



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development

IBP Road, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City 1126
Telephone Nos. (632) 931-8101 to 07; Telefax (632) 931-8191
e-mail: osec@dswd.gov.ph
Website: <http://www.dswd.gov.ph/>

07 May 2014

HON. KIMI S. COJUANGCO

Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture
RVM Building, House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Congresswoman Cojuangco:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports the unnumbered bill in substitution of House Bill Nos. 364, 624, 680, 1154, 1347, 1452, 1504, 1548, and 2627 or the "*National School Feeding Program Act*," introduced by Representatives Del Mar, Cojuangco (K), Arnaiz, Teves, Rodriguez (R), Rodriguez (M), Colmenares, Zarate, Angara-Castillo, Uy (J), and Aragonés, which will supplement the nutritional needs of poor children in the country.

In line with this, may we recommend the following for your consideration:

1. On Sec. 4 (*Establishment of the NSFP*), to include a program menu that would be designed by the DepEd particularly for children studying in public kindergarten and elementary schools
2. On Sec. 5 (*Implementation and Inter-Agency Coordination*) **letter (c)**, to amend the sentence into: "*The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall support the DepEd by ensuring the availability of data on poor households based on the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or 'Listahanan.'*"

The "*Listahanan*" or the NHTS-PR is an **information management system that identifies who and where the poor are in the country**. The system makes available to national government agencies and other social protection stakeholders a database of poor families as reference in identifying potential beneficiaries of social protection program.

3. On Sec. 8 (*Priority LGUs*), to delete the sentence: "*as confirmed by the National Household Targeting System (NHTS)*."

The "*Listahanan*" or the NHTS-PR was not designed to identify the cities/municipalities with high malnutrition rates.

4. Include provisions for the **monitoring and evaluation** of program implementation which shall be led by the DepEd or a multi-sectoral body to assess the impact of the program.
5. The **involvement of parents thru Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs)/Parent Committees** should be emphasized in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the program.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary