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2018 OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (OCTOBER 17) AND THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY (OCTOBER 17-23)

Memorandum Circular No. 2018-179

October 23, 2018

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Presidential Proclamation (PP) Nos. 269 series 1993 and 217 s. 2004, mandate the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17, and the National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty on October 17-23, 2018, of every year. The one-week celebration aims to pay homage to the struggles of the poor and make poverty eradication a truly multi-stakeholder effort.
- 1.2 The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), in partnership with the ATD Fourth World, a France-based NGO that originated the event, will lead the said celebration with the international theme, *"Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity"*.

2.0 Purpose

This policy aims to encourage all Local Chief Executives to support the objectives of the national week-long observance of Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

3.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors, ARMM Regional Governor, and all others concerned

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 Presidential Proclamation Nos. 269 series of 1993, and 217 series of 2004, declare October 17 of every year as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, and October 17th-23rd of every year as National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.
- 4.2 The NAPC encourages the registration or enrollment of proposed activities of partner agencies and other stakeholders that can be featured and responded by the NAPC Secretariat.
- 4.3 All Local Chief Executives are encouraged to support the said observance by way of undertaking the following suggested activities in their respective local government units:
 - 4.3.1 Wreath-laying on the replica of commemorative stone in select cities and municipalities or where the replica of the commemorative stone is located;

- 4.3.2 Hanging of the NWOEP banner (design and specification are downloadable from NAPC website) in the offices of government agencies, partner institutions and other stakeholders;
- 4.3.3 Recitation of the Universal Prayer for the Eradication of Extreme Poverty during the Flag Raising Ceremony (October 17-23);
- 4.3.4 Setting-up of booths and exhibits to disseminate information on government services and anti-poverty efforts, as well as actual delivery of services of various frontline government agencies such as, but not limited to:
- Information centers on education;
 - Provision for medical and dental services;
 - Stores to purchase low-priced medicines;
 - Mini-skills training seminars for livelihood;
 - Job fairs; and
 - Trade fairs.
- 4.3.5 Organizing music festivals or cultural events, arts or photo exhibits;
- 4.3.6 Organizing school-based contest on essay-writing, declamation, debate, drawing, student leader of the year, best case studies, best research paper, relative to poverty reduction etc.
- 4.3.7 Conduct of community-based contest on backyard gardening, dengue free zone , cleanest purok, most outstanding barangay health worker, family of the year, model barangay of the year, most child-friendly health facility, most improved barangay in water and sanitation, etc.;
- 4.3.8 Holding of multi-sectoral dialogue, forum, seminar to create awareness on the need to address the needs of the poor or discuss specific issues affecting the poor: Ulat sa Bayan through press conference or assembly to highlight accomplishments in poverty alleviation efforts; Align People's Day to NWOEP week to launch, inaugurate or turn-over of pro-poor projects; medical and dental outreach program.
- 4.4 All DILG Regional Directors and ARMM Regional Governor are, likewise, enjoined to cause the widest and immediate dissemination of this issuance to all local government units within their Regions.

5.0 Reference

5.1 Memorandum dated September 17, 2018 from Secretary Liza L. Maza, Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission

6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take immediately.

7.0 Approving Authority


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8.0 Feedback

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