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Complementary Foods
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Description:

In 2012, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) launched the program "Science and Technology Program for Community Empowerment". It is a program which provides a package of S&T interventions to the poorest of the poor communities in the country with the intent of improving the socio-economic bottom lines of the municipalities. Particular focus was given on certain indicators that will be directly affected by the provision of S&T interventions in eradicating poverty, raising livelihoods, ensuring food safety, as well as providing a healthy and physically safe environment. The beneficiary municipality was selected based on the poorest of the poor classified by the National Statistical Coordinating Board (NSCB) in respective regions. In Region IV-A, Mulanay, together with San Andres, in Quezon Province were identified belonging to 609 focus municipalities and top 44 of poorest of the poor in the NSCB list, respectively. The current socio-economic status of Mulanay served as the baseline indicator in identifying specific S&T interventions that the DOST may provide in alleviating poverty within the community. One of the key factors identified for intervention was the status of Health and Nutrition. In 2011, based on the data from the Rural Health Unit of Mulanay (RHU-Mulanay), out of the 10,082 children ages 0-71 months, 7,163 (71.05%) were covered under Operation Timbang. Out of those children, 81.14% were with normal weight, 14.60% underweight, 3.48% and severely underweight and 0.78% overweight. Initial interventions have already been provided by the DOST to address this concern. A series of consultative meetings were already conducted for the implementation of the Complementary Feeding Program. Training for Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) has already been conducted last March 5-6, 2013. The DOST has also provided 5,000 packs of JOEMIX as counterpart for the 120 days complementary feeding for selected 131 children beneficiaries from three (3) priority barangays namely, Brgy. Pakiing, Ilyang Yuni and Cambuga. The feeding program started from September 30, 2013 and ended on April 30, 2014. From there, continuous monitoring and feeding programs are being conducted. Seeing the positive impact of the project and to cater the remaining numbers of malnourished children in the municipality, the LGU- Mulanay has shown its interest to produce their own complementary food. Hence, with this, they sought the assistance of the DOST for the realization of this project. The DOST IV-A endorsed LGU-Mulanay to DOST-FNRI as one of the possible beneficiaries of FNRI's project, "Roll-out of Complementary Food Production to Priority Regions (Batch 2)". Consultative meetings and site assessments were conducted prior to the implementation of the project. The project was granted and formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). All sets of equipment for the production of Rice-Monggo-Sesame Food Blend and Rice-Monggo Crunchies were already delivered to LGU-Mulanay last

October 1 and 14, 2015. At present, it is not yet operational due to the delay in the identification of the final processing site. It was only this January 2016 that PUP-Mulanay was identified by LGU-Mulanay as project conduit and was finalized as the most preferred processing site. However, despite the delay, LGU-Mulanay has its full the commitment for the implementation of the project. Bid opening of the construction of the processing center building was scheduled last March 10, 2016 and the project is anticipated to be fully operational by June-July 2016.