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The Honorable
Congressman AGAPITO H. GUANLAO
Chairperson
Special Committee on Food Security
RVM Building, House of Representatives
Quezon City

## Dear Congressman Guanlao:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports **House Resolution No. 85** entitled, "A Resolution Directing the National Food Authority (NFA), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to Jointly Evaluate the Report Issued by the United Nations (UN) that Warns of a Rise in Child Hunger After Last Year's Severe Typhoon in the Philippines and Recommend a Counter-Measure in Order to Stave Off the Same," authored by Representative Winston "Winnie" Castelo.

However, we recommend the following for consideration of the Committee:

- To consider other economically constraining factors such as lost of livelihood, employment and other sources of income. Child hunger could be addressed with a holistic approach by engaging the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).
- The concerned government agencies may also evaluate existing reports on the effects of recent disasters in the country such as typhoons Sendong, Santi, and Yolanda, Zamboanga Siege, and Bohol Earthquake.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary