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**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **195**, s. 2013

**OBSERVANCE OF THE 2013 NATIONAL WEEK FOR OVERCOMING  
EXTREME POVERTY (NWOEP)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. The National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty (NWOEP) is an annual observance of fight against poverty, as mandated by Presidential Proclamation Nos. 269, s. 1993 and 717, s. 2004. This year, the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) and other government agencies is enjoined to participate in the **Observance of the 2013 National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty (NWOEP)** with the theme *Working Together Towards a World Without Discrimination* on October 17-23, 2013.

2. The event aims to:

- a. make the public aware of the week-long commemoration and instill in them the virtues and principles espoused by the observance which is the refusal of extreme poverty and the respect of human rights, dignity, and freedom;
- b. recognize and appreciate the various initiatives of poor communities and local government units (LGUs) in uplifting the lives of poor Filipinos; and
- c. invite more stakeholders to join in the fight against poverty and build a critical mass to ensure a greater chance of effectively eradicating poverty at the soonest time.

3. The proposed participation of government agencies are as follows:

- a. hanging of official streamer/banner;
- b. posting of streamer/banner in agency website;
- c. conduct of agency event reminding the government's focus on poverty and importance of stakeholder participation; and
- d. sending of contingent to the Rizal Park, Manila for the Ceremony.

4. Agencies are requested to fill-out the enclosed Enrolment Form for the Convergence Events in Observance of the NWOEP 2013 and send it through fax no.: (02) 929-9796 or through email address: [rpnicanor\\_napc@yahoo.com](mailto:rpnicanor_napc@yahoo.com).
5. For more information, all concerned may contact **Mr. Nick Nicanor** of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Secretariat at telephone no.: (02) 426-5028; telefax no.: (02) 427-9796 or at email address: [napc.gov@gmail.com](mailto:napc.gov@gmail.com).
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum: Nos. 390 and 427, s. 2009

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Office of the President of the Philippines  
**NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION**

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**INTER-AGENCY MEETING**  
**RE: PREPARATION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL WEEK FOR**  
**OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY ON OCTOBER 17-23, 2013**

20 September 2013 / 10: a.m. – 12:00 noon

NAPC Conference Room, 3/F ATI Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

**Highlights**

**I. Attendees:**

NCDA, DOH, DepEd, LCP, DSWD, CFO, NEDA, DAR, NCIP, DOLE, DOF, DA, TESDA, ATD 4<sup>th</sup> World – Philippines, and NAPC Secretariat

**II. Agenda:**

- a. History of “International Day for the Eradication of Extreme Poverty”;
- b. Philippine Response to United Nations;
- c. Flashback: Year on Year Commemoration of the Event by NAPC; and
- d. 2013 Commemoration Plans.

**III. Highlights/Agreements:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. with Dir. Sem Cordial of NAPC-Commission Coordination & Planning Service presiding.
2. Ms. Vanessa Joos Malfait of ATD Fourth World Philippines provided a brief background on the history of celebrating the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17 throughout the world. She then shared their experiences in the country. She informed the group that the observance of the event can be in varied forms.

Ms. Malfait emphasized that rules were established in relation to the commemoration, to wit: it cannot be a propaganda day of anybody who want to promote their respective advocacies and actions or any kind of activities that may violate human dignity of the poor. The event should consider the poor as the “very important persons” (VIP) of the day.

3. Dir. Cordial cited the following official issuances as the Philippine Government’s recognition to October 17 United Nations resolution:
  - a. Presidential Proclamation No. 269, series of 1993, declaring October 17 of each year as “National Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty” (by former President Fidel V. Ramos); and
  - b. Presidential Proclamation No. 717, series of 2004, declaring October 17 to 23 of every year as the “National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty” (by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo)

Dir. Cordial noted that as per PP 717, the National Anti-Poverty Commission was tasked to lead, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the nationwide yearly observance of the National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

4. Mr. Renato Nicanor of NAPC Secretariat presented the NAPC initiatives and related activities in relation to the commemoration of NDOEP for the past years. For this year, it was proposed that the UN theme: "Working Towards a World Without Discrimination." Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty" be adopted. He then presented the draft program of activities (see attachment).
5. Dir. Cordial informed the body that there are two possible scenarios for October 17: (a) Commemoration of NDOEP 2013 at Rizal Park, Manila in the morning; (b) NAPC En Banc meeting with the President in the afternoon.
6. Dir. Cordial solicited comments and possible recommendations from the agencies on how this year's NDOEP event will be commemorated. The following are the suggestions/recommendations:
  - a. Mr. Edgardo Buenaventura informed the body that October 17-23, 2013 event also coincides with the celebration of "National Fisheries Week". Thus, both will be simultaneously celebrated.
  - b. NAPC to request DA to tag October 16, 2013 as "World Food Day"
  - c. Mr. Rizalio Sanchez of NCDA proposed to have simultaneous commemoration of the event nationwide. He also expressed interest on inviting NAPC as resource person in a forum in relation to the event.
  - d. Ms. Vanessa Malfait of ATD Fourth World suggested that there should be several testimonials from different sectors that represent the people who suffer from poverty.
7. Dir. Cordial cited the following activities that can be undertaken during the event:
  - a. Signing of "Call of Action" petition to accelerate achievement of the MDGs or conduct of information campaign
  - b. Wreath-laying ceremony on the replica of the commemorative stone or where replica will be unveiled (see primer for the list of sites)
  - c. Pledges of testimonies of the poor living in poverty
  - d. Lead in praying the "Universal Prayer", recitation of the "Panata"
  - e. Organizing music festival or cultural events
  - f. Organizing anti-poverty trade fairs, arts, or photo exhibits
  - g. Holding of multi-sectoral dialogue, forum, or seminar to create awareness on the need to address the needs of the poor
  - h. Gathering of people for the interfaith dialogue that may include moment of silence or prayers
  - i. School-based – contest on essay writing, declamation, debate, drawing, best news article on the MDGs, best case studies or research paper on poverty reduction, etc.
  - j. Community-based – contest on backyard gardening, dengue-free zone, most outstanding barangay health worker, family of the year, model barangay, etc.
  - k. Local government-initiated – *Ulat sa Bayan* through press conference or assembly of highlight accomplishments in poverty alleviation efforts
8. Dir. Cordial enumerated the proposed participation of government agencies as follows:
  - a. Hang official streamer/banner
  - b. Post streamer/banner in agency website

- c. Conduct agency event reminding the government's focus on poverty and importance of stakeholder participation (see item # 7). The event may be highlighted by a mass recitation of the "Universal Prayer for Poverty Eradication" (adopted from Joseph Wresinski, October 17, 1987, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris)
- d. Agencies to issue advisory to their respective regional offices/attached agencies/bureaus on the conduct of the event at the regional level and the hanging of banners and posting the same in their websites
- e. Agencies and other participating entities to send contingent to the Rizal Park, Manila ceremony

#### **IV. Next Steps:**

1. NAPC to send copy of the following:
  - a) official streamer/banner design (in jpeg/ Photoshop file) to the agencies. The standard tarpaulin size of the streamer/banner is 4 feet x 8 feet.
  - b) Draft October 17 programme for your guidance.
  - c) Vicinity map of the event venue (Luneta/Rizal Park, Manila).
2. Agencies are requested to fill out the attached Enrollment Form for the Convergence Events in Observance of the NWOEP 2013. Send it through fax number (02) 929-9796 and/email to [rpnicanor\\_napc@yahoo.com](mailto:rpnicanor_napc@yahoo.com).

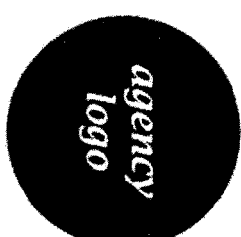
#### **3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

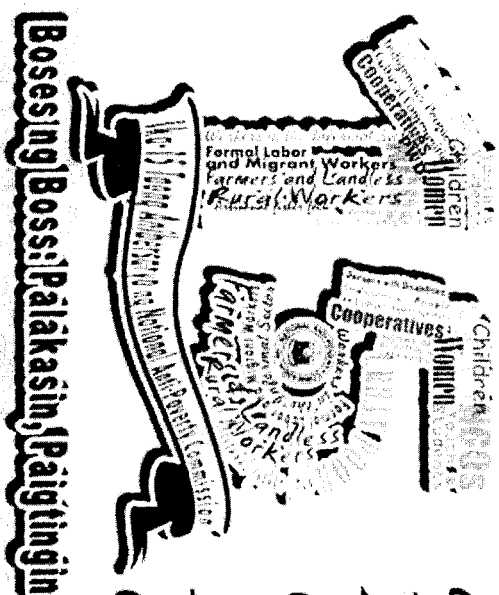
*Note: Handouts and materials were distributed during the meeting for reference.*

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum 195, s. 2013)

The (name of the agency) joins NAPC in observing the  
**National Week for Overcoming  
Extreme Poverty**



Theme: "Working Together Towards a World Without Discrimination"

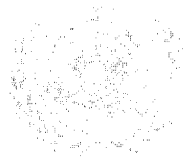


and in celebrating  
**years of constructive  
engagement with the  
Basic Sectors.**

October 17-23, 2013

**Bosing Boss! Palakasin, Paigtingin**





## Universal Prayer for Poverty Eradication

*Adopted from Joseph Wresinski, October 17, 1987, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris*

For these millions of children twisted by the pain of hunger,  
no longer able to smile, yet still yearning to love.  
For these millions of young people,  
who have no reason to believe or even to exist,  
and who vainly search for a future in this senseless world.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

For these millions of men, women and children,  
whose hearts are still pounding strong to the beat of struggle,  
whose minds rise in revolt against the unjust fate imposed upon them,  
whose courage demands the right to priceless dignity.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

For these millions of children, women and men  
who do not want to condemn,  
but to love, to pray, to work and to unite,  
so that a world of solidarity is born.  
One world, our world,  
in which all people would have given the best of themselves before dying.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

May all those who pray  
find hearing in God's presence  
and receive from Him the power to remove misery from humanity,  
the humanity created in His image.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

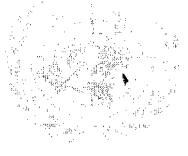
To the more hundreds of Filipinos affected by Typhoons Maring and Labuyo,  
And the many courageous individuals who continue to labor to help victims,  
May they both find the courage to continue to face the challenges that confront  
them.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

As we commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty,  
We pray for a world where people no longer live in hunger;  
where they are free from HIV/AIDS;  
where mothers no longer die in childbirth;  
where children no longer die of preventable diseases;  
where every child has the right to quality education;  
where poverty and inequity have been overcome.

*Our Father we pray to you,  
Send hands to reap your harvest.*

AMEN



# Panalangin Ng Bayan

*Mga salitang ipinahayag ni Fr. Joseph Wresinski, tagapagtatag ng ATD Fourth World Movement  
noon ika 17 ng Oktubre 1987 sa Paris, France*

Para sa milyong mga bata na namimilipit sa hapdi ng gutom,  
na halos di na kayang ngumiti, ngunit nais pa ring nagmamahal.  
Para sa milyong mga kabataan wala ng dahilang maniwala ni mabuhay,  
ngunit walang tigil pa ring naghahangad ng kinabukasan dito sa magulong mundo.

*Sa 'yo Panginoon, kami ay nananalangin.  
Magsugo Ka ng mga manggagawang gagapas sa lyong aanihin.*

Para sa milyong mga bata, kalalakihan at kababaihan  
na ang mga puso ay buong lakas pa ring pumipintig sa gitna ng pakikibaka,  
na ang isip ay tumatangi sa hindi makatarungan kapalaran na sa kanila'y ipinataw.  
Na ang kagitingan ay nararapat lamang tumbasan ng walang hanggang karangalan.

*Sa 'yo Panginoon, kami ay nananalangin.  
Magsugo Ka ng mga manggagawang gagapas sa lyong aanihin.*

Para sa milyong mga bata, kababaihan at kalalakihan, na hindi ninais na kamuhian,  
kundi ang ipanalangin at mahalina, nais ninyong gumawa at magkabigkis upang isilang  
ang mundong nagkakaisa; isang mundo, ating mundo, na kung saan ang lahat ng tao ay  
makapag-iwan ng pinakamabuti mula sa kanilang sarili bago pumanaw.

*Sa 'yo Panginoon, kami ay nananalangin.  
Magsugo Ka ng mga manggagawang gagapas sa lyong aanihin.*

Para sa lahat ng nananalangin, nawa'y makatagpo ng katugunan sa piling ng Diyos at  
makatanggap ng kalakasan mula sa Kanya na iwaksi ang karalitaan sa sangkatauhan,  
sangkatauhang nilikhang kawangis Niya.

*Sa 'yo Panginoon, kami ay nananalangin.  
Magsugo Ka ng mga manggagawang gagapas sa lyong aanihin.*

Mga salitang ipinahayag ni Fr. Joseph Wresinski  
Tagapagtatag ng ATD Fourth World Movement  
Noon ika 17 ng Oktubre 1987 sa Paris, France

**"Wherever men and women are condemned to live in poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty." - Father Joseph Wresinski, October 17, 1987 - Trocadéro - Paris**



Boses ng Boss: Palakasin, Paigtingin

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**Wakasan ang kahirapan, Ngayon Na!**



## **PANATA (STAND UP)**

*Maaari po bang tumayo tayong lahat? (tatayo ang mga tao)*

Kami ay buong giting na naninindigan kasama ang milyon-milyong tao sa buong mundo. Sa araw na ito, inihahayag namin ang pangakong labanan ang matinding kahirapan, gutom at di pagkakapantay ng bawat tao.

Kami ay naninindigan at di tatanggap ng anumang dahilan habang limampung-libong tao sa buong mundo ang namamatay araw-araw dulot ng matinding kahirapan at lumalaking agwat ng mayaman at mahirap.

Kami ay naninindigan at nananawagan sa mga pinuno na tuparin ang kanilang pangako at mga mithiin ng Millennium Development Goals - at hinihingi naming higitan ang kanilang mga layunin.

Kami ay nananawagan, kaisa ang mga tao mula sa higit isang daang bansa:

Sa aming mga pinuno - gawin ninyong pangunahing tungkulin ang pagsagip sa buhay ng pinakamahihirap, isaalang-alang ang pananagutan sa bawat mamamayan, lutasin ang di pagkakapantay, maging tapat at matuwid, supilin ang katiwalian at itaguyod ang karapatang pantao.

Magkakaiba man ang aming mga tinig, iisa ang aming pangarap. Iisa ang aming layunin at mahalagang hangarin - ang wakasan ang matinding kahirapan at pagkagutom.

Kami ay naninindigan, nananawagan na agad wakasan ang kahirapan upang makamantan ang kapayapaan at kaunlaran na nararapat para sa aming minamahal na bayan.

Batid namin na kami ay may responsibilidad. Bawat isa ay may pananagutan.

Tigilan ang pagdadahilan. Hanggang 2015 na lang! Tumayo, Kumilos, Wakasan ang Kahirapan!

Magkaisa tayo. Tuparin ang mga MDGs.

**Public Response: NOW NA!**

We gather here today with the rest of the world to show our united support to the MDGs that aims to end extreme poverty and inequality by 2015; and to take part in a common global action which is designed to grab public, political and media attention to make sure that the global movement in support of the Millennium Development Goals is seen and heard around the country and the rest of the world.

**"We will no longer stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and the broken promises to end it!"**

**We are the first generation that can put an end to extreme poverty in the Philippines, and we refuse to miss this opportunity!**

**Wakasan ang Kahirapan. Tuparin ang mga MDGs. Ngayon Na!**

Shouts/Chants

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Public Response</u>
Wakasan ang Matinding Kahirapan/	Ngayon Na!
Kalusugan at Edukasyon/	Ngayon Na!
Kapayapaan at Katahimikan sa Buong Mundo/	Ngayon Na!
Katarungan para sa Naaapi/	Ngayon Na!
Karapatan Mabuhay ng Marangal Kamtin Natin/	Ngayon Na!
Kung walang Kurap walang Mahirap! Korupsyon Itigil/	Ngayon Na!
Tuparin ang mga MDGs/	Ngayon Na!

**CONVERGENCE EVENTS**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR OVERCOMING EXTREME**  
**POVERTY (NWOEP) 17-23 OCTOBER 2013\***

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**ENROLLMENT FORM**

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Agency/Organization : \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Convergence Event : \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time : \_\_\_\_\_

Venue : \_\_\_\_\_

Objectives : \_\_\_\_\_

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Mechanics :  
*(Please identify participants and audiences and briefly describe the process or attach program. Use extra sheet if necessary)*

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Focal Person/Event Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Tel. and Fax Numbers : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number : \_\_\_\_\_

*Submitted by:*

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*Name and Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Designation*

*\*Planned activities that are relevant to the MDGs that will be undertaken in partnership with the basic sectors that you wish to be enrolled may be submitted to NAPC, e.g. World Food Day on Oct. 16 and National Fisheries Week on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Oct.*

**The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the Philippines' National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty: A Primer**

**Background**

The observance of the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** can be traced back to 17 October 1987 when over a hundred thousand people from all walks of life gathered at the *Plaza of Human Rights and Liberties* (that time the place is named Trocadero Plaza) in Paris, France to honor the victims of extreme poverty, hunger, violence, and ignorance. The site is also the place where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948.

The people gathered upon the appeal of Father Joseph Wresinski, a French Catholic priest and founder of All Together in Dignity (ATD) Fourth World Movement. They proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected. These convictions were inscribed in a commemorative stone unveiled on that day.

The text engraved in the stone reads in English, as follows:

**OCTOBER 17, 1987**

**ON THIS DAY, DEFENDERS OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS FROM EVERY CONTINENT GATHERED HERE. THEY PAID HOMAGE TO THE VICTIMS OF HUNGER, IGNORANCE AND VIOLENCE. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT HUMAN MISERY IS NOT INEVITABLE. THEY PLEDGED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH ALL PEOPLE WHO, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, STRIVE TO ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY.**

**“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.”**  
– Joseph Wresinski (1917–1988) *founder of ATD Fourth World*

Since then, people of all backgrounds, beliefs and social origins have gathered every year on October 17th to renew their commitment and show their solidarity with the poor.

Replicas of the commemorative stone have been unveiled around the world, and serve as a convergence point to celebrate the Day.



## UN Response

In appreciation of the non-government organizations initiative, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 47/196 declaring October 17<sup>th</sup> as the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** on December 22, 1992, and invited all States to devote the Day to presenting and promoting, as appropriate in the national context, concrete activities with regard to the eradication of poverty and destitution.

The resolution further invites intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist States, at their request, in organizing national activities for the observance of the Day, and requests the Secretary-General to take, within existing resources, the measures necessary to ensure the success of the Day's observance by the United Nations.

## Philippine Response

In response, former President Fidel V. Ramos signed Proclamation No. 269 in October 4, 1993 declaring October 17 of every year as the **National Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty** in observance of the ATD Fourth World-led "World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty." On October 17 of the same year, President Ramos unveiled at Rizal Park a replica of the "Commemorative Stone in Honor of the Victims of Extreme Poverty." It has since become the site of the annual commemoration organized by the National Anti-Poverty Commission in partnership with the ATD Fourth World Philippines, National Parks Development Council and City Government of Manila. Replicas of the commemorative stone have been established in the cities of Davao (laid in 1994) and Oroquieta (2001) and in the municipalities of Esperanza, Agusan Del Sur (2007), Barotac Viejo, Iloilo (2008), and Buenavista, Quezon (2008).

On October 18, 2004, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Proclamation 717 declaring the period of October 17-23 as the **National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty** (NWOEP). The Proclamation designated NAPC to lead, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the nationwide yearly observance of NWOEP in coordination with key partners and stakeholders in poverty reduction.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) dedicates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of October for extreme poverty day.

## Objectives

1. To make the public aware of the week-long commemoration and instil in them the virtues and principles espoused by the observance which is the refusal of extreme poverty and the respect of human rights, dignity, and freedom;
2. To recognize and appreciate the various initiatives of poor communities and local government units in uplifting the lives of poor Filipinos; and

3. To invite more stakeholders to join in the fight against poverty and build a critical mass to ensure a greater chance of effectively eradicating poverty at the soonest time.

### **Theme for National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty 2013**

This year's proposed theme is "*Working towards a World without Discrimination. Building on the experience and knowledge of people in extreme poverty*"

### **Plans for the Observance of the National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty in 2013**

To achieve these objectives, the following activities are proposed to be undertaken spearheaded by NAPC.

#### **1. Commemoration Program on October 17 at the Rizal Park, Manila**

Site Location: Replica of the Commemorative Stone, Pathway to Glory (Chess Plaza) beside the Open Air Auditorium

- a) Wreath-laying rites to be lead by H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III and reading of the commemorative stone text
- b) Testimonials and Pledges in the fight against poverty by community leaders
- c) Universal Prayer for the Eradication of Poverty and Panata
- d) Message of the President

#### **2. Convergence Events at the National, Regional and Local Levels**

NAPC Member Agencies including the Basic Sector Councils and the LGU leagues will be requested to organize a convergence event any day from October 17 to 23, 2013. These activities shall be enrolled to the NAPC Secretariat and consolidated into a *Calendar of Convergence Events in Observance of the National Week for Overcoming Poverty*.

A Convergence Event is any stand-alone milestone activity organized or conducted by a specific National Government Agency (NGA) or cluster of NGAs, Regional Poverty Reduction Action Teams, Local Government Unit(s), basic sector organization, private/business sector organization, etc.. The proposed activities are presented below.

### **Be part of the Solution**

Member agencies of the National Anti-Poverty Commission, non-government organizations, community-based associations, civil society groups, schools, other government agencies and institutions in the private sector support the IDEP by actively calling their leaders and legislators to make the fight against poverty a central part of their governance and development agenda.

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** is a gathering for peace and human dignity in the spirit of the declaration engraved on the replica of the commemorative stone in honor of the victims of extreme poverty.

The Day symbolizes the daily struggle of those who live in extreme poverty around the world and is the moment when they can freely express their daily struggle for independence from public or private assistance, a chance for the poor to present their needs, concerns and wishes, and the recognition and respect to human rights and dignity of everyone. Participation of the poor, the marginalized and disadvantaged sectors of society themselves must be at the center of the Day's observance. The commemoration of October 17th also reflects the willingness of people living in poverty to use their expertise to contribute to the eradication of poverty, helping their government improve their standards of living.

Get involve and be aware – locally and nationally. Together, let's add voices and contribute to eradication of poverty in our country.

Poverty is a violation of Human Rights. Organize an activity on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **List of activities that can be undertaken during IDEP and NWOEP**

It should be noted that the activities should focus around the theme. The theme changes every year by NAPC in consultation with key partners and stakeholders. Create activities that have the greatest impacts in generating awareness for, and commitments in the fight against poverty. The following are examples for your guidance:

1. Signing of "Call to Action" petition to accelerate achievement of the MDGs, or conduct of information campaign thru house-to-house visits or in radio and TV programs
2. Wreath-laying ceremony on the replica of the commemorative stone or where replica will be unveiled
3. Pledges and testimonies of the poor living in poverty
4. Lead in praying the "Universal Prayer," recitation of the "Panata" and messages focusing on poverty alleviation and social reform during the flag-raising ceremonies
5. Organizing music festival or cultural events
6. Organizing anti-poverty trade fairs, arts or photo exhibits
7. Hanging of banners in support to October 17<sup>th</sup> event
8. Holding of multi-sectoral dialogue, forum, seminar to create awareness on the need to address the needs of the poor or discuss specific issues affecting the poor
9. Gathering the people for an interfaith dialogue that may include a moment of silence or prayers to honor the victims of extreme poverty, hunger and discrimination
10. Mobilize resources for an anti-poverty advocacy, e.g., "End Poverty Now", increase budget to health and education, Implement RH Law Now, etc.
11. School-based - contest on essay-writing, declamation, debate, drawing, student leader of the year, best news article on the MDGs, best case studies on poverty reduction, best research paper, etc.
12. Community-based – contest on backyard gardening, dengue-free zone, cleanest purok, most outstanding barangay health worker, family of the year, model barangay of the year, most child-friendly health facility, most improved barangay in water and sanitation, etc.

13. Local government initiated – *Ulat sa Bayan* through press conference or assembly to highlight accomplishments in poverty alleviation efforts; Align People’s Day to NWOEP week to launch, inaugurate or turn-over of pro-poor projects; medical and dental outreach

Let us know what activity you are planning. Contact the National Anti-Poverty Commission Secretariat thru Mr. Sem H. Cordial, director of Commission Coordination & Planning Service at telefax number (02) 927-9796, telephone number (02) 426-5028 local 129, e-mail address: [rpnicanor\\_napc@yahoo.com](mailto:rpnicanor_napc@yahoo.com).

### Recommended Websites

1. United Nations dag Hammerskjöld library provides background information as well as valuable links - <http://www.un.org/en/events/povertyday/>
2. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights - <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>
3. Philippine Development Plan, Millennium Development Goal, regional economic situationer reports, and socio-economic databases and other socio-economic related concerns – <http://www.neda.gov.ph>
4. Poverty related databases – <http://www.nscb.gov.ph>
5. Poverty reduction programs under Pres. Aquino Administration like Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), KALAHATI-CIDSS – <http://www.dswd.gov.ph>
6. Anti-Poverty Agenda of the Philippines – <http://www.napc.gov.ph>

### Strategies for Citizens Action

1. Make Poverty History’s website is highly supported by contemporary media stars and provides lots of information about worldwide poverty - <http://www.makepovertyhistory.org/>
2. Citizens action on achieving the MDGs – <http://www.endpoverty2015.org/citizen-action/>
3. Learn how to raise funds, organize activities or assist the organization in their projects - <http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/-Philippines-.html>, and <http://www.savethechildren.org/site/>

### October Calendar of Events

	Universal Children’s Month
	Rural Women’s Month
4-18	Garantisadong Pambata Week
16	UN World Food Day
17	UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
17-23	Philippine National Week for Overcoming Extreme Poverty
17-23	National Fisheries Week
18-22	Health Education Week



**Participating Government Agencies, Basic Sector Councils and other Partner Institutions**

<b>Government Agencies</b>		<b>Basic Sectors</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Agriculture</li> <li>• Department of Agrarian Reform</li> <li>• Department of Budget and Management</li> <li>• Department of Environment and Natural Resources</li> <li>• Department of Education</li> <li>• Department of Interior and Local Government</li> <li>• Department of Finance</li> <li>• Department of Health</li> <li>• Department of Labor and Employment</li> <li>• Department of Social Welfare and Development</li> <li>• Department of Trade and Industry</li> <li>• National Economic Development Authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People's Credit and Finance Corporation</li> <li>• Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor</li> </ul> <p><b>LGU Leagues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• League of Provinces in the Philippines</li> <li>• League of Cities of the Philippines</li> <li>• League of Municipalities of the Philippines</li> <li>• Liga ng Barangay ng Pilipinas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers and Landless Rural Workers</li> <li>• Artisanal Fisherfolk</li> <li>• Urban Poor</li> <li>• Indigenous Cultural Communities/ Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>• Workers in the Formal Sector and Migrant Workers</li> <li>• Workers in the Informal Sector</li> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Youth and Students</li> <li>• Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Victims of Disasters and Calamities</li> <li>• Senior Citizens</li> <li>• Non-government Organizations</li> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Cooperatives</li> </ul>
<b>• Non-Government Institutions</b>		<b>Local Government</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATD Fourth World Philippines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN Millennium Development Goals Secretariat</li> <li>• UN Development Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Manila</li> <li>• Brgy. Pandacan</li> </ul>
<b>Other Government Agencies</b>	<b>Media Partners</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Parks Development Committee</li> <li>• Philippine National Police</li> <li>• Philippine Information Agency</li> <li>• People's Television</li> <li>• Metro Manila Development Authority</li> <li>• Armed Forces of the Philippines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine Daily Inquirer</li> <li>• Philippine Star</li> <li>• Manila Bulletin</li> <li>• Business World</li> <li>• ABS-CBN</li> <li>• GMA 7</li> <li>• TV 5</li> </ul>	

PARTICIPATION AND ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS and PARTNERS

<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>
NAPC member agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hang official streamer/banner</li><li>2. Post streamer/banner in agency website</li><li>3. Conduct agency event reminding internal and stakeholders about government's focus on poverty and importance of stakeholder participation, specially the poor – the event may be highlighted by a mass recitation of the Universal Prayer</li><li>4. For those with regional/field offices, issue advisory on the conduct of the event at the regional level and the hanging of banners and posting the same in their websites.</li><li>5. Enrol the event/activities with NAPC</li><li>6. Send contingent to the Rizal Park ceremony</li></ol>
City of Manila	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. City Mayor to give welcome message</li><li>2. participation in the Rizal Park rites – 100 employees, students</li><li>3. meals for the people mobilized</li><li>4. choirs for the singing of national anthem</li><li>5. drum and lyre band</li><li>6. wreaths</li><li>7. tents, tables and chairs</li><li>8. rostrum</li><li>9. Security c/o Manila Police Department</li></ol>
ATD 4 <sup>th</sup> World Phils.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. participation in the Rizal Park rites – 50 community folks, volunteers</li><li>2. meals for the people mobilized</li><li>3. Oct 17 banners/streamers</li><li>4. Booth</li></ol>

<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>SUPPORT NEEDED</b>
National Parks Development Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OIC-Exec. Director to give welcome remarks</li> <li>2. Participation in wreath-laying rites</li> <li>3. Provide platform to serve as stage</li> <li>4. Sweepers</li> <li>5. Dancing Fountain show</li> <li>6. Help secure the tents, stage, etc.</li> </ol>
Philippine National Police Academy or the Philippine Marine Corps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Honor guards</li> </ol>
AFP or MMDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. AFP Marching Band</li> </ol>
UN Philippines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UN Officials participation</li> <li>2. Messages (if PNoy is not available)</li> <li>3. UN Statement/message</li> <li>4. Info materials on MDGs</li> <li>5. T-shirts, if available</li> <li>6. Meals for guests</li> </ol>
NAPC Secretariat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation of 300 BS council members/14 Sec Reps (allowances c/o quarterly meeting)</li> <li>2. Oct 17 banners, NWOEP banners</li> <li>3. Stage backdrop</li> <li>4. Registration, info booth</li> <li>5. Meals for people mobilized – basic sectors/SRs, security team, sweepers, Secretariat officers, employees and staff</li> <li>6. Secretary message</li> <li>7. Attendance of Cabinet Secretaries</li> <li>8. PNoy's message</li> <li>9. Transpo for BS council members/SRs, members of meals committee, and logistics committee</li> <li>10. Program/ info kits for media</li> <li>11. Masters of ceremonies</li> <li>12. Attendance of Secretariat officers, employees and staff</li> <li>13. Wreaths, flowers and petals</li> </ol>

## UN cites DepEd on campaign against poverty

The Department of Education (DepEd) received a commendation from the United Nations for helping set a new Guinness World Record of 43,716,440 for the most number of people ever to mobilize against poverty in a 24-hour period.

Salil Shetty, director of the United Nations Millennium Campaign and Nileema Noble, UN resident coordinator in the Philippines lauded the Department for participating in the event to end poverty and inequality and living up to the promise of achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG), as part of a global movement of likeminded citizens.

"We are one with the UN in the effort of alleviating poverty, in particular in achieving universal primary education," Education Secretary Jesli A. Lapus said. Of the 7.1 million Filipinos who supported the movement, 2.8 million or 39.44 percent was mobilized by the DepEd. The number of Filipinos who stood up for the campaign accounted for 16 percent of the 43.7 million people who participated from 127 countries around the world.

The Philippines ranked second in Asia and the Pacific in the Guinness World Record in the Stand Up and Speak Out Movement to fight poverty and achieve the MDG set by the UN.

On behalf of the UN team in the Philippines, Noble expressed appreciation for the tremendous show of support and commitment to the UN October Month celebration which was highlighted by the **2007 Stand Up, Speak Out campaign on October 17**. "Filipinos from all walks of life came together to make their voices heard and urged leaders to act and fight poverty to in order to keep their promise of meeting the MDG by 2015," Noble said in a statement.

The MDG has eight goals: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability and develop a global partnership for development.

These goals form a blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and all the world's leading development institutions. They have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest.

In a recent mid-term MDG progress report, the Philippines noted significant gains in meeting the MDG challenge provided that measures to overcome poverty are sustained. The same report said that in order to address hunger and nutrition, cohort survival rate, maternal mortality and access to reproductive health services there is a need for more resources and an accelerated implementation of interventions both at the national and local levels.