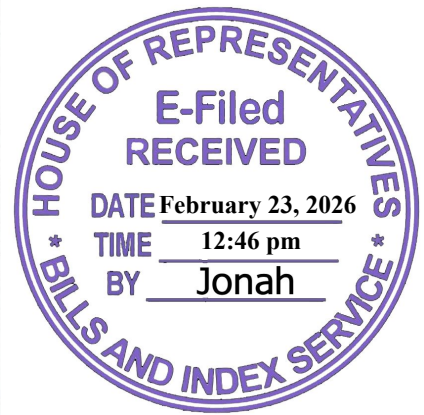


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AN ACT

STRENGTHENING BENEFICIARY IDENTIFICATION AND TARGETING MECHANISMS, INCLUSION OF A FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) ACT"

Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

Launched in 2008 and institutionalized in 2019, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve health, nutrition, and education.¹ As of June 2025, 4Ps is serving a total of 3,095,544 active household beneficiaries. This indicated a decrease of 810,097 household beneficiaries from March 2025 which is primarily attributed to exiting the program either through natural attrition or

¹ "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)", DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT - CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, 10 Feb 2026, <https://car.dswd.gov.ph/programs-services/core-programs/pantawid-pamilyang-pilipino-program-4ps/>.

graduation based on improved well-being. The majority of beneficiaries are located in rural areas, with a total of 1,571,243 households, representing 50.76% of all active beneficiaries. This is followed by households in urban areas and those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.²

This bill aims to amend Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act" to strengthen beneficiary identification and targeting mechanisms, which shall include undernourished children and provision of a food and nutrition grant. In a society that upholds human dignity, hunger and malnutrition are unacceptable and must be eradicated through a whole-of society approach. It is a multi-factorial concern requiring inputs from all sectors. As such, nutrition shall be a priority of the government to be implemented by all its branches in collaboration with non-government organizations and the private sector in an integrated manner.

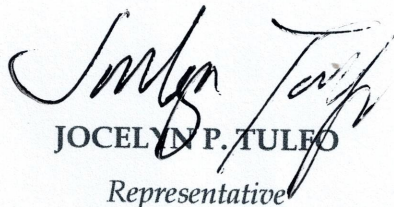
In view of the foregoing, the urgent passing of this bill is earnestly sought.



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² "Second Quarter 2025 Program Implementation Report", DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, Jul 2025, <https://pantawid.dswd.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2nd-Quarter-Program-Implementation-Report.pdf>.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines, in Congress
assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "Food and Nutrition
2 Grant Through the 4Ps Law of 2025."

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is declared Policy of the State to promote a
5 just, humane, and productive society that will ensure the prosperity and
6 independence of the country, which is free from poverty and inequity. It makes this
7 possible through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
8 employment, a rising standard of living, values-based education system, and an
9 improved quality of life for all including children. In a society that upholds human
10 dignity, hunger and malnutrition are unacceptable and must be eradicated through a
11 *whole-of society* approach. It is a multi-factorial concern requiring inputs from all
12 sectors. As such, nutrition shall be a priority of the government to be implemented by

all its branches in collaboration with non-government organizations and the private sector in an integrated manner.

It shall be the State policy to:

- (1) Defend and promote the rights and welfare of children through an empowerment process where parents are educated on responsible parenthood while providing a system that ensures proper care, nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;
- (2) Eliminate hunger and reduce all forms of malnutrition in children; and
- (3) Prioritize nutrition as both an end-goal and a means to achieve development through multi-sectoral engagement with focus on nutritionally and economically depressed areas, communities, and households.

SEC. 3. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 11310 is amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Eligible Beneficiaries. - Farmers, fisherfolks, homeless families, indigenous peoples, those in the informal settler sector, HOUSEHOLDS WITH UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN AGED ZERO (0) TO SIX (6), and those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, including those in areas without electricity shall be automatically included in the standardized targeting system to be conducted by the DSWD: Provided, That to be eligible for cash grants, households or families must meet the following criteria:"

"a) Classified as poor and near-poor based on the Standardized Targeting System and the poverty threshold issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) at the time of selection;"

1 “b) Have members who are aged zero (0) to eighteen (18) year old or
2 have members who are pregnant at the time of registration; and”

3 “c) Willing to comply with the conditions specified by this Act.”
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5 **SEC. 4.** Section 7 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:
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7 “Section 7. Conditional Cash transfer to Beneficiaries. – The Advisory
8 Council shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to
9 beneficiaries with the following schemes:”
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11 “a) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in day care and
12 elementary programs shall not be lower than Three Hundred Pesos (PhP
13 300.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;”

14 “b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high
15 school shall not be lower than Five Hundred Pesos (PhP 500.00) per
16 month per child a maximum of ten (10) months per year;”

17 “c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child in senior high school shall
18 not be lower than Seven Hundred Pesos (PhP 700.00) per month per
19 child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;”

20 “d) Health grant shall not be lower than Seven Hundred Fifty Pesos (PhP
21 750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year; AND”

22 “e) FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN
23 ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 1,000.00) PER MONTH FOR A
24 MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR.”
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26 “The HEALTH AND FOOD AND NUTRITION grant COMPONENTS
27 AIM to promote healthy practices and family development, improve the
28 health status of pregnant and post-partum mothers, infants and young
29 children, and increase the use of health services by the household-
30 beneficiary.”

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2 "THE FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT AIMS TO ADDRESS IF NOT
3 ERADICATE MALNUTRITION BY EMPOWERING POOR
4 HOUSEHOLDS TO PURCHASE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD
5 AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PINGGANG PINOY BASED ON
6 KUMAINMENT OR NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES THAT MAY BE
7 ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL."
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9 AN APPROPRIATE MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM
10 SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY DSWD AND RELEVANT AGENCIES
11 SUCH AS THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL. TO ENSURE
12 THAT THE FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT IS USED FOR THE
13 PURPOSE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS LAW, DSWD MAY ISSUE IT
14 IN THE FORM OF FOOD VOUCHER OR SIMILAR FORM IN THE
15 CORRESPONDING AMOUNT, UNLESS CASH IS STILL OBSERVED
16 TO BE THE MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF DISTRIBUTION."
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18 SEC. 5. Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:
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20 "Section 11. Conditions for Entitlement. - ALL QUALIFIED
21 HOUSEHOLDS-BENEFICIARES CLASSIFIED AS FOOD POOR
22 BASED ON THE SUBSISTENCE THRESHOLD ISSUED BY THE PSA
23 AT THE TIME OF THE SELECTION SHALL BE PRIORITIZED IN THE
24 SELECTION PROCESS OF BENEFICIARIES. All qualified household-
25 beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a
26 requirement for continued program eligibility:"
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28 "a) Pregnant women must avail of pre-natal services, give birth in a
29 health facility attended by a skilled health professional, and receive
30 post-partum care and post-natal care for her newborn;"

1 “b) Children zero (0) to (5) must receive regular preventive health and
2 nutrition services including check-up and vaccinations;”

3 “c) CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDERNOURISHED MUST UNDERGO
4 MONTHLY MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF NUTRITION
5 INDICATORS AS FACILITATED BY RESPECTIVE BARANGAY
6 NUTRITION SCHOLARS OR LOCAL HEALTH UNITS;”

7 “d) THE FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT IS FIXED AMOUNT AND
8 DOES NOT DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE
9 HOUSEHOLD;”

10 “e) Children one (1) to fourteen (14) years old must avail of deworming
11 pills at least twice a year;”

12 “f) Children three (3) to four (4) years old must attend day care or pre-
13 school classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) if their time; and”

14 “g) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary
15 or secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their time; and”

16 “h) At least once (1) responsible person must attend family development
17 sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month.”

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19 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
20 this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent
21 General Appropriations Act.

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23 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within three (3) months from the
24 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in coordination with
25 appropriate government departments and agencies, revise the rules and regulations
26 for Republic Act No. 11310 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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28 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this Act is declared
29 invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts hereof not affected thereby shall remain
30 valid.

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2 **SEC 9. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
3 rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are
4 deemed, amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

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6 **SEC.10. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
7 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9 *Approved,*