Philippine Institute of Development Studies Public Webinar

ASSESSING THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY IN THE PHILIPPINES



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FOOD SECURITY exists when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.



SDG 2 emphasize to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030.





The DOST-FNRI is mandated by the Philippine Government to:

- (1) Undertake researches that define the citizenry's nutritional status, with reference to the malnutrition problem, its causes and effects;
- (2) **Develop and recommend** policy options, strategies, programs, and projects for implementation by appropriate agencies; and
- (3) **Diffuse** knowledge and technologies in food and nutrition and provide S&T services to relevant stakeholders.



Survey Components



Food Insecurity was higher in:

- Rural areas
- Male-headed households
- Poor households
- Households with heads with lower educational attainment
- Without financial assistance from abroad
- Engaged in agriculture



Insights?

What have we done so far?

What do we have that could be reinforced?

What to do more?

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On Food Availability

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As agricultural productivity increases, there tends to be higher opportunities for people to satisfy their nutrient needs by **diversifying diets.**

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Eat a variety of foods everyday to get the nutrients needed by the body



On Food Accessibility

Due to unaffordability, many Filipino Households are unable to nutrientadequate diets leading to poor health status



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Web-based analysis tool for optimizing low-cost, nutritionally adequate diets for Filipinos

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On Food Utilization

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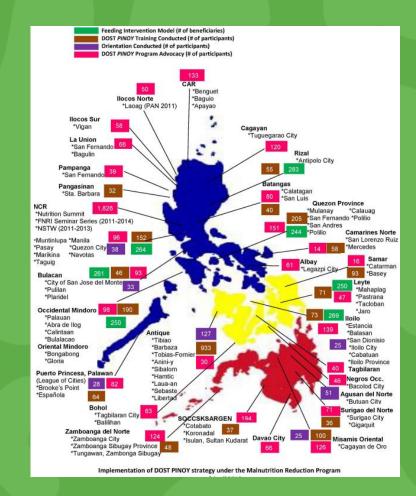
National, News

DOST seeks to continue Malnutrition Reduction Program in PH

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The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) on Friday, March 25, said that it will continue the implementation of the Malnutrition Reduction Program (MRP) in the Philippines to feed about 3.64 million stunted Filipino children aged six months to three years old.







On Food Stability



The COVID-19 pandemic made the pathway towards food security even steeper











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Food Stability

- Strengthen collaboration efforts with other government agencies, and other stakeholders
- Transform food system to become sustainable and nutrition-sensitive

Food Availability

- Mobilize the community to do home and community food production programs
- Food Innovation through food preservations
- Support for farmers and business postharvest, mechanization of agri-productions

Food Utilization

- Continue R&D on the natural enrichment of food
- LGUs to strengthen nutrition programs (evidencebased, age-specific, and problem focused)
- Promote good nutrition
- Employ RNDs at the municipal level

Food Access

- Install programs for communities on sustainable livelihood
- Food Innovation Centers in LGUs



Our Journey **Beyond**:

Broad and multi-level strategies from various actors and stakeholders



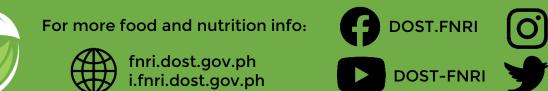
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Steer greater Research and Development efforts

Advocate sustainable, nutrition-sensitive food system towards a food secured nation

THANK YOU!

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