

NDA signs MOA with ASSISI Development Foundation

NDA Administrator Grace J. Cenas signed a Memorandum of Agreement with ASSISI Development Foundation represented by its President, Mr. Benjamin D. Abadiano that will forge a public-private partnership through a milk feeding program that will benefit 54,000 malnourished children in the poorest and remotest provinces in the country. Present to witness the MOA signing are Assisi Chairman Howard Q. Dee, Vice-Chair Victoria Elisa A. Dee, Hapagasa National Coordinator Florinda Lacanlalay, NDA Deputy Administrator Naomi K. Torreta, Admin and Finance Manager Jacqueline H. Seguin, Milk Feeding Coordinator Emmeline B. dela Cruz, Executive Assistant Felix L. Tanedo and Public Relations Officer Isabelo Sandino Lanoy.



The ASSISI Development Foundation is a non-profit non-stock organization named after Saint Francis of Assisi. They aim to help the poor and the oppressed become economically secure, socially responsible and morally mature by making available sustainable agricultural technology, education, medical assistance, opportunities for leadership and livelihood and relief and rehabilitation.

HAPAG ASA was created by 14 bishops led by Cardinal Gaudencio B. Rosales on July 2005 to address the rising problem of malnutrition and hunger in the country. They conduct regular feeding for children, pregnant and lactating women in the country.

The partnership aims to benefit malnourished children by feeding them with combinations of Mana Packs, Vita Meals and locally sourced fresh and sterilized milk for a period of six months. The combination of feeding is especially formulated by NDA and HAPAGASA nutritionists to ensure the highest rate of rehabilitation among the children.

The NDA's role in this partnership is to ensure the supply of quality milk, coordinate with local milk suppliers, conduct orientations and supervise and monitor program implementation.

The Assisi Development Foundation thru the Hapag Asa, on the other hand, is responsible for providing the list of project beneficiaries, arrange and coordinate regional launch of the program and provide the necessary logistical support.