



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 02
 Series of 2024

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NOS. 02 AND 03, SERIES OF 2023, KNOWN AS THE ENHANCED GUIDELINES ON REDUCING VULNERABILITIES OF MALNOURISHED CHILDREN AND PROVIDING HEALTH SUPPORT TO PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN IN SELECT AREAS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), ALSO KNOWN AS THE BANGSAMORO UMPUNGAN SA NUTRISYON (BANGUN) PROJECT

I. RATIONALE

On 30 January 2023, the DSWD issued Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2023, entitled "Enhanced Guidelines on Reducing Vulnerabilities of Malnourished Children and Providing Health Support to Pregnant and Lactating Women in Select Areas in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), also known as the Bangsamoro Umpungan sa Nutrisyon (BangUn Project) and Revocation of Memorandum Circular No. 13, Series of 2018." This was subsequently followed by an amendment on 31 January 2023 with the issuance of Memorandum Circular No. 03, Series of 2023.

Seeing the need to further amend the above Circulars brought about by the reduction of the budget allocation for FY 2024 and other audit observations released which covered FY 2023, and further, to adjust the budgetary parameters and other similar provisions which are found to be inconsistent and whereby need to be amended, this amendment is hereby issued.

II. AMENDMENTS

The following provisions of DSWD Memorandum Circular Nos. 02 and 03, Series of 2023, are hereby amended to read as follows:

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VII. IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES/SCHEME

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9. Fund Allocation

- 9.1 The minimum amount of Thirty Pesos (P30.00) for 1 hot meal per child beneficiary per day for 180 days as stated in Paragraph 6.3 of Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2023.
- 9.2 The minimum amount of Thirty Pesos (P30.00) for 1 hot meal per pregnant and lactating woman beneficiary per day for 180 days as stated in Paragraph 6.3 of Memorandum Circular No. 02, Series of 2023.
 - a. The menu for pregnant and lactating women is similar to that of the children beneficiaries but the quantity is based on their health condition and dietary requirement.
 - b. The allocation per beneficiary per day may increase in the succeeding year of implementation, subject to the availability of funds allocated by the National Government.
- 9.3 The minimum of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) but not exceeding One Hundred Thirty Pesos (P130.00) per beneficiary shall be allocated for the eating utensils, while the minimum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P7,500.00) but not exceeding Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) per cluster (equivalent to 150 beneficiaries) shall be allocated for the cooking utensils, subject to increase based on the availability of funds.

For durability and hygienic purposes, the eating and cooking utensils to be purchased should be of good quality and safe for the beneficiaries.

- a. The eating utensils shall be composed of:
 - Spoon
 - Fork
 - Bowl
 - Plate or Lunchbox
 - Drinking tumbler

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- c. If the budget permits, other miscellaneous utensils and supplies may be procured, such as:
 - Water jugs
 - Basin/"palanggana"
 - Crates
 - Ice chests
 - Food thongs
 - Peeler
 - Aprons
 - Pot holder
 - Hairnets

- Disposable plastic hand gloves
- Tarpaulin or trapal for temporary shed

The allocation for the eating and cooking utensils may increase in the succeeding year of implementation depending on the availability of funds.

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10. Fund Management

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- 10.2 Any unutilized funds or savings from the allocations of the Field Offices can be used to extend the feeding or can be modified/reallocated to fund other activities related to BangUn Project, including sustainable livelihoods of the beneficiaries and other necessary expenditure as requested by other projects or programs within the DSWD Central Office and Field Offices (FOs) which require additional funding, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

All budget modifications and reallocations shall require a written request from the head of the requesting FOs and OBSUs. The said request shall be reviewed by the BangUn NPMO and shall be endorsed for the approval of the Head of BangUn Project once found in order.

Further, any unutilized funds or savings from the FOs may also be returned to the Central Office to further reallocate and fund other or new activities requiring additional funding. The same can also be downloaded to other FOs to fund other or new activities related to BangUn Project which require additional funding.

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III. REPEALING CLAUSE

Certain provisions of Memorandum Circular Nos. 02 and 03, Series of 2023, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

All other provisions not covered and affected by this amendment shall remain in force in part or in whole.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall be disseminated to all concerned OBSUs of the DSWD Central Office and Field Offices, partner agencies, community organizations, local government units/agencies, and other stakeholders.

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