Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens

MONTHLY GOOD NEWS REPORT As of November 30, 2017

I. Accomplishment

Physical Accomplishment

Out of the total **2,809,542** target beneficiaries for the year, a total of **2,559,202** beneficiaries or **91.09**% have received their stipend for the 1st quarter while there are **2,466,252** or **87.78**% for the 2nd quarter; **2,050,626** or **72.99**% for the 3rd quarter and **962,289** or **34.25**% for the 4th quarter (see attached registry of paid beneficiaries). Conduct of pay-out by the Field Offices is still on-going for the remaining unpaid beneficiaries of all quarters.

Financial Accomplishment

Based on the Financial Management Service's report on Statement of Allotment, Obligation and Balances (SAOB) out of the total allotment of Php16,511,997,000.00 of the program (excluding ARMM), a total of Php14,978,250,135.03 or 90.71% was obligated as of October 31, 2017. The DSWD Central Office had withdrawn fund from FO XII based on their request, however, said adjustment will be reflected in the succeeding FMS report.

II. Updates/Activities Conducted

- 1. Attended the Budget Planning Workshop conducted by FMS on November 08-10, 2017.
- 2. Attended Business Process Result Assessment on November 08, 2017.
- 3. Conducted Social Pension 2018 Budget Planning Workshop on November 21-24, 2017 in Quezon City.

III. Next Steps

- 1. To observe pay-out in FO IV-A on December 12, 2017 with the World Bank representatives in relation to the Social Pension program review. Said review forms part larger review of the Philippines Social Protection System with the SDC Sub-Committee on Social Protection (SCSP).
- 2. Provision of technical assistance on the utilization on Social Pension Information System in coordination with IMB.
- 3. To conduct meeting with HRDB re upgrading, contractualization and requesting of additional staff for the program.
- 4. To conduct consultation meeting with the Procurement Service to discuss the process of procuring service provider for the conduct of Pilot Testing of Cash Card for Social Pension implementation.
- 5. Fast track the approval of the Omnibus Guidelines on Social Pension.

6. Continuous provision of technical assistance to the Regional Social Pension Unit on the implementation of the program.

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