# The **FNRI Menu Guide** Calendar



"Addressing the nutrient needs of pregnant and lactating women through Pinggang Pinoy"



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# Mandate

As per E.O. 336, November 13, 2009:

• Undertake researches that define the citizenry's nutritional status, with reference to the malnutrition problem, its causes and effects;

• Develop and recommend policy options, strategies, programs and projects which address the malnutrition problem for implementation by appropriate agencies; and

• Diffuse knowledge and technologies in food and nutrition and provide S&T services to relevant stakeholders.



As the lead agency in food and nutrition research and development, the FNRI's mission is the:

• provision of accurate data, correct information, and innovative technologies to fight malnutrition.

Quality Policy

We are committed to provide products and services in food and nutrition to both the government and private sectors and other stakeholders with the highest standards of quality and reliability within our capabilities and resources according to customer requirements and to continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System (QMS) at all times in order to meet our customers' satisfaction.

# Vision

Consistent with the FNRI's mandates is its vision of optimum nutrition for all Filipinos, socially and economically empowered through scientifically sound, environment-friendly and globally competitive technologies.

# Core Values

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• Excellence

• Action-oriented

• Teamwork •Sincerity

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t is with pride and pleasure that I join the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) in presenting to you the 2017 Menu Guide Calendar. This is a special issue that focuses on empowering the modern Filipina with proper support for ensuring a successful pregnancy.

Indeed, there is no other experience more challenging, or more rewarding, than the journey towards motherhood. The first 1,000 days, starting from conception in the womb, is the most critical time in a child's life, as it is the phase that dictates their state of nutrition, physical health, and well-being up to adulthood. While nutrient requirements are increased in this phase, it also serves as a great opportunity for mothers to help their children achieve an optimum state of development, through appropriate and nutritious food, proper habits, and micronutrient supplements – which will ultimately help prevent diseases that may inhibit the development of children's bodies and minds.

Centered on the *Pinggang Pinoy* project – which is a nutrition guide developed by the DOST-FNRI in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Health (DOH), and the National Nutrition Council (NNC) – the 2017 Menu Guide Calendar serves as a mother's best companion throughout her pregnancy, providing 12 monthly, special seven-day cycle menus as well as a featured recipe each month, which can also be enjoyed by growing children and the whole family.

It is my hope, together with the DOST-FNRI, that you enjoy, and find informative, the recipes contained in this menu calendar. As more Filipinas take charge in leading healthier lives, more Filipino families will be able to break the vicious cycle of malnutrition.

Salamat at Mabuhay ang Filipina!

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am happy to present to you the 2017 Menu Guide Calendar with the theme "Addressing the nutrient needs of pregnant and lactating women through Pinggang Pinoy".

The theme of the 2017 Menu Guide Calendar is based on results of the 2015 Updating of Nutritional Status of Filipino Children and Other Population Groups. The survey showed that about 1 in 4 pregnant women and an alarming 39.6% of pregnant teen age girls were nutritionally-at-risk. For lactating mothers, the prevalence of Chronic Energy Deficiency (CED)/underweight increased slightly from 11.9% in 2011, 12.5% in 2013 and 13.6% in 2015. Overweight prevalence also increased from 17.7% in 2011, 21.7% in 2013 and 22.4 in 2015. Although anemia prevalence declined significantly from 2008 to 2013 for both pregnant and lactating women. Teen age pregnant women were more at risk for anemia. Anemia was also more prevalent among lactating mothers who live in rural areas.

Maternal nutrition before and during pregnancy affects the mother's health and her infant's growth. Thus, it is important that nutrient needs be met through proper food and diet. The 2017 Menu Guide Calendar will help address pressing concerns as well as the maintenance of health and well-being of pregnant and lactating women.

Nutrient needs during pregnancy and lactation are higher than at any other time for most women. Therefore, it is important that requirements for energy, protein, vitamins and minerals be met during pregnancy and lactation. For vitamins, most important are folic acid, ascorbic acid and the B vitamins (such as thiamin, riboflavin and niacin and B6 and B12), and vitamins A and D. Among the minerals, iron, calcium, magnesium, iodine, zinc and fluoride are most essentially needed.

These requirements need to be translated into foods to find out how much from each food group (energy giving, body building and body regulating) must be eaten daily. This can be presented in the *Pinggang Pinoy* which is a new, easy-to-understand food guide that uses a familiar food plate model to convey the right food group proportions on a per-meal basis to meet the body's energy and nutrient needs of the target beneficiaries.

To date, the DOST-FNRI has successfully developed and disseminated different *Pinggang Pinoy* versions for children, adolescents, adults, elderly, and pregnant and lactating women. These can be used by nutrition workers and allied health professionals as a unified reference guide in nutrition education for suggested serving sizes of recipes and meals.

Thus, the FNRI 2017 wall-type Menu Guide Calendar will feature 4 weekly, 7-day cycle menus with 3 main meals plus 2 snacks useful for planning family meals. It will also include recipes with estimates of energy and nutrient contribution per serving. Of the 19 recipes, 13 belong to the fish/meat/poultry/legume category, 5 are vegetable dishes and 1 is soup. Helpful food and nutrition tips, and nutrition articles related to the theme are also included.

We hope that with this calendar, nutritionist-dietitians, home economists, health and nutrition community workers, students/adolescents, and homemakers, especially the pregnant and lactating women and housewives, caregivers in homes or institutions will be inspired to plan and serve nutritious family meals. This will contribute in reducing the incidence of double burden of malnutrition and the risk of non-communicable diseases in the country.

#### Happy Pinggang Pinoy year to all of us.

#### God bless and Mabuhay!







# About the Calendar

**The 2017 Menu Guide Calendar with the theme "Addressing the** *nutrient needs of pregnant and lactating women through Pinggang Pinoy"* is intended for pregnant and lactating women. It is also designed for nutritionist-dietitians, home economists, health and nutrition community workers, students, adolescents, and homemakers specifically caregivers in the homes or institutions tasked with planning and serving appropriate meals for families and institutions.

This year's theme focuses on pregnant and lactating women, particularly their nutritional needs as this is a vulnerable condition for both the mother and the baby during the period of gestation as well as when the baby is born. Of all the life stages, pregnancy is unique since the well-being of the baby is dependent on the well-being of the mother.

During the first 1,000 days of a child's life which is from conception until the child reaches 2 years old, mother's nutrition is very crucial in assuring the baby's and mother's health and prevent mortality and early morbidity of the child.

Featured recipes/combo meals are to be served for lunch and dinner for pregnant and lactating women as well as for the whole family. Recipes are nutritious, affordable and easy-to-prepare.

*Pinggang Pinoy* and helpful tips during pregnancy and lactation are included to guide pregnant and lactating women in ensuring health of their babies as well as themselves.

## PINGGANG PINOY





Pork, *kasim*, sliced thinly 3 cups Soy sauce 2 Tbsps Chicken egg, beaten 1 pc Cornstarch 1/2 CUD Cooking oil, for frying 4 cups Cooking oil, for sautéing 2 Tbsps Garlic, crushed, chopped 2 Tbsps Onion, *Bombay*, chopped 2 Tbsps Soy sauce 2 Tbsps Catsup 1⁄4 cup Vinegar 1/2 CUD Sugar, white 1/4 CUD ½ cup Water Pineapple chunks 1 ¼ cups Bell pepper, green, strips 1⁄4 cup Bell pepper, red, strips 1⁄4 CUD



Total cooking time: 1 hour and 45 minutes Cost per serving: Php 36.75

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. Marinate pork with soy sauce and egg for 1 hour.
- **2**. Dredge pork in cornstarch and deep fry in hot oil until golden brown.
- **3** Drain to remove excess oil. Set aside.
- **4**. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic and onion.
- 5. Add soy sauce, catsup, vinegar, sugar and water. Bring to a boil.
- **6**. Add pineapple and bell pepper. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- **7**. Add pork. Blend well with the sauce.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size pork + 1/3 cup sauce with vegetables

nutrient content per Fat, g 65.4 Vitamin A, ug RE 4 serving Carbohydrate, g 40.4 Thiamin, mg 0.	nt/Serving
Calcium, mg 76 Niacin, mg 7	2.8 46 0.55 0.3 7.8 13

## **Ingredients:**

Butter 1/4 cup Carrot, cubed, blanched 1 1/3 cups Baguio beans, cubed, blanched 2 ½ cups Corn kernel, canned, drained <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup pinch Salt, iodized Black pepper, ground pinch

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal	137	Iron, mg	1.2 F 683
nutrient content per serving	Fat, g Carbohydrate, g	10.6 9.3	Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg	0.03
	Protein, g Calcium, mg	1.2 57	Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg	0.03 0.7
	Phosphorus, mg		Vitamin C, mg	5



Total cooking time: 55 minutes Cost per serving: Php 11.60

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a pan, melt butter.
- **2**. Add carrots and beans. Cover and simmer for 2 minutes.
- **3**. Add corn. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from fire.

#### **Servings** 5

Serving Size: 3/4 cup



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# **5** Servings

Serving Size: 1/2 cup shrimps + 1 cup vegetables Total cooking time: 2 hours Cost per serving: **Php 75.40** 

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	ig .	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per	Energy, kcal	335	Iron, mg	3.9
	Fat. g	19.1	Vitamin A, ug RI	= 547
serving	Carbohydrate, g Protein, g	14.5 26.6	Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg	0.18
	Calcium, mg	227	Niacin, mg	8.8
	Phosphorus, mg	314	Vitamin C, mg	30

# Ingredients:

Cooking oil	2 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Shrimp, <i>suahe</i> , shelled	3 cups
Squash, cubed	2 ½ cups
<i>Sitaw</i> , cut into 1"	3 cups
Shrimp juice from crushed head, strained	1 ½ cups
Coconut milk, 2 <sup>nd</sup> extraction	1 cup
Salt, iodized	1 tsp
Coconut milk, pure	1⁄4 cup

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion and shrimps.
- 2. Add squash and *sitaw*. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
- **3**. Add shrimp juice and 2<sup>nd</sup> extraction coconut milk. Season with salt. Cover and bring to a boil.
- 4. Simmer for 10 minutes.
- **5**. Add pure coconut milk. Blend well. Stir to avoid scorching. Continue simmering uncovered.

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Cooking oil	2 Tbsps
Ginger, crushed	3 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Chicken liver, whole	3 cups
Black pepper, ground	1⁄4 tsp
Soy sauce	1⁄4 cup
Vinegar,coconut	1⁄4 cup
Water	1 cup



Total cooking time: 1 hour Cost per serving: Php 21.05

## **Procedure:**

- 1. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté ginger, garlic, onion and liver. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until liver is cooked.
- 2. Add pepper, soy sauce, vinegar and water. Simmer for another 10 minutes.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 34 cup

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	226 10.7 9.4 22.7 33 203	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	5 E 11074 0.38 5.41 17.4 43

## **Ingredients:**

<i>Kangkong</i> leaves and tender stalk, washed	10 cups
Water for boiling	8 cups
Tomato seeded, chopped	1/2 CUP
Onion, Bombay, chopped	<sup>1</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cups
Calamansi juice	2 Tbsps
Bagoong, dilis	5 Tbsps

Nutrition Facts	-	Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal	47	Iron, mg	5.3
nutrient content per	Fat, g	0.8	Vitamin A, ug R	E 396
serving	Carbohydrate, g	5.5	Thiamin, mg	0.07
Solving	Protein, g	4.4	Riboflavin, mg	0.16
	Calcium, mg	151	Niacin, mg	2.1
	Phosphorus, mg	97	Vitamin C, mg	31



## Total cooking time: 35 minutes Cost per serving: Php 9.90

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. Blanch *kangkong* in boiled water for 8 minutes. Drain.
- **2**. In a mixing bowl, combine *kangkong*, tomato, onion, *calamansi* and *bagoong*. Toss gently.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 1 cup



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# **5** Servings

Serving Size: 2 pcs fish + 3/4 cup vegetables

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal	193	Iron, mg	2.9
nutrient content per	Fat, g	3.8	Vitamin A, ug R	RE 178
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Serving	Protein, g	31.8	Riboflavin, mg	0.23
	Calcium, mg	160	Niacin, mg	15
	Phosphorus, mg	404	Vitamin C, mg	33
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Total cooking time: 1 hour Cost per serving: **Php 44.95** 

# Ingredients:

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1 Tbsp
1 cup
½ cup
3 pcs
10 pcs
3 cups

# **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a bowl, combine ginger, garlic, onion, salt, pepper, vinegar, water and *sili*.
- **2**. Line a stainless steel pan or *palayok* with fish and *ampalaya* fruit.
- **3**. Add the vinegar mixture. Cover. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes or until the fish is cooked.

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Chicken breast, diced <i>Patis</i> Black pepper, ground	3 cups 1 Tbsp ¼ tsp
Cooking oil	2 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Potato, cubed	2 cups
Carrot, cubed	2 cups
Bell pepper, green, strips	½ cup
Bell pepper, red, strips	1⁄4 cup
Tomato sauce	½ cup
Salt, iodized	½ tsp
Sugar, white	½ tsp
Water	1 cup
Green peas, frozen	1 cup

# **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a bowl, marinate chicken in *patis* and pepper for 30 minutes to one hour.
- **2**. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion and chicken. Cover and cook until chicken is tender.
- **3**. Add potato and carrot. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
- **4**. Add bell pepper. Simmer for another 5 minutes.
- **5**. Add tomato sauce and season with salt and sugar. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
- **6**. Add water. Cover and bring to a boil.
- 7. Add green peas. Blend well.





# **5** Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size chicken + 1 cup vegetables Total cooking time: 1 hour and 20 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 42.50** 

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	gy, kcal	364	Iron, mg	4.5
nutrient content per	g	13.2	Vitamin A, ug R	E 1061
serving	ohydrate, g	27.9	Thiamin, mg	0.23
Carb	ein, g	33.4	Riboflavin, mg	0.17
Prote	ium, mg	125	Niacin, mg	20.5
Calci	sphorus, mg	306	Vitamin C, mg	39

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Nutrition Facts Estimated energy and

nutrient content per

serving

Serving Size: 1 1/4 cups

Energy, kcal

Protein, g

Calcium, mg

Phosphorus, mg

Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Amount/Serving

403

11.3

46.2

29.3

270

402

Iron, mg

Vitamin A, ug RE

Thiamin, mg

Niacin, mg

Riboflavin, mg

Vitamin C, mg

Cost per serving: Php 28.20

# **Ingredients**:

<i>Munggo</i> , green, dried	1 ½ cups
Water for boiling	6 cups
Cooking oil	3 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Tomato, seeded, chopped	3 Tbsps
<i>Tinapa</i> , <i>galunggong</i> , flaked	1 ¾ cups
Water	3 cups
Salt, iodized	2 tsp
<i>Ampalaya</i> fruit, sliced	3 cups
Ampalaya leaves	5 cups

# **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a pot, combine *munggo* and water. Cover and bring to a boil. Simmer for 45 minutes or until tender. Set aside.
- 2. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion, tomato and *tinapa*.
- **3**. Add cooked *munggo* and water. Cover and bring to a boil.
- **4**. Season with salt.
- **5**. Add *ampalaya* fruit. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- **6**. Add *ampalaya* leaves. Simmer for another 2 minutes.



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Pork, <i>kasim</i> , cubed	2 ½ cups
Water for boiling	9 cups
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , sliced	1⁄4 cup
Salt, iodized	1 tsp
Black pepper, whole	1 Tbsp
<i>Kamote</i> , yellow, cubed	1 ½ cups
Banana, <i>saba</i> , medium	3 pcs
ripe, sliced	
Baguio beans, sliced	2 cups
Pechay baguio, sliced	5 ½ cups

# **Procedure:**

- 1. In a pan, combine pork and water. Cover and bring to a boil.
- **2**. Lower the heat and simmer until the pork is tender.
- **3**. Add onion, salt and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil. Simmer.
- **4**. Add *kamote* and *saba*. Cover and simmer for 2 minutes.
- **5**. Add baguio beans and *pechay*. Simmer for another 2 minutes.

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5 Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size pork + 11/4 cup vegetables Total cooking time: 1 hour and 15 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 35.45** 

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Serving	]	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal Fat, g		Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R	2.8 E 139
serving	Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	31 19.8 161	Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	0.57 0.33 8.6 58

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Cooking oil for frying <i>tokwa</i>	2 cups
<i>Tokwa</i> , sliced (1 pc sliced into 4)	15 pcs
Cooking oil, for sautéing	3 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Kinchay, sliced	2 Tbsps
Soy sauce	¼ cup
Sugar, white	1 Tbsp
Black pepper, ground	1⁄4 tsp
Salt, iodized	1 tsp
Water	1 cup



Total cooking time: 1 hour and 15 minutes Cost per serving: Php 16.25

#### **Ingredients:** Squash, sliced 2 slices (2 in. X 4in. each) Cooking oil 3 Tbsps Garlic, crushed, chopped 1 Tbsp Onion, *Bombay*, chopped 2 Tbsps Water 5 cups Salt, iodized 1 tsp Black pepper, ground pinch Milk, evaporated 1/2 cup Sugar, white 1 Tbsp Saluyot leaves 3 cups

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servir	Ig	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal	181	Iron, mg	3.1
nutrient content per	Fat, g	10.7	Vitamin A, ug R	E 436
serving	Carbohydrate, g	16.6	Thiamin, mg	0.11
Serving	Protein, g	4.6	Riboflavin, mg	0.21
	Calcium, mg	243	Niacin, mg	1.9
	Phosphorus, mg	110	Vitamin C, mg	39



Total cooking time: 1 hour and 5 minutes Cost per serving: Php 13.10

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a pan, heat oil. Deep fry *tokwa* until golden brown. Drain to remove excess oil. Set aside.
- 2. In another pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion and *kinchay*.
- **3**. Season with soy sauce, sugar, pepper and salt.
- **4**. Add water. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes
- **5**. Add *tokwa*. Blend well. Simmer for another 5 minutes.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 12 slices

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per	Energy, kcal	628	Iron, mg	5.7
	Fat, g	47.4	Vitamin A, ug R	E 6
serving	Carbohydrate, g	12.8	Thiamin, mg	0.13
	Protein, g	37.1	Riboflavin, mg	0.1
	Calcium, mg	443	Niacin, mg	6.6
	Phosphorus, mg	350	Vitamin C, mg	2

## **Procedure:**

- **1.** Steam squash in a steamer for 15 minutes.
- **2.** In a mixing bowl, mash the steamed squash. Set aside.
- **3.** In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic and onion.
- **4.** Add squash. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- **5.** Add water. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil.
- **6.** Add the milk and reduce heat to medium until nearly boiling. Do not let the soup boil or the milk will curdle.
- **7.** Add sugar. Simmer for 1 minute.
- 8. Add *saluyot*. Cook for 1 minute.

#### Servings 5

Serving Size: 1¼ cups



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# **5** Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size chicken + 1 cup vegetables

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Serving	]	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and	Energy, kcal	305	Iron, mg	2.5
nutrient content per	Fat, g	15.9	Vitamin A, ug F	RE 195
serving	Carbohydrate, g	10.1	Thiamin, mg	0.15
Serving	Protein, g	30.5	Riboflavin, mg	0.17
	Calcium, mg	143	Niacin, mg	18.4
	Phosphorus, mg	267	Vitamin C, mg	50

Total cooking time: 1 hour and 25 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 33.50** 

# **Ingredients**:

Cooking oil	3 Tbsps
Ginger, crushed	¼ cup
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Chicken, breast, fillet, sliced	3 cups
Salt, iodized	2 tsps
Papaya green, unripe, sliced	3 ¼ cups
Water	5 cups
<i>Malunggay</i> leaves	3 cups

# **Procedure:**

- In a pan, heat oil. Sauté ginger, onion, garlic and chicken. Cover and cook until chicken is tender.
- **2**. Season with salt.
- 3. Add papaya. Cover and cook .
- **4**. Add water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes.
- **5**. Add *malunggay*. Simmer for another 1minute.



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Galunggong, cleaned 15 pcs Salt, iodized 2 tsp Cooking oil for frying 4 cups



Total cooking time: 45 minutes Cost per serving: Php 44.40

## **Procedure:**

- 1. Clean and wash galunggong. Drain.
- **2.** Season with salt.
- **3.** In a pan, heat oil. Fry galunggong. Drain excess oil.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 3 pieces

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	509 42 0.3 32.6 99 340	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	1.8 E 101 0.22 0.29 17.9 0

## **Ingredients:**

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servi	ng	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	161 9.6 14.6 4.2 165 94	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	1.8 E 158 0.16 0.12 2.2 33



Total cooking time: 1 hour and 10 minutes Cost per serving: Php 14.60

## **Procedure:**

- 1. In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion, tomato and *alamang*.
- 2. Add squash. Cover and cook for 10 minutes.
- **3**. Add water. Simmer for 2 minutes.
- 4. Add okra, sitaw and eggplant. Simmer for another 5 minutes or until the vegetables are cooked.

## **5** Servings Serving Size: 1 cup



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3 Tbsps Cooking oil Garlic, crushed, chopped 3 Tbsps Onion, *Bombay*, chopped 3 Tbsps Pork, *kasim*, ground 3 cups 1 ½ tsps Salt. iodized Black pepper, ground 1⁄4 tsp Carrot, cubed 2 cups Water 5 cups Patola, sliced 2 ½ cups *Misua* noodles 1/3 cup Malunggay leaves 3 cups

# **Procedure:**

- In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion and ground pork. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes.
- 2. Season with salt and pepper.
- **3**. Add carrot. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- **4**. Add water. Cover and bring to a boil.
- 5. Add *patola*. Simmer for another 5 minutes.

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**6**. Add *misua* and *malunggay*. Blend well. Simmer for 1 minute.



5 Servings Serving Size: 1 ¼ cups

Total cooking time: 1 hour and 30 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 37.65** 

ſ	Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servin	g	Amount/Serving
	Estimated energy and nutrient content per	Energy, kcal Fat. g	648 55.8	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug F	3.8 3E 1169
	serving	Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg		Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg	0.54 0.31 8.6
		Phosphorus, mg	206	Vitamin C, mg	41

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Chicken, drumstick	10 pcs
Patis	1/4 cup
<i>Calamansi</i> juice	2 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	1/4 cup
Black pepper, ground	1⁄4 tsp
Cooking oil for frying	4 cups



## **Procedure:**

- **1**. Marinate chicken with *patis*, *calamansi*, garlic and pepper for 30 minutes to one hour.
- **2**. In a pan, heat oil. Deep-fry chicken until golden brown or cooked.
- **3**. Drain the excess oil.

## **5** Servings

Serving Size: 2 pieces

Nutrition Facts Amount/Serving Ar	mount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving Fat, g 46.1 Vitamin A, ug RE Carbohydrate, g 2.8 Thiamin, mg Protein, g 29.2 Riboflavin, mg Calcium, mg 28 Niacin, mg Phosphorus, mg 178 Vitamin C, mg	2.9 25 0.18 0.26 13.2 10

Total cooking time: 50 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 32.40** 

## Ingredients:

Cabbage, sliced thinly	3 cups
Carrot, sliced thinly	2 ½ cups
Apple, strips	1 cup
Raisin	½ cup
Mayonnaise	1/3 cup
Salt, iodized	1⁄4 tsp
Sugar, white	1 tsp

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Servi	ng	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	2.3 86	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	2.1 E 683 0.07 0.08 1 24



Total cooking time: 55 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 26.10** 

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. In a bowl, combine cabbage, carrot, apple and raisin. Toss lightly.
- **2**. In another bowl, combine mayonnaise, salt and sugar. Blend well.
- **3**. Pour dressing on prepared salad. Toss lightly.
- 4. Chill for 1 hour before serving.

## 5 Servings

Serving Size: 1 cup



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## **Ingredients**:

Pork, <i>kasim</i> , cubed	3 cups
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Calamansi	1⁄4 cup
Soy sauce	1⁄4 cup
Water for boiling pork	3 cups
Cooking oil	2 Tbsps
Potato, cubed	2 cups
Carrot, cubed	2 1/8 cups
Bell pepper, red, strips	¾ cup
Bell pepper, green, strips	¾ cup
Tomato sauce	½ cup
Salt, iodized	1 ½ tsps
Black pepper, ground	1⁄4 tsp
Sugar, white	2 tsps

## **Procedure:**

- **1**. Marinate pork with garlic, onion, *calamansi* and soy sauce for 1 hour.
- **2**. In a pan,combine water and marinated pork. Cover and bring to a boil.
- **3**. Lower the heat and simmer until the pork is tender.
- **4**. Drain the pork. Set aside the pork broth.
- **5**. In a pan, heat oil. Saute pork. Cover and simmer.
- **6**. Add in pork broth, potato and carrot. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
- **7**. Add bell pepper and tomato sauce. Simmer for another 10 minutes.
- **B.** Season with salt, pepper and sugar.



# 5 Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size pork + 1 ¼ cups vegetables Total cooking time: 2 hours and 10 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 49.70** 

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Serving	1	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	771 62.1 28.9 24 121 254	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug R Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	4.5 E 1119 0.67 0.34 11.2 57



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## **Ingredients**:

Cooking oil	3 Tbsps
Garlic, crushed, chopped	3 Tbsps
Onion, <i>Bombay</i> , chopped	3 Tbsps
Chicken, breast, fillet, strips	3 cups
Soy sauce	1/3 cup
Salt, iodized	1 tsp
Black pepper, ground	1⁄4 tsp
Sugar, white	2 Tbsp
Cauliflower, sliced	3 cups
Carrot, sliced	2 cups
Baguio beans, sliced	2 cups
Bell pepper, red, strips	½ cup
Water	½ cup

## **Procedure:**

- In a pan, heat oil. Sauté garlic, onion and chicken. Cover and cook until chicken is tender.
- **2.** Season with soy sauce, salt, pepper and sugar.
- **3.** Add cauliflower, carrot, baguio beans, bell pepper and water.
- **4.** Cover and bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes.

# Chopsuey with chicken strips

# **5** Servings

Serving Size: 3 matchbox size chicken + 1 ¼ cups vegetables

Total cooking time: 1 hour and 25 minutes Cost per serving: **Php 54.10** 

Nutrition Facts		Amount/Serving	I	Amount/Serving
Estimated energy and nutrient content per serving	Energy, kcal Fat, g Carbohydrate, g Protein, g Calcium, mg Phosphorus, mg	32.3 150	Iron, mg Vitamin A, ug F Thiamin, mg Riboflavin, mg Niacin, mg Vitamin C, mg	4.4 RE 1080 0.18 0.24 19.3 63

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Sunday
BREAKFAST
Dalanghita
Fish croquette
Cucumber slices
Kapeng barako
-Boiled rice
LUNCH
Pork menudo
Boiled rice
Mango shake
DINNER
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Lettuce-mango-pomelo salad
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SNACKS
AM - Cheese pinwheel sandwich
PM - Chicken ala king on melba toast
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Wednesday	
BREAKFAST	
Poached egg	
French toast	
Hot tea	
Ripe mango	
LUNCH	
Pork barbecue	
Chunky potato fruit sa	alad
DINNER	
Crunchy turcillo with	péchamel-oats sauce
Grilled talong and ok	a

## **Boiled brown rice** Vanilla shake SNACKS AM - Ondeh ondeh / Ginger tea

PM - Glazed cassava

# Week 1

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Monday	
BREAKFAST	a hand balance
Apple	
Scrambled egg with on	ions and tomatoes
Pandesal	
Coffee with milk	
LUNCH	
Miswa-patola soup	
Nilasing na hipon	
Boiled rice	
Ripe langka	
DINNER	
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Ginataang tilapla sa pa	
Vegetable tempura	
Boiled brown rice	
Papaya shake	
SNACKS	
AM - Squash kutsinta v	with grated coconut

PM - Mini pan de coco / Milky jello

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## Thursday

BREAKFAST Papava

Sautéed corned beef with potatoes and cabbage

Wheat bread Hot chocolate

LUNCH Fried galunggong Pinakbet **Boiled rice** Melon

DINNER

Fried porkchop Ginataang puso ng saging **Boiled rice** Chilled nata de coco

**SNACKS** AM - Lugao at Pritong Lumpiang gulay PM - Squash icy with kadyos

## BREAKFAST Pineapple

- Fried dried danggit w **Boiled rice**
- Pandan tea

Tuesday

- LUNCH Chicken afritada **Boiled** rice
- Guyabano
  - DINNER Fried vegetable lump
  - Pahiyas fried rice **Boiled rice**
- Melon balls
- SNACKS AM - Galyetas de patatas / Hot tea PM - Sweet kamote buche

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## Friday

- BREAKFAST
- Kalamansi juice with honey Tortang isda Boiled kamote tops
- **Boiled rice**

#### LUNCH

Beef kare kare with bagoong **Boiled rice** Native fruit medley

#### DINNER

Cream of asparagus soup Tahong with zesty corn salsa **Boiled** rice Melon slices

## **SNACKS**

AM - Ube palitaw

PM - Sweetened saba with langka

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# Saturday BREAKFAST Strawberry Pancake with syrup

Steamed chicken sausage Hot milk

## LUNCH

- Squash-malunggay chowder
- Pork tofu with kinchay and tausi
- **Boiled brown rice**
- Leche flan
- DINNER
- Chicken tinola **Boiled rice**
- Lakatan
- **SNACKS**
- AM Ginataang bilo bilo with sago
- PM Siopao bola-bola



# Week 2

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BREAKFAST			Monday
Pear Veggie sardines wi	th <i>miswa</i>		BREAKFAST
Boiled rice		Pininyahang	pork giniling at malunggay
Coffee with milk Boiled rice			Wheat bread Hot tea
LUNCH		C. (3. 4)	LUNCH
Fried chicken		With the second second	Crispy tofu sisig
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Boiled rice Pineapple			Boiled brown rice
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Fish teriyaki	2010		Potato-pineapple
Stir fried corn and	oge		salad
Boiled brown rice	A Sheet		Avocado-cucumber shake
Buko pandan jello			SNACKS
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PM - Carbonara /	Garlic bread		

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BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
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Orange	Sauteed kamote-sitaw with luncheon meat
Sinabawang tuna gisado with pechay	Boiled brown rice
Boiled rice	
Brewed coffee	Coffee with milk
LUNCH	Arroz a la cubana
Squash soup with saluyot	
Tokwa steak	Suwam na tulya with sili leaves
Boiled rice	Iced green tea
Dalandan	DINNER
DINNER	Shrimp with quail eggs and cashew nuts
Sinigang na ulo ng bangus	Pako salad
sa bayabas	Boiled rice
-Boiled rice	Chico
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SNACKS	AM - Vegetable empanada
AM - Kundol hopia / Iced Tea	PM - Bitso bitso
PM - Pancit molo	

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BREAKFAST		
Dragon fruit		
Hawaiian pizza pa	ndesal	
Fresh milk		
LUNCH		
Paksiw na hasaha	sa with ampalaya	
Boiled rice		
Sweetened kidney		
beans		
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Boiled rice		
Mangosteen		
SNACKS		
AM - Binatog with	grated coconut	
PM - Puto Biñan v	vith salted egg	

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BREAKFAST	
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Boiled rice	
Coffee with milk	
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Pork-shrimp shang	
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Boiled brown rice	
Durian ice cream	
Dunan ice cream	
DINNER	
Fish embotido	
Fresh garden salad	1
Boiled brown rice	
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SNACKS	
AM - Inihaw na ma	is
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PM - Siopao na munggo

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	Saturday
	BREAKFAST
	Avocado
	Gisadong gulay at itlog
	Boiled rice
	Coffee with milk
	LUNCH
	Ginataang hipon with kalabasa and
	sitaw
	Boiled rice
	Grapes
	DINNER
	Pork-langka sinigang
	Fried quekiam
	Boiled rice
	SNACKS
1	AM - Kamote fritters
	PM - Taho with sago and Syrup

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## Sunday BREAKFAST Grapes Beef tapa Cucumber salad Fried rice Cappuccino LUNCH Sweet and sour pork Buttered beans and car **Boiled** rice

Watermelon

#### DINNER

Sinigang na hipon with v **Boiled brown rice** Chilled nata de piña

#### **SNACKS**

AM - Club house sandwich PM - Chicken empanada

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U BR Lakatar Toasted dilis Champorado with milk LUNCH Pesang tilapia with vegetables Boiled brown rice Mazapan de pili DINNER Chicken liver adobo Kangkong salad **Boiled rice** Ripe papaya

## AM - Pork siomai

PM - Arroz caldo with egg

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	Beef caldereta
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	DINNER
	Clear soup with <i>kulitis</i>
100	Pork picadillo with carrots and potatoes
	Boiled brown rice
	Peanut brittle

Thursday

BREAKFAST

Pandesal

LUNCH

Kesong puti

Coffee with milk

Kiwi

## SNACKS

AM - Sotanghon gisado PM - Hotdog sandwich

# Week 3

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Monday	
BREAKFAST	
Ripe papaya	
Daing na bangus	
Kamote tops salad	
Boiled rice	
Brewed coffee	
LUNCH	
Chicken pastel	
Steamed broccoli and o	auliflower
French fries	
Ube ice cream	
DINNER	
Beef with broccoli and	spinach
Boiled rice	
Avocado	
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AM - Fried lumpiang la	
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## Tuesday BREAKFAST Rambutan Pork tocino Stir- fried toge and carrots **Boiled** rice Hot chocolate LUNCH Crab and corn soup with malunggay Lechon kawali **Boiled rice** Coffee jelly

### DINNER Breaded fish fillet Mango-cucumber-tomato salsa

- **Boiled** rice
- Leche flan con yelo

## **SNACKS**

- AM Baked lasagna PM - Turon with langka

# Friday BREAKFAST Green mango shake Chicken ham

Munggo gisado with tinapa flakes and ampalaya **Boiled rice** Lakatan DINNER Creamy fern soup Chicken inasal with toyomansi Papaya atsara **Boiled rice** Yema SNACKS AM - Banana con yelo PM - Mais con sago

Garlic rice

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	Saturday
	BREAKFAST
	Mangosteen
	Bacon bits
	Hot tea
	LUNCH
Beef bu	lalo with vegetables
	Boiled brown rice
	Fruity almond jelly
	DINNER
Seafood kare	-kare with bagoong
	Boiled rice
	Watermelon
	SNACKS
	AM - Cheese burger
F	M -Chocolate cake

Sunday	
BREAKFAST	
Pomegranate	Contract of the Section
Fried tuyo	
Sliced tomatoes	
Fried rice	Carl Fall and the sector of
Coffee with creamer	
LUNCH	
Oyster chicken finge	ore
Sayote gisado	
Boiled rice	
Fresh fruit compote	
Treaminant compote	- Carl
DINNER	
Pork nilaga	
Boiled rice	
Deiled asks (in ailes	ja)
Boiled saba (in nilag	
SNACKS	

Thursday

Vienna sausage Sunny side-up Malunggay pandesal

Chicken tinola **Boiled rice** 

Minatamis na langka

Boiled brown rice

Gisadong kalabasa-bataw at patani

BREAKFAST Pineapple

Coffee

LUNCH

DINNER Fried liempo

Santol ade

**SNACKS** AM - Buko pie PM - Pichi-pichi

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Wednesday
BREAKFAST
Kaimito
Tuna omelet
Boiled rice
Hot chocolate
LUNCH
Halabos na hipon
Adobong kangkong
Boiled brown rice
Sineguelas
DINNER
Sweet and sour beef Balls
Celery and green bean salad
Boiled rice
Suha
SNACKS
AM - Squash maja
PM - Shawarma pizza

# Week 4

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Monday	
BREAKFAST	
Duhat	
Filled cheese	
Pandesal	and the second second second
Carabao's milk	
LUNCH	
Beef strips with as	paragus
Boiled brown rice	
Apple	
DINNED	
DINNER	
Ginataang kuhol v	with mustasa
Boiled rice	
Iced melon tagalog	g sa malamig
SNACKS	
AM - Sapin-sapin	
PM - Banana cue	
FINI - Dallalla CUE	

## Tuesday BREAKFAST Lychee Tochong bangus **Boiled rice** Brown coffee LUNCH Pork humba Ampalaya salad **Boiled rice** Latundan DINNER Chopsuey with chicken strips **Boiled rice** Apple **SNACKS** AM - Puto with cheese PM - Pancit palabok

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Friday	
BREAKFAST	
Atis	
Eggplant omelet	
Garlic rice	
Fresh milk	
LUNCH	
Beef lauya with v	egetables
Boiled rice	
Longan	
DINNER	
Ginulay na mais	at kulitis
Fried galunggong	
Boiled rice	
Chilled fruit cock	tail
SNACKS	
AM - Suman at m	anggang hinog
PM - Karioka	

Saturday	
BREAKFAST	
Ratiles	
Chili con carne	SINX
Boiled rice	
Теа	No.
LUNCH	
Sauteed pork v	eggies
Boiled rice	
Ponkan	
DINNER	
Chicken binakol	
Okra-yellow karn	ote fritters
Boiled rice	
Mangosteen	

AM - Baked macaroni PM - Pan de coco

SNACKS

# The First 1000 Days of a Child's Life: Critical Window of Opportunity

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The first 1,000 days of life - which covers the period from conception up to the second year of a child's life - is the most crucial period of one's growth and development. During the "first 1,000 days", good nutrition is very crucial for ensuring a healthy start in life and avoiding early morbidity and mortality.

Malnutrition during this critical period of development for a child has not been adequately addressed in the Philippines. There has been slow and little reduction in the prevalence of underweight infants and young children in the past decade as revealed by the National Nutrition Survey (NNS) from 2001-2015.

The effect of poor maternal health and nutrition goes through a vicious cycle. Malnutrition that occurs during childhood, adolescence and pregnancy has a negative impact on birthweight of the newborn. When a child suffers from disease, nutrition absorption is affected that retards growth and development, which remains until adolescence. When a woman gets pregnant, she will likely give birth to an undernourished child. This child will become a parent later on to an undernourished baby, and the cycle may go on and on.

The findings of the Maternal Health and Nutrition and Infants and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) of the NNS shed light on the country's standing towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5 on reducing child mortality and improving maternal health that ended in 2015. The results also served as benchmark data for the Sustainable Development Goals which succeeds the MDGs.

Among the glaring results from the survey, pregnant teenagers were more vulnerable since they are more nutritionally at-risk or chronic energy deficient and anemic than their adult mother counterparts. Mothers in the poorest and poor quintiles, with low educational attainment, not gainfully employed, and mostly living in rural areas tended to have no access to maternal health services. In terms of IYCF, an improvement in the rate of timely initiation of breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding has been reported. However, less than 1 in every 5 children 6-23 months old met the minimum dietary diversity score (DDS) of 4, suggesting that majority of the children in this age group did not receive complementary foods of good nutritional quality.

Thus, addressing the needs of pregnant women, infants and young children for the first 1,000 days will break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition, and hopefully improve the well-being of the population.

# A well-nourished mommy ensures a well-nourished baby

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A mother's nutritional status directly influences the health and nutritional status of her child from pregnancy to adulthood. Proper health and nutritional habits should be established by the mother from the start, ideally even before conception. Filipino mothers are vulnerable to several health and nutritional risks as shown by some local data. According to the Food and Nutrition Research Institute's (DOST-FNRI) 2015 Updating of the Nutritional Status of Filipino Children and Other Population Groups, maternal mortality rate (MMR) or the incidence of women's deaths resulting from complications of pregnancy and childbirth in a given population remains high at 149 deaths for every 100,000 live births. A pregnant woman should avoid drinking alcoholic beverages, should not smoke, and should engage in regular exercise.



One message from the NGF says, "For a healthy lifestyle and good nutrition, exercise regularly, do not smoke and avoid drinking alcoholic beverages to help prevent lifestyle related non-communicable diseases ". Pregnant women are encouraged to strictly follow this recommendation to achieve optimum nutrition for herself and her baby and prevent complications or birth defects to the baby that may arise from consumption of alcoholic beverages and cigarette smoke.

Drinking alcoholic beverages should be avoided all throughout pregnancy because it affects the physical and mental growth of the baby. The baby may acquire fetal alcohol syndrome, a disorder that permanently damages the central nervous system, especially the brain.

A pregnant woman should avoid smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke. Nicotine, which comes from inhaling cigarette smoke, enters the mother's circulatory system and also that of the fetus through the placenta. When this happens, oxygen supply of the fetus is compromised. The fetus grows slowly and can result to low birth weight. It can also result to preterm birth. Some recent studies have also shown that smoking anytime during pregnancy can lead to birth defects such as congenital heart defects.

Healthy pregnant women should have 30 minutes or more of moderate intensity physical activity every day. Regular exercise can help prevent excess weight gain, reduce pregnancy related problems, like back pain, swelling, and constipation. It can also improve sleep, prepare for labor and lessen recovery time after childbirth. Examples of exercises that a pregnant woman can do are walking, aerobic dancing, belly dancing, yoga and swimming. However, before exercising, it is better to consult a doctor first, especially when a woman has not been active for a long time or has a high-risk pregnancy.

In addition, a pregnant mother should drink plenty of fluids, especially water. During pregnancy, a woman's blood volume increases dramatically, thus, having enough fluids can help prevent common problems such as constipation and dehydration.

# Getting Pregnant! Think Pinggang Pinoy!

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**P**regnant women should give importance to good diet and proper nutrition because the nutritional status of their babies depends on them. Healthy diet can make a great contribution to a healthy pregnancy.

The Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-FNRI) developed a new food guide for pregnant mothers and lactating women. This is called *Pinggang Pinoy.* This tool helps individuals choose a variety of foods from the **Go, Grow** and **Glow** groups on per meal basis.



Be sure to include food items which are rich in carbohydrates (**Go foods**), proteins (**Grow foods**), fats (**Go foods**) and vitamins and minerals (**Glow foods**) and a lot of fluids. Confining food choices to a few kinds of foods usually result in an imbalanced diet.

Half of the plate represents **Glow foods** consisting of fruits and vegetables. Eat more vegetables than fruits. **Go** and **Grow foods** should fill up the other half of the plate, with **Go foods** (e.g. rice, corn, bread, oatmeal, and rootcrops) taking a bigger portion than **Grow foods** (e.g. meats, eggs, poultry, fish, beans and legumes).

Other health tips for pregnant and lactating women included in *Pinggang Pinoy* are the following:

- Eat less salty, fried, fatty and sugar-rich foods to prevent chronic diseases.
- Take folic/iron supplements to meet daily requirements.
- Do not smoke and drink alcoholic beverages.
- Understand nutrition information on product labels to make smart food choices.

The *Pinggang Pinoy* also suggests that pregnant women have regular prenatal check-ups and deliver their babies in health care facilities.



Food Groups/Food Items		Age Groups	
		Pregnant Women and Lactating Women	
<b>GO</b> Rice and Alternatives	Rice Pandesal Loaf Bread Cooked Noodles (e.g. pansit Root crop (e.g. kamote)	1 ½ cups 6 pieces, small 6 slices, small 1 ½ cups 1 ½ medium pieces	
<b>Grow</b> Fish and Alternatives	Medium variety of fish (e.g. <i>galunggong</i> ) Large variety of fish	2 pieces 3 slices	
	(e.g. <i>bangus</i> ) Lean meat (e.g. chicken, pork, beef) Chicken egg, small	3 servings, 30g each 1 piece & 1-2 pieces of any	
	<i>Tokwa</i> , 6 x 6 x 2 cm Chicken leg	Grow food item mentioned 3 pieces, 2 pieces, medium size	
<b>Glow</b> Vegetables and Fruits	Cooked vegetables (e.g. <i>malunggay,</i> <i>saluyot, gabi</i> leaves, <i>talinum, ampalaya,</i> carrots, <i>sitaw</i>	1 ½ cups	
	Medium size fruit (e.g. <i>saging,</i> <i>dalanghita, manga</i> ) Big fruit (e.g. papaya,	1 piece 1 slice	
	pinya, pakwan)		
Water		9 or more glasses 10 or more glasses (Pregnant Women) (Lactating Women)	

# Nutritionists advice expectant moms to monitor their weight

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he weight of expectant moms indicates whether or not they observe proper nutrition. Proper nutrition means eating the right kind and amount of foods.

Based on the weight-for-height table of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute, Department of Science and Technology (DOST-FNRI) by month of pregnancy, the total weight gain for the entire duration of pregnancy can range from 13.45 kilograms (or 29.59 pounds) for a mom who is 142 centimeters ( 4 feet and 6 inches) tall, to 19.4 kilograms (or 42.68 pounds) for a mom who stands 170 centimeters (or 5 feet and 5 inches).

The average weight gain for a full-term pregnancy is 12.5 kilograms but the recommended weight gain over pregnancy depends upon the mom's stature and pre-pregnancy nutritional status. Weight for the particular height and specific month of pregnancy that is below the stipulated range indicates that mom is not gaining enough weight. On the other hand, weight that is above the stipulated weight range indicates that the mom is overweight or gaining weight very fast. Underweight moms need to gain more weight while those who are overweight need to gain less weight. Not obtaining the ideal weight during the different trimesters or months of pregnancy poses some risks, either on the part of mom or the baby inside the womb.

An underweight mom-to-be may have a low birth weight infant. An overweight mom-to-be may likewise give birth to an overweight infant and may experience difficult or prolonged labor.

A pregnant woman needs to eat more to meet not only her own nutritional needs but also that of the growing fetus inside the womb. She needs additional 300 kilocalories per day from the fourth month to the ninth month of pregnancy according to the Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intakes (RENI), 2002. The RENI was developed by the RENI Technical Working Group

(TWG) Committee and RENI Task Forces composed of professionals in the health and nutritional sciences. Additionally, she needs to increase her daily intake of the nutrients compared to a non-pregnant woman:

Nutrients	Pregnant	Non-pregnant
Protein (grams)	66	58
Vitamin A (micrograms Retinol Equivalent	800	500
vitamin C (milligrams)	80	70
thiamin (milligrams)	1.4	1.1
riboflavin (milligrams)	1.7	1.1
niacin (milligrams niacin equivalent)	18	14
iron (milligrams)	34 (2nd trimester) 38 (3rd trimester)	27

Eating more, however, is not enough. It should be of the right kind and amount. Iron-rich foods and vitamin C-rich foods should be included in the daily meals to prevent iron-deficiency. Iron-rich foods include liver, heart, kidney, lean meat, egg yolk, and leafy and yellow vegetables. The vitamin C-rich foods, like ripe or green mango, papaya, chico, pineapple, melon and watermelon will make the body efficiently use iron. Remember that proper nutrition and regular check-up of a mom-to-be is the key to ensuring a healthy baby!

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