areas.

Immediate and widest dissemination of this Supplemental Guidelines is urgently enjoined.

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