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**SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON THE FOOD FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM (ESP)
"Pagkain para sa MAG-AARAL at PAMILYA" FOR SUMMER
(April – May 2007)**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Schools Superintendents
Heads of Public Elementary Schools

1. In order to sustain government's 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 23 March 2007, the distribution of rice in DepED-supervised preschools and public elementary schools that have been beneficiaries of the Food for School Program during SY 2006-2007 shall be extended to the summer months of April and May 2007.

2. For this purpose, the following guidelines shall be adopted in addition to the guidelines of the ESP already issued by DepED, in coordination with the various agencies involved in the Accelerated Hunger Mitigation Program (AHMP):

A. Beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries for the summer rice distribution are the same pre-schoolers and Grade I pupils and their families covered by the ESP for SY 2006 2007 in all public elementary schools in the National Capital Region and in the target public elementary schools in the 49 provinces (10 Priority One provinces, 16 Priority Two provinces and 24 Priority Three provinces).

B. Rice Distribution

- One kilo of rice shall be distributed to each child from 9 April until 1 June 2007 for a total of 40 days. The 5 kilogram rice ration for Monday to Friday each week per child shall be given at one time, preferably on Fridays of each week.
- The School Head shall be primarily responsible for the safekeeping and distribution of rice to their respective beneficiaries. An orientation shall be conducted to clarify the operation of the program and on the rice distribution scheme. Upon delivery of rice, the school head or his/her duly designated representative/alternate shall sign the Certificate of Acceptance (Form 1) and the NFA's Warehouse Stock Inventory (WSI) sheet. Should there be deficiency in the volume of rice delivered, it should be reported to and coordinated immediately with the local NFA warehouses and DepED offices so that all beneficiaries shall have received their intended ration of 40 kgs. of rice during summer.
- The School Head shall involve faith-based organizations in the implementation of the Food for School Program to ensure that the information on the summer rice distribution is widely disseminated and that the original FSP target beneficiaries are provided with rice supply for the summer.
- The barangay health worker/barangay nutrition scholar/Bantay Bata 163/ Parent-Teacher-Community Association may be tapped by the School Head for the information campaign on the summer rice distribution and to assist in the activity.

Each family shall receive only one (1) kilogram of rice per day (5 kilograms per week) regardless of the number of their children enrolled in school.

- The services of selected teachers for the distribution of rice and upkeep of records/forms shall be required by the School Head. As an incentive, service credits equivalent to one (1) day shall be granted for each day that teachers report for duty, thus earning a total of 8 days service credits if they report for 8 Fridays during the summer activity.
- The LGUs are expected to provide support to ensure that rice subsidies reach the intended beneficiaries.

C. Monitoring

1. Consistent with the FSP Guidelines, all appropriate FSP forms must be properly filled up.
 - Inter-Agency Technical Working Groups at the national, regional and division levels shall conduct periodic FSP monitoring to determine progress of program implementation, specifically on rice deliveries, provision of safe stock area, nutritional assessment, and recording, among others.
 - DepED Field Offices shall submit consolidated reports on the extent of summer implementation of this program in the target areas to the Office of the Secretary of Education, on or before 15 June 2007.
3. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Supplemental Guidelines is enjoined.


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