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CASH AID VIA BARANGAYS

Only poor households can get amelioration -- DSWD 7 exec

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said that while it is true that we are all affected in the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), only poor households can avail of the cash amelioration program through the barangays.

“We have 294,000 4Ps in Region 7 and 240,952 4Ps (or Pantawid Pampamilyang Pilipino Program) have already received their amelioration last April 4-5, 2020,” said DSWD 7 Assistant Regional Director for Operations Shalaine Marie Lucero.

The DSWD 7 have already downloaded the P6,000 cash aid to the 4Ps cash cards of the household heads.

While the government gives P6,000 to each poor household, each 4Ps who received P1,350 monthly (P750 health grant and P600 rice subsidy), is given by DSWD, a top up in the amount of P4,650 to make it P6,000.

The other 53,000 4Ps will all receive their amelioration anytime this week.

The second priority is those under the Listahanan sa mga Pobre (list of Poor Households). DSWD is requesting Local Government Units (LGUs) to consider the family under the Listahanan, a database in every municipality or city.

“They must be the priority because they are scientifically declared as poor households in the locality,” DSWD said.

After 4Ps and Listahan-

an, it is now time for the barangay to look for other poor households like taxi drivers and tricycle drivers especially those who have associations.

These was gathered yesterday during a teleconference with Lucero participated by Cebu Business Week.

“So, barangay officials, don’t use this as an opportunity to give to either your friends or protégées

who are not qualified. Give it to those who are really poor. We must care and help each other so we can easily distribute cash assistance to those eligible,” Lucero said.

Lucero added that DSWD is now implementing Republic Act 11469 or Bayanihan to Heal as One Act recently signed by President Rodrigo Duterte.

In the Social Amelioration Program, DSWD will extend cash assistance or subsidy

to 18 million households, an estimate based on the 2015 population census with 15.2 million households. It was amplified to 18 million because of the 2020 projection.

In a separate teleconference, DSWD undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said 4Ps beneficiaries can now use their cash cards in withdrawing their cash assistance of P6,000.

“Let us be clear. We give only to a family and not individual person. The families of taxi drivers, Habal-Habal drivers, carenderia workers, port workers, vendors and other people with no regular jobs in informal economy have no payroll,” Lucero said, adding that “the income of these workers was stopped because the places where they work had closed due to the enhanced community quarantine. They cannot sustain their daily needs, so they are our priority in giving P6,000 financial assistance in Region 7,” said Lucero said. **ELIAS O. BAQUERO**

