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Division Memorandum
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To: **GUINDULMAN CES**

From: **FAY C. LUARZ EdD PhD, TM, CESO VI** *FL*
Schools Division Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REITERATION OF RM ESSD-2025-483 UTILIZATION OF GUIDELINES:
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS FOR THE PILOT "GALING AT TALINO"
SCHOOL CANTEENS, FY 2025**

1. Relative to RM ESSD-2025, *Utilization of Guidelines: Additional Program Support Funds for the Pilot "Galing at Talino" School Canteens, FY 2025*, this Office disseminates the Guidelines on the Utilization of the downloaded Additional Program Support Funds for the Pilot "Galing at Talino" School Canteens for FY 2025. This aims to strengthen the implementation of school-based nutrition initiatives through the establishment of pilot model school canteens that promote the safe preparation and consumption of local nutritious and milk-based food products among learners.
2. In this regard, the selected pilot elementary school in the DepEd Bohol Division is Guindulman Elementary School in Guindulman District.
3. The selected pilot school has been allotted Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00), which shall be downloaded to the school for the said implementation.
4. Please see the attached Regional Memorandum for complete details on the guidelines for implementation, management, and fund utilization for the pilot model school canteen.
5. For dissemination and compliance

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To: **Schools Division Superintendents**
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
 SDOs Cebu Province, Carcar City, Bohol, and City of Naga
 School Head
 All others concerned:

**UTILIZATION GUIDELINES: ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS FOR PILOT
 "GALING AT TALINO" SCHOOL CANTEENS, FY 2025**

1. The office disseminates the Guidelines on the Utilization of Downloaded Additional Program Support Funds for the Pilot '**Galing at Talino**' School Canteens for FY 2025. This aims to strengthen the implementation of school-based nutrition initiatives through the establishment of pilot model school canteens that promote the sale and consumption of local nutritious and milk-based food products among learners.
2. In this regard, the selected pilot **elementary schools** shall be those recommended by the National Dairy Authority (NDA) and the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), in coordination with the Bureau of Learners Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD).
3. Attached document provides detailed guidance on the implementation, management, and fund utilization for pilot model school canteens that aim to enhance the availability of local nutritious food and milk-based products in schools, in support of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) objectives.
4. The selected SDOs shall ensure the strict adherence to the guidelines on the:
 - Selection and refurbishment of the pilot school canteen.
 - Proper utilization and liquidation of downloaded funds.
 - Procurement and sale of Nutritious Food Products (NFPs), milk, and milk-based products; and
 - Submission of required accomplishment reports using the prescribed template (Annex B) on or before **March 31, 2026**.
5. The following SDOs have been allotted additional program support funds for the implementation for the Pilot '**Galing at Talino**' School Canteens:

SDO Cebu Province (2 ES)	40,000
SDO Bohol Province (1 ES)	20,000



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SDO Carcar City (1 ES)	20,000
SDO City of NAGA (1 ES)	20,000

6. All expenses incurred in this activity are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For information and immediate action with this Memorandum is hereby directed.



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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
 SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
 SCHOOL HEADS
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Assistant Secretary, Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF DOWNLOADED
 ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS FOR THE PILOT
 "GALING AT TALINO" SCHOOL CANTEENS FY 2025**

DATE : 1 JULY 2025



BACKGROUND:

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learners Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) implements the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) in accordance with RA 11037, also known as the "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act," as part of its efforts to address malnutrition among school-age children.

School is one of the food environments for school-age children. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations defines the school food environment as all the spaces, infrastructure, and conditions inside and around the school premises where food is available, obtained, purchased, and consumed where nutritional content, available information, promotion, and pricing of foods are also taken into account. A healthy school food environment can enable and influence school-age children to make better food choices that will improve their diets.

In schools, canteens provide easily accessible and affordable meals and snacks to learners. School canteens also serve as a laboratory for food planning, preparation, serving, storage, and selling. In recognition of schools as a prime venue for nutrition intervention and health promotion, school canteens were operationalized and managed following Department Order No. 8, s. 2007 (Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools) to help eliminate malnutrition and develop desirable eating habits of learners through the sale of nutrient-rich foods and fortified



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food products, and the prohibition of the sale of carbonated drinks, sugar-based synthetic or artificially flavored juices, and junk foods. Department Order No. 13, s. 2017 or the Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and DepEd Offices also guided healthy food and beverage choices in schools to set school food standards and increase the availability and accessibility of healthier food options through the “red”, “yellow”, and “green” category of packaged and non-packaged food items and drinks made available at the school.

Aside from food sold in school canteens, hot meals, Nutritious Food Products (NFP), and milk are also distributed in schools for school feeding programs. In 2018, Republic Act No. 11037, or the *Masustansiyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act* institutionalized the provision of supplementary meals for at least 120 days together with milk. Amidst COVID-19, NFP replaced hot meals for the School Year (SY) 2020-2021 implementation and is being continually served either purely or in combination with hot meals. The serving of milk has also increased from 30 days to 43 days in the current rollout for SY 2024-2025.

The availability of milk and nutritious food products (NFP) in school canteens serves as a proactive step in providing affordable and healthy food choices to learners. Milk is a rich source of protein, calcium, and vitamins that are essential for bone growth and brain function. NFP on the other hand can be enhanced nutribuns, milky bun from PCC, fortified or enriched breads; local fruits in season/local fruit products or local vegetables/local vegetable products or root crops; cereals and grains (only Iron-fortified rice), fresh eggs; fortified blended food and nutri-packs. By establishing healthy eating habits at early stages of life of school-age children, it can reduce the risk of having chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases and promote a healthier dietary practice.

The **Pilot “Galing at Talino” School Canteens** aims to pilot model school canteens that shall contribute to the improvement of the school food environment for learners by:

- a. ensuring the availability of local nutritious food products, and pasteurized or sterilized milk and other milk food products in schools;
- b. providing healthy food alternatives to improve the food choices of learners; and
- c. strengthen linkages with local and smallholder food producers and business operators.

In this regard, the BLSS-SHD hereby issues the following guidelines for the utilization of the downloaded additional program support funds of the Pilot “Galing at Talino” School Canteens for FY 2025.

General Guidelines on the Utilization of Pilot “Galing at Talino” School Canteen Program Support Funds FY 2025:

A. SELECTION OF PILOT SCHOOL CANTEENS

1. The Regional Office (RO) shall select a Schools Division Office (SDO) based on the availability of milk and NFP. The RO selection shall be from the recommended SDO/s by the National Dairy Authority (NDA) and Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) which their assisted local dairy cooperatives or producers can supply milk products and where there is accessible supply of NFP. Please see the attached (**Annex A**) for the List.
2. The selected SDO shall choose one (1) elementary school to be the Pilot School Canteen using the following criteria:
 - a. central school or an elementary school with an enrolment of more than 100;
 - b. has an established school canteen; and
 - c. implementing the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for SY 2025-2026

B. AVAILABILITY AND UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

1. BLSS-SHD shall download a total of Php 100,000.00 to the RO which shall in turn download the amount to the selected SDO. The SDO shall then download the funds to the selected school. These funds shall be treated and utilized separately from the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE).
2. The selected schools shall use the given amount for the following purposes:
 - a. Minor Refurbishment of the School Canteen; and
 - b. Funding for the purchase of NFP, Milk, and Milk-Based Products (MBP) for the school-canteen
3. Downloaded funds are subject to liquidation to the SDO.
4. Gross income from the selling of NFP and MFP shall be maintained by the school and shall be used as revolving fund to ensure the sustainability of the project and continuously fund the selling of NFP and MFP in the school canteen for at least three (3) consecutive years.

C. REFURBISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL CANTEENS

1. The selected school must bear the official seal/logo of the project which may either be painted or printed on a banner to be placed in a conspicuous part of the school canteen.

2. The selected school may conduct the following refurbishment to the school canteen such as but not limited to:
 - a. repainting of the Walls and Ceiling
 - b. Installation of light source, sink, and
 - c. window repairs
 - d. printing/painting of banners with the official seal/logo of the "Galing at Talino"
 - e. rinting/painting of nutrition information IEC Materials
 - f. purchase of display cabinets for the NFP, trash bins, and other canteen equipment

D. FOOD COMMODITIES FOR THE SCHOOL CANTEENS

SDOs shall guide in linking the schools with local suppliers of NFP, Milk, and Milk-based products that range from Php 10.00 to Php 15.00 pesos. The following food commodities shall be served in the pilot school canteen:

1. Nutritious Food Products (NFP)

A collective term for food products for rationing that replace hot meals. Food products under this category are:

- E-nutribun
- Milk Bun from PCC
- Fortified/enriched breads and pastries
- Root crops
- Local fruits in season/fruit products vegetables/vegetable products
- Cereals/grains
- Fortified-blended food
- Nutri-packs

Sample NFP that can be sold in the school canteens

Product	Serving Size	Price
1. Enhanced Nutribun or New Enhanced Nutribun (with certification for each variant from DOST-FNRI)	At least 40 g	Php 8.00-11.00 per piece
2. Karabun with certification from Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) or National Dairy Authority (NDA)	At least 40 g of Karabun	Php 8.00-11.00 per piece
3. High-Protein Crackers or Biscuit (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 30 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
4. Rice-mongo curls (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 25 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
5. Rice-mongo crunchies (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 30 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack



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6. Rice-mongo instant blend (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 30 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
7. Coco Bisc (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 30 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
8. Coco Puff (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	30 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
9. Nutricookies (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	At least 30 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
10. Ready-to-Drink Juice (with certification from DOST-FNRI)	100 to 150 mL per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
11. Fortified or Enriched Breads	At least 50 g per pack	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
12. Crackers or Biscuits	At least 30 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
13. Cookies	At least 30 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
14. Nutri-packs	At least 50 to 60 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
15. Fruit Juice	100-150mL	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
16. Popcorn	At least 30 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack
17. Vegetable baked chips	At least 30 g	Php 9.00-13.00 per pack

2. Milk and Milk-Based Products (MBP)

A collective term for milk-based products. Food products under this category are:

- Sterilized Milk
- Milk Bars
- Lacto Juice
- Milk Pops
- Other products with Milk

E. STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT

1. The pilot schools shall prepare their Work and Financial Plan (WFP) amounting to P100,000.00 for submission to the Health and Nutrition Unit (HNU) of the School Governance and Operation Division (SGOD), and approval of the Schools Division Superintendent and will be the basis for the downloading of funds to the schools.
2. The pilot schools shall develop their menu per month based on the food commodities mentioned in Section D. In addition to milk and NFPs, they may also serve cooked snacks like sopas, champorado, arroz caldo, boiled saba or camote, ginatan, etc.

3. The pilot schools shall procure the food commodities and observe the rules prescribed under R.A. No. 12009 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).
4. The pilot schools shall pay their suppliers immediately upon delivery subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations (i.e. submission of Statement of Account, Delivery Receipt, Invoice, Inspection and Acceptance Report, etc.).
5. The SDO may provide the chosen school with a chiller or freezer for the storage/display unit for milk-based products.
6. The school may use the following child-friendly logo and IEC Materials to be printed or painted inside the school canteen or in the conspicuous space through this link <https://tinyurl.com/LSG-BSNMaterials> .
7. The school shall refer to **DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2007** (Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operations and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools) for the standards on operating and managing the pilot school canteens.

F. REPORTING

The pilot schools shall provide an accomplishment report using the attached template (**Annex B**) through email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph on or before **March 31, 2026**.

For more information, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief, BLSS-SHD, **Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga**, SEPS, and **Ms. Jasperl Niña A. Malabayoc**, TA II, under the Nutrition and Hygiene Team through the email above or at telephone number (02) 8632 9935.

For immediate and appropriate action.