PROJECT RESULTS TO POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS (PR TO PR): THE LINK

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BACKGROUND

The Institute’s R&D and S&T programs on food, health and nutrition include the development of tools and standards and food products, food fortification program, clinical researches and evaluation of nutrition interventions and strategies. Results of these have policy implications as an end, thus, translating these into policy statements and recommendations is necessary as it is one of the Institute’s mandates. Appropriate policies based on sound empirical researches are needed to address development challenges.

OBJECTIVES

The project aimed to 1) identify key policy issues and potential solutions from completed researches and projects for translation to policy recommendations; 2) draft policy statements; 3) develop a compilation of policy statements as an advocacy/promotional material; and 4) disseminate the developed policy statements to various stakeholders.

METHODS

The DOST-FNRI’s completed researches and projects implemented from 2009-2015 were assessed by issues/concerns presented. Research and project results were then reviewed and analyzed to come up with key policy issues and potential solutions to be included in the drafting of policy statements. After several meetings and review of related literature, the policy statements were drafted, edited and revised for finalization.

RESULTS

Seven policy statements were developed on the first 1000 days, childhood stunting, improved feeding practices, brown rice, fruits and vegetables consumption, Pinggang Pinoy and the Philippine Dietary Reference Intakes (PDRI) 2015. These were initially disseminated among the Chiefs-of-Staff and other technical staff of the 17th Congressional Committees. These will further be disseminated to legislators, allied national agencies, partner private organizations and local chief executives for adoption, crafting laws, administrative orders, ordinances, resolutions and legislative agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

This policy translation project is recommended to be continued to ensure that results of completed researches and projects will be translated to policy statements and recommendations. It is also envisioned that these will serve as bases for drafting Senate and Congress bills and facilitate their passing that will aid in improving the health and nutritional situation of every Filipino.