Sustaining, Expansion and Advocacy of the FNRI Technology on Complementary Food Blends in the Regions


**INTRODUCTION**

Sustaining, Expansion and Advocacy of the FNRI technology on Complementary Food Blends in the Regions involves technology transfer of four complementary food technologies namely: Instant Rice-Mongo Baby Food (IRM), Rice-mongo-Sesame (RMS), Rice-Mongo Crunchies (RMC) and Rice-Mongo (RMcuris) of FNRI by training the beneficiaries on the production of the complementary / snack foods and monitoring the complementary food facilities and provide necessary technical assistance as need arises. Capacity building and advocacy in the municipalities and areas covered in MRP in all Regions to ensure that the adoption of DOST PINOY by the adopters will be sustained through provincial/municipal resolution and/or memorandum on local policy for infant and young child feeding with focus on complementary feeding for 6 months to 2 years old children and to ensure the continuous implementation of the DOST PINOY strategy.
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

The success of MRP can help reduce malnutrition, thus increasing the number of healthy and well-nourished children. To sustain the program close coordination with the DOST Regional Offices in implementing the program and discussion with various stakeholders (DOH, DSWD, LGU, Provincial and Municipal Level Officials, DA and DEPED) should be encouraged to ensure the availability of raw materials and market for the complementary food products. Production facility should be managed in a business-like manner to ensure profitability and availability of product is recommended. Likewise, the marketing of the product should be strengthened through advocacy. The LGU and local community implementers and workers commitment for the efficient program implementation should be sustained.

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