



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2009-161

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR OVERCOMING
EXTREME POVERTY AND SUPPORT FOR UN-LED "STAND UNITED,
FIGHT POVERTY CAMPAIGN"

Presidential Proclamation No. 717, Series of 2004, has declared October 17-23 of every year as the National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

The United Nations System in the Philippines together with concerned National Government Agencies (NGAs) is spearheading this year's observance with the theme "Stand United, Fight Poverty" to show to the public their growing support to fight extreme poverty and to create awareness on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Series of events will be conducted for the week long celebration nationwide.

In view of this, all Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays and others concerned are hereby enjoined to undertake relevant activities appropriate to this year's theme (attached is the list of proposed activities as promoted by the UN). Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 138 dated September 16, 2009, all Punong Barangays are also encouraged to recite the attached pledge to "Fight Extreme Poverty and Hunger" during barangay assemblies and conduct activities related to Millennium Development Goals: 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; 2: Achieve universal primary education; 5: Improve maternal health and 6: Combat HIV/AIDS.

For the guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

AUSTERE A. PANADERO
Undersecretary for Local Government

FILIPINO VERSION: PANATA

Maari po bang tumayo tayong lahat? (tatayo ang mga tao)

Buong giting kaming naninindigan kasama ang milyon-milyong tao sa buong mundo. Sa paggunita ng Pandaigdigang Araw na Naglalayong Wakasan ang Matinding Kahirapan, inihahayag naming ang pangakong labanan ang matinding kahirapan, gutom at di-pagkakapantay ng bawat tao.

Kami ay naninindigan at di tatanggap ng anumang dahilan habang inaampung-libong tao sa buong mundo ang namamatay araw-araw dulot ng matinding kahirapan at lumalaking agwat ng mayaman at mahirap.

Kami ay naninindigan at nananawagan sa mga pinuno na tuparin ang kanilang pangako at mga mithiin ng Millennium Development Goals – at hinihingi naming higitan ang kanilang mga layunin.

Kami ay nananawagan, kaisa ang mga tao mula sa nigit isang daang bansa:

Sa aming mga pinuno – gawin ninyong pangunahing tungkulin ang pagsagip sa buhay ng pinakamahihirap, isaalang-ala ang pananagutan sa bawat mamamayan, lutasin ang di-pagkakapantay, maging tapat at matuwid, supilin ang katiwalian at itaguyod ang karapatang pantao.

Magkakaiba man ang aming mga tinig, liisa ang aming pangarap. liisa ang aming layunin at mahalagang nangarin – ang wakasan ang matinding kahirapan at pagkagutom.

Kami ay naninindigan, nananawagan na agad wakasan ang kahirapan upang makamantan ang kapayapaan at kaunlaran na nararapat para sa aming minamahal na bayan.

Batid naming na kami ay may responsibilidad. Bawat isa ay may pananagutan.

Tigilan ang pagdadahilan. Hanggang 2015 na lang! Kumilos, manindigan at tuparin ang mga pangako!

Magkaisa tayo. Labanan ang kahirapan.

NGAYON NA.