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GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMANG AGRIKULTURANG PILIPINO (GULAYAN SA PAARALAN)

SECTION 1. Basic Policy - Consistent with the goal of the Department of Agriculture to attain food self-reliance and self sufficiency, it is the policy of the state to empower its constituency by enhancing their capability to produce their own food through adoption of various means of vegetable growing.

SECTION 2. Objectives

General:

- Promote self help food production activities and values (appreciation of agriculture as a life support system) among children.

Specific:

- Promote vegetable production through natural farming in public elementary and high schools;

- Establish/maintain school gardens to serve as food basket/main source of

vegetables to sustain supplementary feeding;

- Showcase small-scale food production model in schools for the households/communities to replicate, purposely to promote family food security;

SECTION 3. Duration, Scope and Coverage - The Program shall commence in school year 2011.

Target Province - 26/year Total targeted province- 78 Target No. of schools plus NCR per year (8,415/year) Total Target No. of Schools - 42, 076

- It shall cover all public elementary and high schools in 16 regions and National Capital Region;

- The program is aimed to establish 42,076 school gardens all over the country by 2016.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms - The Department of Agriculture (DA) shall spearhead the implementation of Gulayan sa Paaralan. The DA shall include in its 16 Regional Field Units, the **Agricultural Training Institute** and its Regional Offices,

the **Bureau of Plant Industry** and its Five (5) National Crop Research and Development Centers as well as its Regional and Satellite Seed Quality Laboratories, and the Bureau of Soil and Water Management

Other stakeholders that are mentioned in this guideline shall include Department of Interior and Local Government up to Barangay Councils, Department of Education and its Regional/Provincial/District and Municipal Offices, the **Department of Health - National Nutrition Council** and the **Department of Social Welfare and Development.**

Private/Peoples Organization shall include Cooperatives, Parent Teachers Associations, 4H Club, youth and senior citizens organizations and others.

SECTION 5. Strategies of Implementation

1. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among concerned National Agencies shall be signed by each Department Secretaries to commence the implementation of the Program.

2. Creation of Agri Pinoy Implementing Team in the Region/Province/Municipal to conduct the following activities

A. Masterlisting

Master lists should indicate the name of schools, addresses, population, preferred vegetables to be planted, focal persons, and other pertinent information and shall be submitted by the DepEd to DA-RFUs.

B. Social Preparation

Social preparation and value formation shall be conducted by identified focal person of Agri Pinoy Implementing Team. All focal persons and others that will be involved in the program shall undergo social preparation

C. Training

LGUs in partnership with DA-RFUs/ATI and NGOs/POs shall coordinate with DepEd in the conduct of trainings. The trainings shall cover topics on growing vegetables, organic fertilizer production, pest and disease management, home saved seed production, container/backyard gardening and others;

D. Establishment of school gardens

Initially, the DA-RFUs will provide inputs to schools in coordination with the DepEd. This will include assorted seeds of preferred vegetables (Open