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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 6, s. 1976

DEO RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PHILIPPINE
NUTRITION PROGRAM

To the: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads
of Units

1. Inclosed is an excerpt from a memorandum of agreement between the National Nutrition Council, Office of the President and its cooperating agencies, which include this Office.

2. It is desired that the responsibilities of this Department to the Philippine Nutrition Program (PNP), down to barangay level, as specified in the attached memorandum of agreement, be brought to the attention of all concerned and that necessary steps be taken toward the proper discharge of such responsibilities.

(SSE.) MARCELO ALBERACIN
Acting Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

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Attachment: 1-2--(O.C. 7-75)

To be indicated in the Personal Index
under the following subjects:

DEPARTS & OFFICES

Course of Study, Attrition

TEACHERS

(Inclosure to Department Memorandum No. 6, s. 1976)

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PHILIPPINE NUTRITION PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT

This agreement reflects the understanding between the COOPERATING AGENCIES, the signatories listed hereunder and the NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; (NNC) on the involvement of the former respective agencies in the implementation of the Philippine Nutrition Program.

This understanding was reached under and pursuant to the terms of reference, to wit:

I. Scope of Agreement

This agreement sets forth the basic guidelines under which the respective agencies and the NNC will cooperate in their mutual effort to promote the realization of their common objectives.

II. Cooperative Nature of the Agreement

In effecting the provisions of this agreement and in the conduct of all dealings between the two parties concerned, the guiding principle shall be one of cooperation. All decisions on implementation shall be made jointly by the officially designated representatives of respective agencies. Both of the representatives shall at the same time serve as Liaison Officers between the two organizations.

III. Implementation

The ultimate success of the PNP rests on the extent of involvement and cooperation of agency personnel and the mass base of the population in its implementation.

Realizing this, the Department of Education and Culture shall:

National Level

1. Create an intra-departmental committee for nutrition responsible for planning and coordinating agency activities on nutrition, members to be composed of representatives from the Bureau of Elementary Education, Bureau of Secondary Education, Bureau of Higher Education, Planning Division of the Department of Education and Culture and the Head of the AKE Unit. The elected or appointed chairman of said committee shall represent the agency in the management committee to fulfill the responsibilities assigned each member.
2. Designate official representative(s) to be member(s) of the Inter-Agency Action Group (IMPACT) for nutrition, to perform the duties and responsibilities assigned to members of IMPACT.

Regional Level

1. Designate the Regional Director to represent the Agency in the Regional Nutrition Committee, who shall:
 - a. assign the Head Supervisor, Applied Nutrition Center or in the absence of such unit, a regional supervisor to assist the Regional Action Officer for Nutrition in overseeing the implementation of nutrition activities in the region both in school and in the community;
 - b. make available the regional training center facilities for nutrition training, information and education, if existing;
 - c. assign personnel to serve as resource persons and give consultation services in the region as needed.

Provincial/City Level

The agency shall be represented in the Provincial/City Nutrition Committee by the Division/City Superintendent of Schools, who shall:

1. Designate the Applied Nutrition Supervisor(s) in the Division/Office to lead in the initiation, supervision and coordination of nutrition program activities in the division.
2. Recommend to the Secretary, DDC, through the Regional Director, a teacher-training institution as a training, education, and information center in applied nutrition.
3. Designate an official representative who shall be a member of a provincial committee on training.
4. Designate agricultural schools as centers, which shall:
 - a. provide seeds and seedlings for food production activities;
 - b. make available the agriculture teachers for consultation in food production and nutrition education activities to local nutrition organization.

Municipal and Barangay Level

1. The agency shall be represented in the Municipal Nutrition Committee by the District Supervisor, and in the Barangay Nutrition Committee by the head of the school in that barangay.
2. The school teachers shall:
 - a. be responsible for implementing nutrition activities such as:
 - (1) promoting and integrating nutrition in the school curriculum
 - (2) operating and maintaining school feeding programs
 - (3) planning and implementing intervention programs on nutrition for school children
 - (4) intensifying school food production

- b. serve as teacher-coordinators of the barangay network with primary duties of:
 - (1) assisting in the organization of barangay nutrition committee and barangay network
 - (2) assisting the barangay nutrition program
 - (3) assisting barangay leaders in preparing accomplishment reports on nutrition activities
- c. assist in the conduct of Operation Timbang activities and in planning and implementing intervention programs on nutrition for pre-schoolers.