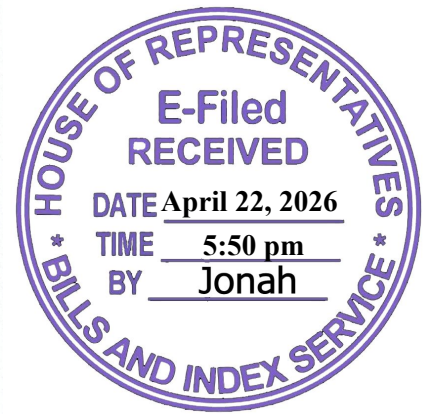


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House Bill No. **8946**



**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES RALPH WENDEL P. TULFO
AND JOCELYN P. TULFO**

AN ACT

**MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG
PILIPINO ACT"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11037, otherwise known as the "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act", was enacted into law in 2017 to establish a comprehensive national feeding program that will address the problem of undernutrition among Filipino children, recognizing the demonstrated relationship between food and nutrition and the capacity of students to develop and learn. The program includes the provision of fortified meals to all undernourished public elementary school children.

In 2024, the Department of Agriculture-National Dairy Authority (DA-NDA) partnered with the Department of Education (DepEd) with the launch of the School-Based Milk Feeding Program in Quezon City. It encouraged milk consumption among learners and the patronage of fresh milk from local dairy farmers.¹ Likewise, the

¹ DA Press Office, "DA-NDA, DepEd partner for 2024 School-Based Milk Feeding Program", *DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE*, 26 Jan 2024, <https://www.da.gov.ph/nda-and-deped-partners-for-fy-2024-milk-feeding->

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the DepEd partnered last year to sustain a school-based feeding program while patronizing products produced by agrarian reform beneficiaries in Laoag City. The Philippine Carabao Center has also expressed support to the program by providing high-quality milk to learners sourced from local dairy farmers in the province. Such program empowers farmers associations and cooperatives as the government assists in the development and linking of local products to children's supplemental feeding programs to help address malnutrition.²

This bill aims to institutionalize the procurement of produce from small-scale producers in the implementation of the government's National Feeding Program, as well as the provision of support services such as training on production, harvesting, and procurement process, subsidized farm equipment, facilities for storage and harvesting, and capacity building.

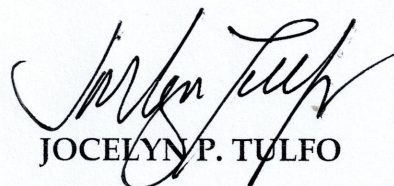
In view of the foregoing, the urgent passing of this bill is earnestly sought.



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² Adriano, Leilanie, "DAR, DepEd partner to boost children's health, farmers' income", *PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY*, 22 July 2025, <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1254856>

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Republic Act No. 11307, otherwise known as the "Masustansyang
2 Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino" Act is hereby amended by inserting the following
3 provisions after Section 7 of the said Act:

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5 SECTION 8. PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCE FROM SMALL SCALE
6 PRODUCERS - THE GOVERNMENT IS MANDATED TO ENSURE THAT
7 30% OR MORE OF THE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE
8 NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM ARE PROCURED FROM SMALL-SCALE
9 PRODUCERS.

1 SECTION 9. REGISTRY OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS - THE DA SHALL
2 KEEP AND REGULARLY UPDATE A LIST OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS.
3 IT SHALL USE THE REGISTRY FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE
4 (RSBSA), THE REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE (RFO) LIST OF BENEFICIARIES,
5 THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES'S NATIONAL
6 PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION (BFAR FISH R)
7 FOR FISHERFOLK, AND ANY OTHER LIST IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO
8 KEEP THE REGISTRY UP TO DATE. FURTHERMORE, THE DA IS
9 REQUIRED TO COORDINATE WITH THE DSWD TO CROSS-MATCH AND
10 COMPARE THE REGISTRY WITH THE DSWD'S NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD
11 TARGETING SYSTEM FOR POVERTY REDUCTION (NHTS-PR) TO AVOID
12 DUPLICATION AND REDUNDANCY.

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14 SECTION 10. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AGRARIAN REFORM
15 BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS - THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) SHALL INSTITUTE THE
17 FOLLOWING BENEFITS FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES WHO
18 ARE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS AS CONTAINED IN THEIR LIST OF
19 BENEFICIARIES:

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21 A. TRAINING ON PRODUCTION, HARVESTING, PROCUREMENT
22 PROCESS OF THIS ACT, AND ANY OTHER TOPIC THE DAR SEES
23 FIT;
24 B. SUBSIDIZED FARM EQUIPMENT;
25 C. FACILITIES FOR STORAGE AND HARVESTING;
26 D. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMER;
27 E. ACCESS TO CROP INSURANCE; AND
28 F. ACCESS TO CREDIT/LOW INTEREST RATES.
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1 **SEC. 2.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section
2 11, and all succeeding sections of the same Act are hereby renumbered accordingly.

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4 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** Within ninety (90) days from
5 the effectivity of this Act, the DA and the DAR, in consultation with DSWD, DEPED,
6 the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the Food and Nutrition Research Institute
7 (FNRI), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local
8 Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and such
9 other relevant government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and development
10 partners, shall promulgate their respective rules and regulations for the efficient and
11 effective implementation of this Act.

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13 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act shall be declared
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
15 full force and effect.

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17 **SEC 5. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders,
18 proclamations, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the
19 provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

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24 *Approved,*