

## **PRDP funded enterprise conducts milk feeding program as prelude to World Food Day Celebration**

The moderate downpour did not hinder the officers and members of the Integrated Farmers Cooperative (IFC), Proponent Group of the PRDP-funded Cagayan Dairy Enterprise in distributing processed milk to the different schools in Tuguegarao City earlier today.

Having linked with the DepED through the Schools Division of Tuguegarao City with Ms. Leilanie T. Mangabat, Focal Person of the Milk Component, IFC's Lauterio M. Binayug, Chairman of the Board, Acting Manager Melchora Macarubbo and Dr. Aileen Bulusan of the Philippine Carabao Center @CSU delivered 3,288 sachets of processed carabao milk in Cataggaman Pardo Elementary School, Tuguegarao East Central School, Tuguegarao North Central and Tuguegarao Northeast Central School to cover four (4) districts in Tuguegarao City.

"We have distributed 3, 288 sachets today, but the program lasts for 12 feeding days. We shall have distributed 39, 456 after 12 days," Dr. Aileen Bulusan , DVM, Science Research Analyst and Milk Feeding Focal Person of PCC said.

Parents of the beneficiaries which includes all kinder, wasted and severely wasted pupils from grade 1 to 6 received the milk from the teachers and officers of the cooperative who were wearing masks and face shields and who religiously observed social distancing.

DepEd and IFC ventured into the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP- Milk Component) pursuant to the to the Republic Act 11037 also known as the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Filipino Act".

Meanwhile, Mr. Nilo Aquino, I-REAP Business Development Officer said this is only a prelude to the celebration of World Food Day.

Ms. Rosario Paccarangan, RPCO 2 I-REAP Component Head and AMAD Chief also disclosed that other dairy cooperatives will also carry out similar activities in the region.

The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 2 (DA RFO 2) earlier has convened the dairy group in Region 2 and inquired on activities highlighting the celebration of World Food Day.

The different dairy cooperatives informed the agency that they will conduct feeding activities for the event. The Food and Agriculture Organization has set October 16, 2020 as the celebration of World Food Day with the theme: Grow, Nourish, Sustain Together, Our Actions are our Future.

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