

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 825, July 29, 2009]

CREATING THE LOCAL ANTI-HUNGER TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed to eradicate all forms of deprivation, including that related to hunger, by pursuing the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

WHEREAS, results of surveys on involuntary hunger conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) have shown a relatively high incidence of hunger with see-saw trends, with dips and peaks at certain times of the year, at least from 2006 up to the present;

WHEREAS, the latest quarterly survey on hunger (1st quarter of 2009) showed that hunger incidence declined dramatically from a record-high of 23.7% (estimated 4.3 million families) in the previous quarter (4th quarter of 2008) to 15.5% (estimated 2.9 million families out of the 86 million Filipino population); while severely hungry (those who experienced hunger often or always in the three months prior to the survey) as compared to the previous quarter declined from 940,000 to 810,000; and moderately hungry (those who experienced hunger only once or a few times during the reference period) from about 3.3 million to 2 million;

WHEREAS, the Accelerated Hunger-Mitigation Program (AHMP) is the landmark program of the Arroyo Government to address hunger both on the aspect of supply or the unavailability or insufficiency of food to eat and on the aspect of demand or the lack of money to buy food;

WHEREAS, the AHMP is implemented by national government agencies based on the attached hunger-mitigation program framework, in cooperation with local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the national Anti-Hunger Task Force (AHTF) was created by virtue of Executive Order 616 signed on 3 April 2007 and is composed of 29 national government agencies and faith-based organizations implementing one or more of the AHMP component programs;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health and chair of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Governing Board was tasked to lead the national AHTF to ensure that hunger-mitigation measures, are in place;

WHEREAS, each Department Secretary/Head of the identified national government agencies has been designated anti-hunger focal person to be primarily responsible for the implementation of the agency's hunger mitigation interventions;

WHEREAS, the DOH-NNC was designated as oversight agency of the AHMP;

WHEREAS, the initiatives of national government agencies should be complemented by similar efforts of LGUs;

WHEREAS, these initiatives should be coordinated and rationalized especially at the local level;

WHEREAS, the creation of a task force at the regional and provincial levels, as counterpart of the national task force, will facilitate the implementation of the AHMP at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of Regional and Provincial Task Forces

The Regional/Provincial Anti-Hunger Task Force (R/PAHTF) shall be created in provinces covered by the AHMP to facilitate coordination, complementation and convergence of services and resources, and to widen the reach of the program among the poor and hungry households in the identified priority areas of the country.

SECTION 2. Composition

2.1 Regional Level

The Task Force shall be under the umbrella of the regional nutrition committee (RNC) and shall be composed of the following:

2.1.1 Department of Agriculture (DA)

2.1.1.1 Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)

2.1.1.2 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

2.1.1.3 National Food Authority (NFA)

2.1.1.4 National Irrigation Administration (NIA)

2.1.2 Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)

2.1.3 Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

2.1.4 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

2.1.5 Department of Education (DepEd)

2.1.6 Department of Health (DOH)

2.1.6.1 National Nutritional Council

2.1.6.2 Population Commission

2.1.7 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

2.1.7.1 Philippine National Police (PNP)

2.1.8 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

2.1.8.1 Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA)

2.1.9 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

- 2.1.10 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- 2.1.11 Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)
 - 2.1.11.1 Philippine Ports Authority and/or Port District Office (PPA-DOTC)
 - 2.1.11.2 Philippine Coast Guard
- 2.1.12 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- 2.1.13 National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- 2.1.14 Armed Forces of the Philippines
 - 2.1.14.1 Philippine Navy
 - 2.1.14.2 Philippine Army
- 2.1.15 Representative of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) Regional Executive Board
- 2.1.16 Representative of the League of Cities of the Philippines Regional Executive Board
- 2.1.17 Non-government organizations including faith-based organizations operating in the region
- 2.1.18 Others, as may be decided on by the RNC

2.2. Provincial level

The Task Force shall be under the umbrella of the provincial nutrition committee (PNC) and shall be composed of the following:

- 2.2.1 Department/ offices of the provincial government
 - 2.2.1.1 Office of the Governor
 - 2.2.1.2 Provincial Planning and Development Office
 - 2.2.1.3 Provincial Nutrition Office/Unit or equivalent
 - 2.2.1.4 Provincial Health Office or equivalent
 - 2.2.1.5 Provincial Population Office or equivalent
 - 2.2.1.6 Provincial Budget Office
 - 2.2.1.7 Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office or equivalent
 - 2.2.1.8 Provincial Agriculture Office
 - 2.2.1.9 Provincial Veterinary Office
 - 2.2.1.10 Local office in charge of livelihood, if available
- 2.2.2 Representative of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines Provincial Chapter

2.2.3 Representative of the Federation of Liga ng mga Barangay

2.2.4 National agencies with provincial offices

2.2.4.1 DA

2.2.4.1.1 PCA

2.2.4.1.2 BFAR

2.2.4.1.3 NFA

2.2.4.1.4 NIA

2.2.4.2 DAR

2.2.4.3 DENR

2.2.4.4 DepED

2.2.4.5 DOH

2.2.4.6 DILG

2.2.4.6.1 PNP

2.2.4.7 DOLE

2.2.4.8 DPWH

2.2.4.9 DTI

2.2.4.10 PPA

2.2.4.11 PIA

2.2.4.12 TESDA

2.2.4.13 AFP

2.2.5 Non-government organizations especially faith-based organizations operating in the province

2.2.6 Others as may be decided on by the PNC

SECTION 3. Duties/Responsibilities of the Task Force

1. Regional Level

a. The RAHTF shall:

- 1) Coordinate with the national and provincial AHTF and oversee the implementation of the AHMP
- 2) Ensure the convergence of services delivered by national government agencies and LGUs
- 3) Monitor the implementation of the AHMP at the regional and provincial levels through: