

Travel Reports

9 - 11 August 2011, Camarines Sur with SMmejino

Last August 10, 2011, the Provincial Government of Camarines Norte represented by Governor Luis Raymund Villafuerte, together with special guest NDA Administrator Grace J. Cenas launched the Nutrigreen Program at the Provincial Convention Center. Admin. Cenas in her message introduced the various NDA programs in which Gov. Ray Villafuerte showed keen interest in pursuing a vibrant dairy program for the province. The Governor promised to match the number of dairy animals the NDA will provide for the dairy program in the province. Adm. Cenas was joined by Dr. Jaime M. Lopez, NDA Manager for South Luzon in meeting with the governor and the municipal mayors present during the launching event.

Nutrigreen Program is a collaborative project of the province, together with DepEd, DSWD, Dios Mabalos Po Foundation and Bicol Federation of Dairy Cooperatives (BFDC). It is aimed to address the nutrition problem among pre-school and school children and simultaneously address the problem of environmental sanitation and promote awareness on climate change.

The Nutrigreen Program has two major components:

1. Nutrition Program :

This involves the simultaneous conduct of medical and nutrition activities to improve the health and nutritional condition of 71, 126 underweight children and empower communities in transforming the lives of the children and to ensure "hunger-free" communities. Children will undergo periodic medical check-ups, deworming, "alis kuto & galis" and good grooming, vitamin supplementation, supplemental feeding while parents will have health and nutrition classes.

Milk feeding is a vital activity which will involve 5,000 pre-elementary and grade I pupils in 45 public elementary schools in 19 municipalities. Supply of milk for 70 days will come from BFDC pegged at P14.50 per 180ml. The Project Cost is worth P5 Million.

Dios Mabalos Po Foundation will be providing Vita meals for 33,000 underweight children ages 1-5 years old for their community-based supplemental feeding while DSWD will be preparing hot meals for 33,126 day care children.

2. Green Program: Program activities include

- a). Kitchen Garden - where a community/school shall allot 1,000 sq m lot to grow fruits and vegetables to sustain the nutrition program of the province.
- b). Basura for Food and School Supplies encourages waste segregation, recycling and composting in exchange for school supply entitlements.
- c). Food for Tree Program where a family of a nutrition program beneficiary will have to plant and maintain around 2,500 trees in 2 years. An elementary and high school scholarship grants await successful participants.

Although NDA has no funding share in the milk feeding activity, technical assistance was

provided through the conduct of an orientation program to intended program implementers, school nutrition teachers, principals, MNAOs, BNSs and BHWs. More than 500 people were present during the orientation.

15 – 18 August 2011, Aurora Province with CNManuel

Program monitoring was conducted in 6 barangays in 3 municipalities covered by the Milk Feed Plus Project. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Provincial Government of Aurora has become NDA’s Program partner. Program beneficiaries from 6 covered municipalities totaled to 512, including the 130 preschoolers co- funded by the LGU of Casiguran.

Here are some of the photos taken during the milk feeding held at the barangay health centers. Parents and BNSs provided valuable inputs to assess the impact of the program. Cited positive results are : some children gained weights as high as 0.5 kgs after 2 months of feeding, with improved appetite, became playful and active. Negative results cited: some children got sick resulting to weight loss. Poverty remains as one major reason why families and children cannot afford to have three decent meals a day, resulting to malnutrition. Proper family planning is not common among young mothers, number of children averages 4-6, and most of them are malnourished.



In Brgy. Baubo. Ma. Aurora



Pose with MHO of Dipaculao, Aurora , Dr Arturo Parilla Jr and children beneficiaries of Brgy . Dimabuno



Ms. Cecilia Manuel’s short talk on the benefits of milk.



Ms. Lyn Dela Cruz’s interview with BNS/BHW



Twin sisters Jonalyn & Ronalyn Alcantara , 3 years and 3 months old from Brgy Puangi, Dipaculao
 Twin brothers Richard & Raymond Paborian, 5 years old from Brgy Dimabuno, Dipaculao
 Recycled Milkee boxes used as organizers

NDA personnel receives from Gov. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo, payment of the Provincial Government of Aurora amounting to P297,960.00. The Governor is hopeful that the milk feeding program continues until the end of her term in 2013. In this photo are her Provincial Health Officers Dr. Luisito Teh, Dr. Raul Tomboc and Nutrition Staff Ms. Basilia Rovira.

12 August, Cabuyao, Laguna with CNM

A home-based processing demo was conducted in Cabuyao, Laguna upon the request of Mr. Rico Diaz of RLD Farms.

Mr. Diaz has been operating a meat and breeder operation for almost 5 years now and he was a recipient of 5 Saanen does from the PL480 Goat Project early this year. At present, he is producing 7 liters of milk per day under the brand name Blue Ribbon Goat Dairy and is expecting to produce up to 20 liters a day with the additional does he got.



The Training focused on the hygienic and sanitary procedures of handling the milk, other raw materials and utensils. Processing of products started with the short discussion on the principles of heat treatment, milk tests and product cooling and labelling.

At the end of the day, different products such as chocomilk, milko jell, maja mais white cheese with vinegar and rennet were produced for everyone's delight.



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