

Millenium Development Goal Achievement Fund 2030

MDG-F 2030: Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition for Children 0-24 Months in the Philippines

THEMATIC AREA	<i>Children, Food Security and Nutrition</i>	
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	<i>Department of Health (National Nutrition Council, National Center for Disease Prevention and Control, National Center for Health Promotion, Bureau of International Health Cooperation, National Center for Health Facility Development, Center for Health Development of Regions 5, 6 and 9, Food and Drug Administration), Department of Labor and Employment, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Local Governments of Naga City, Pasacao in Camarines Sur, Iloilo City, Carles in Iloilo, Zamboanga City, and Aurora in Zamboanga del Sur</i>	
PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS	<i>UNICEF, WHO, ILO, FAO, WFP</i>	
PROGRAMME BUDGET	<i>USD 3.50 Million</i>	
PROGRAMME DURATION	<i>November 2009 – November 2012</i>	

MDGs Targeted:

MDGs 1, 4 and 5

Number of Direct Beneficiaries:

8 national institutions

3 municipalities

29 highly urbanized cities

40,500 0-6 months old children

162,000 0-2 years old children

103,000 pregnant women

88,000 lactating women

2003 NDHS data show that only 33.5% of infants below six months old in the Philippines were exclusively breastfed, and about 19.7% of infants did not receive any breastmilk at all. The impact of current poor breastfeeding and improper infant and young child feeding in the Philippines has been devastating – resulting to an additional 1.2 million cases of diarrhea and pneumonia episodes, and about 16,000 out of 82,000 under-five deaths every year.

This joint programme aims to complement the national government's efforts to promote infant and young child feeding, focusing on the creation of an enabling environment where breastfeeding is protected, promoted, and supported by the community as a whole.

Specifically, the joint programme's target outcomes are:

- Increased exclusive breastfeeding rate by 20% annually in 6 joint programme areas
- Reduced prevalence of undernutrition among children 6-24 months old by 3% by 2012

- Improved capacities of the national government, local governments, employers and workers, and other stakeholders to formulate, promote, and implement appropriate policies and programs on infant and young child feeding

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