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## OVER 600,000 WORKERS RECEIVE CAMP

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### BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Original Allocation	1,746,770,000
Additional Realigned	1,539,235,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P3,286,005,000</b>

### ACCOMPLISHED AS OF 19 MAY 2020

APPLICANTS (AS OF 15 APRIL CUTOFF)	
59,636 ESTABLISHMENTS	1,604,205 WORKERS
TOTAL TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
657,201 WORKERS	
PAID BENEFICIARIES	
34,192 ESTABLISHMENTS	657,201 WORKERS 100%
TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED	
Php 3,286,005,000	

\*Application for CAMP closed on 15 April 2020  
\*Additional realigned funds increased target beneficiaries

CAMP, on 19 May 2020, posted full utilization of its budget after assisting 657,201 workers

On 19 May 2020, the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) posted full utilization of its Php 3.3 billion budget allocation after having provided financial assistance to 657,201 workers. The Bureau of Local Employment (BLE), which manages CAMP, reports that these beneficiaries come from over 30,000 establishments that had implemented either flexible work arrangements or temporary closure of business due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduced on 17 March 2020, CAMP was initiated by the Department in anticipation of the impact of the coronavirus disease outbreak and the proceeding community quarantine put in place all over the country would have on employment. Under the program guidelines, workers in the formal economy whose employment has been affected by the pandemic are entitled to a one-time financial support amounting to Php 5,000.

When the announcement was made, DOLE communication channels were overwhelmed by a flood of applications which quickly depleted its initial fund of Php 1.7 billion. On 15 April 2020, the Department had to cease accepting applications. Shortly after, a further Php 1.5 billion of DOLE's budget was realigned to supplement the original allocation in order to cover more applicants. Efforts were

made to secure additional funding for the program; however, the request ultimately did not come to fruition and the program had to wrap up operations mid-May.

At the cut-off date, applications from a total of 59,636 affected establishments covering 1,604,205 workers had been received by the DOLE offices. Of these, 657,201 (41%) workers from 34,192 (57%) establishments were provided the financial assistance.

On social media, beneficiaries expressed appreciation for the program upon receiving the financial support. Lyka L. Ballad from Palawan posted: "LEGIT yung 5K from DOLE. Laking tulong din pang-budget. Kaya salamat po ng marami, DOLE CAMP."

"Salamat DOLE ZamPen Region. Natanggap ko na po ang ayudang binigay niyo para sa aming mga No Work No Pay." Jefferson Cablas, an employee of Ceejays Enterprises in Zamboanga del Norte wrote,

"I'm so blessed po and happy sa tulong niyo. Napakalaking tulong po sa aking pamilya ang natanggap naming Php 5,000 na tulong galing sa inyo. Tiyak na di na kami magugutoman, maraming maraming salamat po, mula sa akin at sa aking pamilya! Mabuhay po kayo! God bless po sa lahat ng kawani ng DOLE at sa National Government na magkaron ng programang tulad nito."

Establishments whose employees received the grant likewise gave recognition to the program. Sally's Homemade Kakanin posted on their official Facebook page: "Lubos na pasasalamat sa Department of Labor and Employment - National Capital Region sa pag apruba ng aming CAMP application. Ito po ay malaking tulong sa aming mga manggagawa na lubusang naapektuhan ng pansamantalang pag tigil ng operasyon dahil sa enhanced community quarantine."

Shot Tea PH in Bicol said, "Thank you DOLE Bicol for the cash assistance for my team. Malaking tulong po ito sa kanila. Godbless and more power."

On 16 April 2020, a day after the DOLE ceased receiving CAMP applications, the Department of Finance rolled out a Php 51 billion Small Business Wage Subsidy program for formal sector workers. Under a data sharing agreement, information on CAMP applications were shared with the DOF and SSS to serve as reference for the SBWS implementation. A complete list of CAMP applications received as of 15 April 2020 were endorsed, including the names of employers and their employees, and the status of their application.



Beneficiaries pose with assistance received from CAMP. Beneficiaries of DOLE's social amelioration program take to social media to express their appreciation.

# DOLE SUPPORTS PDP RESILIENCY PLAN'S LABOR-RESPONSIVE STRATEGIES FOR THE NEW NORMAL

On 11 and 16 June 2020, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) participated in online consultation meetings for the enhancement of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 Midterm Update in view of the country's transition to the new normal.

With the repackaged PDP Resiliency Plan incorporating both the government's recovery program as well as suggestions from the private and public sectors (as reflected in the We Recover as One Report), the country's strategies, programs, policies, and activities have been made more responsive to the rapid changes under the "new normal", particularly for the remainder of the period covered by the PDP.

In an online briefing last 05 June 2020, NEDA Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon said that the public wants to see a healthy and resilient Philippines, and that the PDP Resiliency Plan, which shall guide

the work programs of government agencies for 2021 and 2022, will help ensure this happens.

DOLE, as part of the Planning Committee on Human Capital Development and Subcommittees on Labor Market Policies and Social Protection, is committed to preserve and protect employment. The DOLE supports the priority strategies included in the We Recover as One Report and the proposed PDP Resiliency Plan that will help the labor market recover from COVID-19's impact. The retooling of the labor force through massive online courses and flexible or blended training strategies, the improvement of social protection programs and income support systems (i.e. wage subsidy programs and unemployment benefits), the issuance of standard guidelines on alternative work arrangements that has fast become a 'norm' for establishments during the pandemic, and the review of guidelines on the provision of hazard pay for workers in the private and public sectors (especially those in precarious and hazardous work), were measures identified as crucial to the labor market's well-being.

The finalized Plan is expected to be released by the first week of August and will be uploaded to the NEDA website.



## SPES AND GIP IMPLEMENTATION RESUMES

The labor department has resumed the implementation of the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) and the Government Internship Program (GIP) in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ).

In SPES Advisory No. 4-2020 and DOLE GIP Advisory No. 4-2020, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) senior officials have authorized the resumption of SPES and GIP operations, contingent upon restrictions and conditions.

For SPES, applicants below 21 years old and those with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities, or other health risks are prohibited from participating in the program.

Furthermore, all partner employers and establishments are highly encouraged to promote alternative working arrangements for the beneficiaries. When not feasible and practical, they are to strictly ensure that the beneficiaries only fulfill desk works or related tasks that will not require them to travel or stay outside for an indefinite period.

On the other hand, GIP implementers may allow below 21-year-old beneficiaries or those with health risks to continue to work provided that they will be under a work-from-home arrangement.

GIP beneficiaries to be deployed in Local Government Units (LGUs) and National Government Agencies (NGAs) shall also strictly perform desk works within the office only. Travel-related assignments are temporarily suspended to avoid exposure to risks brought by COVID-19.

Under the advisories, SPES and GIP partners are reminded to comply with the minimum public health requirements and quarantine protocols prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH), such as social distancing, mandatory temperature checks, wearing of face masks, and proper handwashing or sanitizing.

If an area under GCQ has been reverted to Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) or Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the engagement of the GIP interns and SPES

beneficiaries shall immediately be suspended.

The conditions and restrictions stipulated in SPES Advisory No.4-2020 shall likewise apply in areas placed under the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) according to SPES Advisory No. 5-2020.

The implementation of these programs was previously postponed under DOLE Administrative Order No. 106 series of 2020.

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