

SCHOOL BASED FEEDING PROGRAM IN THE NEW NORMAL

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Do 39, s. 1 was issued by the Department of Education to combat undernutrition among public school students, all schools must adopt the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) during School Year (SY) 2017-2022. The School Feeding Program helps to increase enrolment and academic achievement in schools. SBFP also provides deworming and nutritional supplementation to beneficiaries through vitamins.

For SY 2020-2021, the SBFP covers all Severely Wasted (SW) and Wasted (W) students. At the end of 120 feeding days, the program intends to enhance the nutritional status of the beneficiaries by at least 70%, raise classroom attendance by 85 percent to 100 percent, and improve the children's health and nutrition values and conduct. To achieve its aims and objectives, the SBFP committee asks schools to assist and examine all of their students' nutritional status, as well as coordinate the SBFP's goals, functions, and responsibilities with parents and the community. The Nutritional Assessment of Teachers, which is usually done in July but has been moved to October owing to the pandemic, determines the target beneficiaries. SBFP continues to cater to all SW and W students, despite the fact that we are facing a major health hazard.

Because of the travel restrictions imposed on primary students, the SBFP decided to adjust the distribution of food packs. Instead of students receiving their food packs, parents would receive them in accordance with health guidelines. For the SBFP implementation, each school was given a set amount or budget to spend on supplies and food. Each School Feeding Coordinator was assigned a budget for the SBFP. Food packs of bread, cereals, and fruits was distributed to all SBFP beneficiaries of schools. From

Monday through Friday, each beneficiary received a specific and equal daily meal. The parent will receive Php.90.00 worth of breads, cereals, and fruits every Monday.

Additionally, each SBFP coordinator submit data demonstrating that each beneficiary received the food packets in order to assess budget use. The SBFP considers the fact that there are no face-to-face classes with Covid-19. The School Feeding Coordinator is in charge of the SBFP's administration. He has been given the responsibility of gathering all of the beneficiary's parents' contact information. Unlike in the past, when the SBFP used its funds and strength to prepare delicious and nutritious lunches, this time they have decided to spend the budget on breads, fruits, and cereals, rather than daily food packs, to alleviate the concerns of parents and teachers about day-to-day physical contact. Every Monday each beneficiary will get one-week supply of breads, fruits and cereals. The parent will get the food packs of his child.

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