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PROJECT MANAGERS, PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS,
IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2003 – 6 DATED APRIL 24, 2003
of the Department of Agriculture

For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a copy of Memorandum Circular No. 2003 – 6 dated April 24, 2003 of the Department of Agriculture on DA's ROLES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION (PPAN).

Be guided accordingly.


JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS
Administrator

June 3, 2003



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2003 - 6

TO : ALL HEADS OF BUREAUS, ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS AND ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : DA's ROLES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION (PPAN)

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The Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) is the country's framework for achieving nutritional adequacy for all and is an important element for competitiveness, people, empowerment, and human development. The ultimate success of PPAN implementation and nutritional improvement is anchored on the active involvement and cooperation of government agencies, non-government organizations, private and business sectors, academe, international community, and the civil society.

Pursuant to NNC Governing Board Resolution No. 1, Series of 2002 "Memorandum of Agreement on Roles of Member Agencies of the National Nutrition Council in the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN)", the member agencies bind themselves on their respective roles in the implementation of the PPAN. The MOA serves as the basis for translating policies and programs of PPAN into specific plans of action of the respective member agencies, and in coordinating nutrition activities within the departments, and its implementation by LGUs.

To ensure the successful implementation of the PPAN and contribute to the achievement of the first of the Millenium Development Goals, to eradicate poverty and hunger particularly on halving the prevalence of underweight among 0-5 years old children by 2015, you are enjoined to operationalize the roles of DA on the PPAN, particularly in ensuring household and community food security through the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Plan (AFMP) policies, programs and projects. Specifically, the DA shall:

1. Integrate nutrition considerations in its policies, plans and programs aimed at increasing the productivity and real incomes of farmers and fisherfolk;
2. Implement the Basic Needs Program (BNP) as a safety net provision of RA 8435, "Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act" under the Rural Non-Farm Employment component;

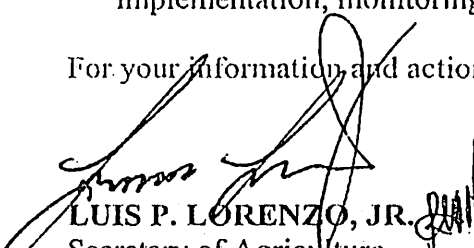




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3. Assist LGUs in implementing the home and community food production program by providing training and other support to extension workers and technicians on Bio-Intensive Gardening (BIG) technology and other regenerative agricultural technologies on food utilization, processing and packaging, income generating projects, and basic nutrition;
4. Provide seeds, planting materials, fingerlings and animal stocks to farming and fisherfolk families who are interested in food production, working closely with extension workers and volunteers of existing provincial, municipal and barangay nurseries and fishponds; and
5. Participate, through the Regional Executive Director's Office, in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the regional and local nutrition programs.

For your information and action.


LUIS P. LORENZO, JR.
Secretary of Agriculture
Chairperson, NNC Governing Board

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