

[DOLE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 110, January 24, 2011]

GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF P750,000.00 FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIGRATORY SUGAR WORKERS WORKING IN THE SUGARCANE FARMS IN BATANGAS

Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of Section 9 of Republic Act No. 6982 (or the Sugar Amelioration Act of 1991), and upon the recommendation of the Sugar Tripartite Council (STC) as embodied in the approved STC Resolution No. 14, series of 2010, the following guidelines on the utilization of the **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P750,000.00)** from the forfeited unclaimed and undistributed cash bonus fund (UCBF) collections in Region 4-A, for food assistance for the migratory sugar workers (MSWs) working in the sugarcane farms in Batangas, are hereby issued for the guidance and observance of all concerned:

1. The fund amounting to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P750,000.00) shall represent as the DOLE approved funding allocation for food assistance for the MSWs working in the sugarcane farms in Batangas, itemized as follows:

Particulars	Amount (P)
Purchase of rice and other basic food commodities	700,000.00
Administrative Expenses	50,000.00

2. In view of its intent, the regular mode of release of project fund shall not be adopted; instead the fund shall be released to the DOLE-RO4A in full, who shall be responsible in the implementation of the said project.

3. Food in the form of rice and other basic food items shall be distributed directly to the hired MSWs by the DOLE-Regional Office No. 4A in coordination with the concerned planter or his duly authorized representative or contractor and other entities. The amount of food assistance per worker shall not exceed P500.00. The Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC) shall provide assistance to the Regional Office as necessary.

4. The concerned planters or their duly authorized representatives or contractors shall submit to the DOLE-RO4A list of hired MSWs for the current sugar crop 2010-2011 (Form 1) as basis for the release of the food assistance.

5. DOLE RO4A shall coordinate with the concerned planters or their duly