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Magna Carta for the Poor
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The policy promotes the need to uplift the standard of living and quality of life of the poor and provide them with sustained opportunities for growth and development. It shall adopt an area-based, sectoral, and focused intervention to poverty alleviation where every poor Filipino must be empowered to meet the minimum basic needs through the partnership of the basic sectors.

Salient Extension Provisions

Section 4. *Scope of the Fundamental Rights of the Poor.* — The government shall establish a system of progressive realization or implementation to provide the requirements, conditions, and opportunities for the full enjoyment or realization of the following rights of the poor, which are essential requirements towards poverty alleviation:

- a) Right to Adequate Food is the right of individuals or families to have physical and economic access to adequate and healthy food or the means to procure it. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Agriculture (DA), and other implementing agencies concerned shall:
1. Undertake necessary actions to mitigate and alleviate hunger especially in times of calamities/natural and human-induced disasters;
 2. Fully implement and maintain supplementary feeding programs in daycare centers and schools;
 3. Ensure the availability, accessibility, and sustainability of food supplies in a quantity and quality sufficient to meet the dietary needs of poor individuals and families; and
 4. Proactively engage the poor in activities intended to promote their food self-sufficiency and strengthen their access to resources and means to ensure food security.

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