

1st Nutrition Research Forum

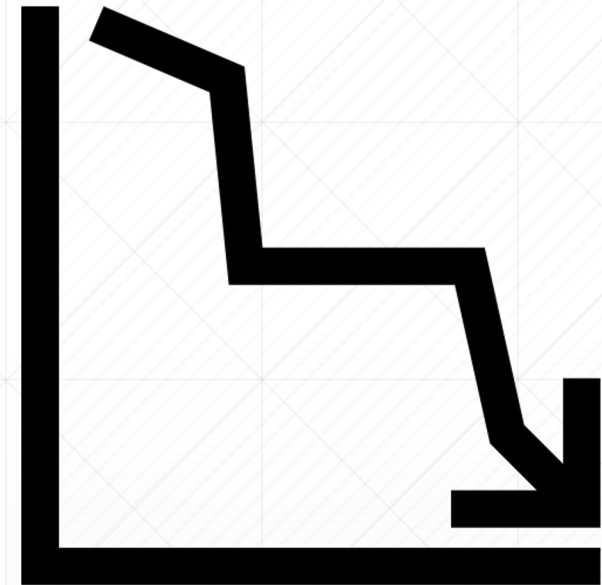
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Outline of Presentation

- Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Review
 - Continuity of Nutrition Services during the COVID 19 Pandemic
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Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Review

Further assessments/evaluations must be undertaken to establish that the policy is achieving its intended effects.



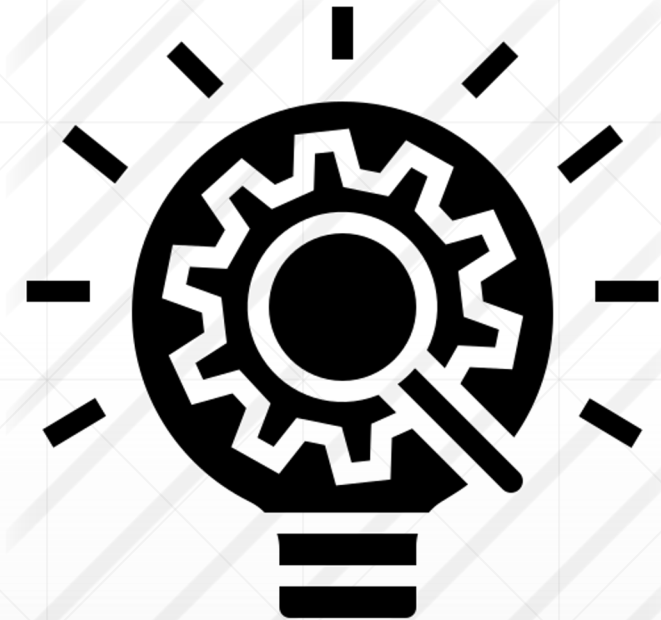
Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Review

Continuous dialogues and consultations with the consumers, market players/businesses and the government is encouraged to come up with more “win-win” strategies.



Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Review

Companies to amp up investment on research and development to produce “healthier” drinks/alternatives.



Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Review

Conduct of cost-benefit analysis
to surface policy alternatives



Continuity of Nutrition Services during the COVID 19 Pandemic

Revision of Guidelines/Policies to adapt to the new normal



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 04
Series of 2020

GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM DURING THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD OR OTHER SIMILAR EMERGENCIES

I. RATIONALE

The Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) is the provision of food in addition to the regular meals to target children ages 3-4 years old enrolled in Child Development Centers (CDC) and 2-4 years old children in Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP). The program is part of the Department's contribution to the Early Childhood Care and Development and was strengthened by the enactment of the Republic Act 11037 or the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para Sa Batang Pilipino Act", signed on June 20, 2018. The Department, together with the Department of Education are the lead agencies in the implementation of the said law.

Due to the national crisis brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the President issued Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines. To enable the efficient and effective government response, Republic Act No. 11469 otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Heal As One Act" was enacted to direct unified interventions from the whole-of-government so safety nets may be provided to curtail the impact of health and economic emergencies to all vulnerable sectors which include children of formative years.

The DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2020, as amended, mandated the implementation of the Social Amelioration Measures by the DSWD, pursuant to RA 11469 and the continued implementation of programs, as the Supplementary Feeding, as it is deemed most needed by its beneficiaries during the community quarantine period. The Supplementary Feeding Program is seen to address the issue of hunger and food security among Filipino children thus, prevent regression of the current nutritional status of the beneficiaries.

Subject to the recent regulations and protocols of community quarantine, these guidelines shall amend the existing DSWD Memorandum Circular 03, Series of 2019 and lay down the implementing procedures of the Supplementary Feeding Program during the community quarantine period or any similar occurrence in the future.

II. Objectives

This guidelines specifically intend to:

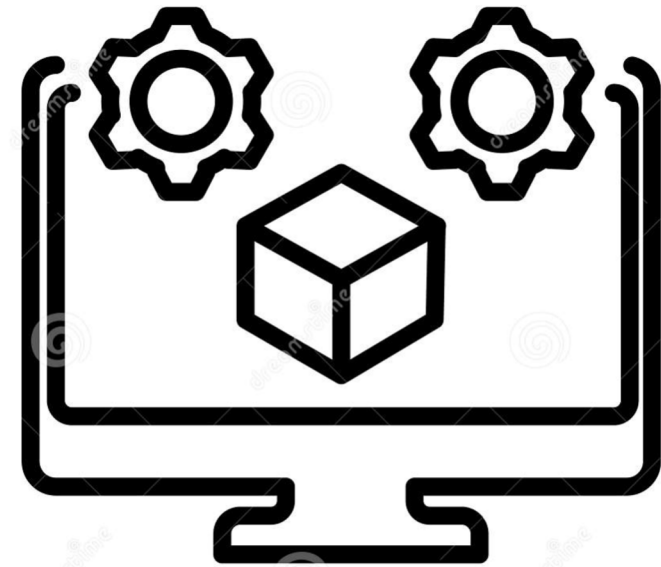
Continuity of Nutrition Services during the COVID 19 Pandemic

However, the continuity of DSWD-SFP, should also be complemented with other PPAN-based programs.



Continuity of Nutrition Services during the COVID 19 Pandemic

Ensure systems, technologies and ICT infrastructure supporting key activities for nutrition service delivery



Continuity of Nutrition Services during the COVID 19 Pandemic

On the methodology/findings:

1. Qualitative aspect?
 2. Composition of “Others”?
 3. Reasons for low training rates for NiE and other key findings?
 4. Perspective of/validation by the beneficiaries?
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