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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2006-13

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : LGU SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO MITIGATE HUNGER

The result of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2005 hunger survey of the Social Weather Stations (SWS) revealed that 15.5% of Filipino families experienced hunger at least once in the previous three (3) months. Severe hunger was at 2.6% or an estimated 400,000 families.

To address the problem, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo instructed the National Nutrition Council to ensure the implementation of the Food for School Program, a program similar to that of the Department of Education's Food for School Project in 2004. In that project, a daily ration of one (1) kilo of rice is provided to identified families through the child. As long as the child goes to school or day care center every day the family is assured of rice on its table everyday.

The rice distribution is still on-going in priority schools and day care centers in the following areas:

1. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class, 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);

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2. All public elementary schools in National Capital Region (NCR)

In view of the foregoing and in order to sustain the implementation of the program at the local level, all local chief executives and officials concerned are urged to support the program through but not limited to the following activities:

1. Passage of a Sangguniang Resolution adopting the "Food for School Program" as an approach to mitigate hunger;
2. Allocate a portion of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for the Program and Training Activities for Food Production and Livelihood;
3. Assist the National Inter-Agency Team composed of NNC, DSWD, DepEd, NFA, and DILG who will conduct monitoring and evaluation of the program in February to March, 2006.

The DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to ensure widest dissemination of this Circular and to provide appropriate technical assistance to LGUs. Submission of a report is also required.

For compliance.

  
**MARIUS P. CORPUS**  
Acting Secretary