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GALING POOK FOUNDATION – WALANG GUTOM AWARDS

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to the communication from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)¹, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division informs the schools and divisions of the program “Walang Gutom Awards” initiated by the Galing Pook Foundation (GPF).
2. The program focuses on identifying and acknowledging LGUs that have demonstrated excellence in local governance for food security with the learners as beneficiaries.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

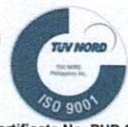

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¹ Walang Gutom Awards Project Briefer and Guidelines Summary



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WALANG GUTOM AWARDS

Project Briefer

In December 2022, nearly 11.8% of Filipino families, totaling around three million households, experienced involuntary hunger at least once in the past three months. Moreover, child malnutrition continues to cast a shadow, with one in every three Filipino children under five years old suffering from stunted growth. On the global stage, the Philippines ranked moderately hungry with a Global Hunger Index (GHI) score of 14.8, exceeding the regional score of East and Southeast Asia at 8.2 under low hunger levels.

Amidst this challenging backdrop, LGUs have risen to the occasion with impactful initiatives. Programs like GrowQC in Quezon City, Munggo in San Mateo, Isabela, and From Black to Green in Tanay, Rizal, have shown remarkable success in addressing hunger and malnutrition. These exemplary practices deserve recognition, but more importantly, they deserve to be replicated across the nation.

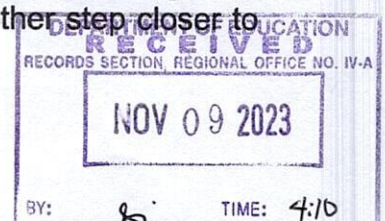
In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Galing Pook Foundation (GPF) has initiated the Walang Gutom Awards. Inspired by the Galing Pook Awards, these awards focus on identifying and acknowledging LGUs that have demonstrated excellence in local governance for food security. These initiatives align with the broader objectives of the Local Government Code of 1991 to empower LGUs to tackle food security and nutrition issues in their respective areas.

The Walang Gutom Awards evaluate LGU programs based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including their impact on food security and nutrition, engagement of communities, innovation, resilience, sustainability, and efficiency in service delivery. These criteria reflect the multifaceted nature of the battle against hunger.

To qualify, LGU programs must be currently implemented, have at least one year of operation, and demonstrate significant results in addressing food security and nutrition. The selection process involves rigorous screening, validation, and panel interviews to identify the most outstanding initiatives.

Winning LGUs serve as inspiring models for others to replicate. Their stories of success, rooted in the principles of positive impact, community participation, innovation, resilience, sustainability, and efficiency, will be documented for future LGUs to follow.

As the Philippines strives to ensure "walang gutom", the Walang Gutom Awards shine a spotlight on those leading the charge. By recognizing, celebrating, and replicating these exceptional LGU programs, the nation takes another step closer to a future where hunger is nothing but a distant memory.



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WALANG GUTOM AWARDS

Guidelines Summary

I. Background:

The Walang Gutom Awards is an initiative aimed at recognizing and promoting outstanding local governance programs in the Philippines that address food security and nutrition issues. The event comes in response to the growing food insecurity and hunger cases in the country, with millions of families experiencing involuntary hunger.

In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Galing Pook Foundation (GPF) is launching the Walang Gutom Awards to identify and honor local government units (LGUs) that have successfully tackled hunger and malnutrition in their respective areas. These LGUs serve as models for replication and scaling up of food security and nutrition (FSN) best practices across the nation.

II. Objective:

The primary objective of the Walang Gutom Awards is to:

- Recognize and showcase LGUs with outstanding FSN initiatives.
- Encourage the replication of these initiatives by other LGUs.
- Contribute to the achievement of the Walang Gutom 2027 program's goal of eradicating involuntary hunger in the Philippines by 2027.
- Promote innovation, sustainability, and excellence in local governance.

III. Selection Criteria:

The programs submitted for the Walang Gutom Awards will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Positive Results and Impact (25%):
 - Improvement in food security indicators.
 - Reduction in hunger and food insecurity.
 - Increased food production and availability.
 - Improved dietary diversity and food intake.
2. Promotion of People's Participation and Empowerment (25%):
 - Engagement of stakeholders in planning and implementation.
 - Community contributions and ownership.
 - Mechanisms for feedback and participation of marginalized sectors.
 - Gender responsiveness.
3. Innovation and Adaptation (20%):
 - Introduction of new, appropriate interventions.
 - Adaptation of existing programs to specific contexts.
 - Use of smart technologies.
4. Resilience (10%):

- Ability to withstand and recover from various threats and challenges.
- Presence of contingency plans.
- Readiness to digitalize with security measures.

5. Sustainability (10%):

- Initiatives for program institutionalization.
- Sustainable business model.
- Self-reliance.
- Clear sustainability goals and plans.

6. Efficiency of Program Service Delivery and Transferability (10%):

- Efficiency in resource utilization.
- Timeliness and quality of services.
- Collaboration and linkage with similar programs.
- Viability for replication.

IV. Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for the Walang Gutom Awards, LGU programs must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Currently implemented by the LGU (barangay, municipality, city, or province).
- In operation for at least one year before the submission deadline.
- Demonstrates verifiable and significant results in addressing food security and nutrition.

V. Selection Process:

1. Eligibility Screening: Review of program submissions to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria.
2. First Screening: Selection of programs with high potential based on the selection criteria.
3. Validation: Validation of program claims by assigned teams to gather additional information and assess program features and outcomes.
4. Second Screening/Validation Result Deliberation: Review and selection of programs to be subjected to the final presentation.
5. Final Presentation and Panel Interview: Presentation and defense of programs by LGU representatives before the Final Board of Judges.

VI. General Policies:

- LGUs can submit multiple entries, but only one program per LGU can win.
- Slots in the Top 10 will be allocated based on LGU types, with an announcement made to encourage participation.
- Incentives for winning LGUs will be provided by the DSWD.

The Walang Gutom Awards aim to honor and replicate the best practices in addressing food security and nutrition challenges, ultimately contributing to the nation's goal of eradicating involuntary hunger by 2027.

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NOMINATIONS FOR WALANG GUTOM AWARDS

LGU Name	Program Name	Name of LCE	Contact details of LCE (mobile number and email address)	Name of Program's Contact Person (Department Head, Program Manager, etc)	Mobile number and email address

Note: EPAHP partners are requested to send their nominations by 10 November 2023, 11:00 am. Kindly submit to mmiamug@dswd.gov.ph
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