

## MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

**TO :** ALL CO OBSUs and DSWD REGIONAL OFFICES

**ATTENTION :** IATF-EID TWG on Social Amelioration

**SUBJECT :** INCLUSION OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW),  
BARANGAY TANODS, and BARANGAY DAY CARE  
WORKERS AS TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE  
SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM

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This is in reference to the appeal to include the above-mentioned sectors as target beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the national government being implemented by the DSWD.

The undersigned sought the guidance of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and through a letter dated 16 April 2020, requested for clarification as to whether the identified sectors, being part of the local government, are to be considered as excluded from the implementation of the SAP.

In the DILG's response, through Undersecretary Jonathan E. Malaya, their Department has recommended for the inclusion of the said sectors as target beneficiaries of the SAP, based on the following reasons, *namely*:

\*x x x

### ON THE ELIGIBILITY OF THESE THREE POSITIONS IN THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION

It is the appeal of this Department that the nature of appointment of the Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Tanods, and Barangay Day Care Workers, should not *outrightly disqualify* them from being included in the target beneficiaries under the social amelioration program particularly the Emergency Subsidy Program as defined in 5.1 of the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 ('JMC 1').

## **TARGET BENEFICIARIES, defined**

x x x

5.7 further provides a list of these vulnerable or disadvantage[d] sectors, to wit:

x x x

### **5.7.8.8. Sub Minimum Wage Earners**

x x x

Clearly, the factors to be considered for a person to qualify under the SAP are:

1. The person belongs to the poor or informal sector
2. The person is at risk of not earning a living during the ECQ
3. The household should include a member belonging to a vulnerable or disadvantaged person enumerated under 5.7

Note that both BHWs, Tanods, and Daycare Workers, by analogy to their counterparts in the private sector, fall under the definition of **Sub Minimum Wage Earners** which refer to [A]ny person who earns a wage below the prescribed minimum and is the sole income-earner of their family.

x x x

## **A FINAL NOTE**

x x x

x x x The so-called heavy-lifting job for the immediate response to the pandemic has been delegated to BHWs and Tanods as the frontliners in all community. It is but just to give them reasonable leeway to be intitled in the programs of the government.

x x x"

Given the foregoing, the undersigned adopts the recommendation of the DILG and therefore, directs the DSWD SAP Implementers to include the above-mentioned sectors as target beneficiaries of the SAP, subject to proper screening in accordance to Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, series of 2020.

For guidance and compliance.



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