

Department of Social Welfare and Development  
**PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM**  
**NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NAC RESOLUTION NO. 24**

**Series of 2015**

**A Resolution in Bringing Pantawid Pamilya Children Back to School**

Whereas, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program is one of the flagship programs of the National Government as strategy to help in alleviating extreme poverty in the country by: 1) providing cash grants to help in day-to-day expenses of the household beneficiaries 2) to invest in human capital mainly on the education and health of children;

Whereas, one of the strategies of the program to break the inter-generational cycle of poverty is to ensure that the children in the household beneficiaries of the program are able to attend school regularly, and finish at least secondary education to give these children a fighting chance to become more productive members of the community;

Whereas, during the course of program implementation in 2012 and careful analysis of the data of children enrolled in the program, it was found out that there are children who are not attending school. These children, although enrolled ~~to~~ in the program, are not able to fully utilize the benefits of the program since they are not attending school;

Whereas, upon validation on the cases of these children not attending school, the program was able to identify several reasons that hinder the children beneficiaries ~~to~~ from attending ~~to~~ school, such as:


- **Distance** – the education facility is more than 5km away from the residence of the beneficiary
- **Inaccessible** – the beneficiary is having difficulty in accessing the education facility in the area due to terrain that makes it difficult for the children beneficiaries to access the facility
- **Supply-Side** – there are no existing education facility in the area
- **Sickly** – the beneficiary is having difficulties in attending school due to health conditions
- **Working** – the child is not attending school because he/she is engaged in income generating activity
- **Disability** – the child has difficulty in attending school due to disability
- **Bullied** – the child is not interested to go to school because they are being bullied in school
- **Financial** – despite the assistance being provided by the Pantawid Program the parents of these children still do not have enough means to send all their children to school
- **Sibling Care** – children are taking care of their younger siblings.
- **Moved out** – the children are not residing in the household/s anymore
- **Parent's Decision** – the parents of the children decided not to send their children anymore to school due to number of reasons


Whereas, to be able to ensure the effective implementation of the program and to bring these children back to school, the **National Advisory Committee (NAC)** recognizes that a collaborative effort between the concerned **National Government Agencies (NGA's)** is needed to monitor the progress and welfare of these children;

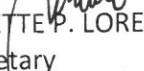
Wherefore, **Resolved** as it is hereby resolved by the members of the NAC in a meeting assembled, to formalize the agreements as follows:


1. For the Department of Education (DepEd) to help the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in identifying reasons why children-beneficiaries are not attending school, with the use of the Learners' Reference Number (LRN) and Learners' Information System (LIS), the two agencies would be able to monitor more efficiently the status of the children-beneficiaries enrolled in the Program, and locate children who moved out of their residence ensuring that they are still attending school in their current location;
2. For DepEd, DSWD and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to further evaluate the supply-side demands for education in Pantawid Pamilya areas especially in areas with high incidence of non-attendance in school due to supply-side gaps (Distance, Inaccessibility, Supply-Side), and provide immediate and appropriate interventions to resolve the issue in the area (i.e. provision of Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM)/Alternative Learning System (ALS), provision of dormitories to children residing in far flung areas, among others);
3. For DepEd, DILG, DSWD and Department of Health (DOH) to look into the cases of children-beneficiaries having difficulty in attending school due to health related reasons or conditions, and provide immediate and appropriate interventions to help ensure that they are able to attend school/receive education;
4. For DepEd, DILG and DSWD to address and eliminate the incidence of bullying especially for Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries and help those who are victims of bullying in schools, to encourage them back to school and ensure they are protected from such acts of violence, abuse or discrimination;
5. For the DepEd to collaborate with DSWD and/or the Department of Labor and Employment in reaching out to the Parents who opted to not send their children in school for economic reasons, and provision of immediate and appropriate intervention to these families to help in bringing these children back to school;
6. As part of the commitment of the NAC on the matter, regular updating and monitoring of these concerns shall be one of the major agenda in the regular meetings of the City/Municipal and Provincial Advisory Committees (C/M/PAC) up to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) and eventually to NAC to continually monitor the status of these beneficiaries and provision of immediate intervention on these cases.


Adopted this 29 day of May, Two Thousand and Fifteen, in Quezon City.


  
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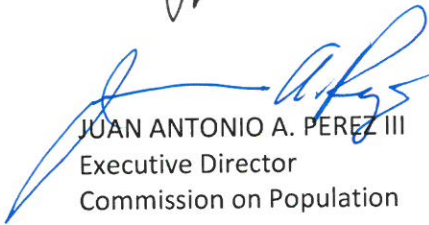
  
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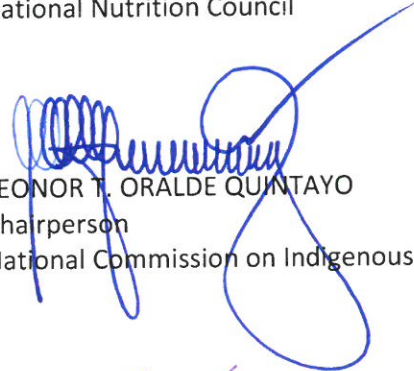
  
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