

Less Filipino families experienced hunger in Q3 2019: SWS

MANILA -- The number of Filipino families who experienced "involuntary" hunger from July to September fell to 9.1 percent or an estimated 2.3 million, according to the latest survey conducted by pollster Social Weather Stations (SWS).

The September 27-30 poll found that hunger incidence in the past three months was down by 0.8 percentage point from the 10 percent or about 2.5 million Filipino families registered in June.

"This is a recovery from the 10 percent (estimated 2.5 million) in June 2019, following an increase from the 9.5 percent (estimated 2.3 million families) in March," the SWS noted.

Of the 9.1 percent or estimated 2.3 million Filipino families, about 7.4 percent or about 1.8 million experienced "moderate" hunger, while the remaining 1.7 percent or about 426,000 families had to endure "severe" hunger.

Compared to figures last June, "moderate" hunger fell by 1.3 percentage points from 8.7 percent or an estimated 2.1 million families, while "severe" hunger rose by 0.4 percentage point from 1.3 percent or an estimated 320,000 families.

The pollster noted that the latest hunger rate is the "lowest in over 15 years."

"The last time total hunger was lower than 9.1 percent was when it reached 7.4 percent in March 2004, with 4.6 percent moderate hunger and 2.8 percent severe hunger," the SWS noted.

The survey showed a drop in hunger incidence among self-rated poor (14 percent or about 1.4 million families from 16.2 percent or estimated 1.8 million families) and self-rated food poor families (15.8 percent or about 1.1 million families from 17.3 percent or 1.5 million families).

Hunger incidence also declined in Metro Manila (8.3 percent or estimated 276,000 families from 15.7 percent or about 520,000 families) and in Balance Luzon (8.1 percent or estimated 893,000 families from 9.3 percent or estimated 1 million families).

The SWS noted that a "steady" hunger rate in the Visayas (8.7 percent or about 407,000 families) and an increase of 2.9 percentage points in Mindanao (11.9 percent or estimated 673,000 families from nine percent or estimated 508,000 families).

Some 1,800 adult Filipinos were interviewed by the SWS, using sampling error margins of ±2.3 percentage points for national percentages, ±4 percentage points each for Balance Luzon and Mindanao, and ±6 percentage points each for Metro Manila and the Visayas.

Anti-hunger initiatives ‘working’

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin Andanar said the poll results only proved that the efforts of President Rodrigo Duterte’s administration to eradicate hunger in the country are “working.”

"We see the drop in our national hunger rate as hard evidence that the government programs to address hunger and poverty are working," Andanar said in a statement.

"For some, the drop to 9.1 percent from the previous quarter's 10 percent may seem nominal, that is just about 200,000 less families from June's 2.5 million families, but to us, this means that the steps concerned agencies are taking are in the right direction," he added.

Andanar assured the public that the government would continue implementing programs aimed at addressing both poverty and hunger.

He noted that Republic Act (RA) 10941 or the Free Education Act; RA 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act; and RA 11310 or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program are among the laws to help "reduce poverty and poverty-related problems in the country."

Andanar added that the government is also working to create more jobs by implementing programs, such as the Government Internship Program and JobStart, as well as by focusing on sectors that generate more job opportunities.

He further said that the current administration is pursuing programs that would address the issue of food supply and food costs.

"The administration is prioritizing the agriculture and aquaculture sector through development programs," he said.

"It is also fortifying the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, and its infrastructure thrust will ensure

that adequate and efficient farm-to-market linkages are made, along with dams for water supply needed by farms," Andanar added.

On October 11, Duterte also approved the Expanded Partnership against Hunger and Poverty (EPAPH), a program involving more state departments that will work closely to eradicate hunger in the country by 2030.

The EPAPH seeks to add more members to its original agency members, which include the Department of Agriculture, the De-

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF NICASIO BERONCAL WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NICASIO O. BERONCAL**, who died on September 18, 2019 at Las Piñas City that the said deceased at the time of his death left a parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Pamplona, Municipality of Las Piñas, Province of Rizal, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. S-30706** and containing an area of TWO HUNDRED FOURTY (240) SQUARE METERS. More or less. and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc. No. 132; Page No. 29; Book No.20; Series of 2019 Before Atty. PABLO U. DOMINGO JR., Notary Public.

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partment Agrarian Reform, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The other agencies that are part of the EPAPH are the departments of education, health, local government, and science; the National Nutrition Council; the National Youth Commission and Land Bank of the Philippines.

Among the priority programs under the EPAPH are the provisions for the institutional feeding programs; credit support for community-based organizations; and capacity-building and productivity improvement for community-based organizations.

The EPAPH will also push for nutrition education; establishment of agricultural facilities and technologies, food hubs, and other infrastructure facilities; mobilization of funding, technical and research assistance from local development partners; and advocacy and education. (PNA)

Bare brands of ASF-infected pork products: solon

MANILA – A senator on Thursday urged the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to identify the brands of processed meat products allegedly tested positive for African swine fever (ASF) and immediately remove them from the market.

Senator Francis Pangilinan made the call following a news report that samples taken from hotdog, longganisa, and tocino imported by a Manila-based company tested positive for ASF virus.

"Ito ang mag-aalis sa takot ng publiko na kumalat ang mga produktong ito at sa posibilidad na makain ito (This will allay fears of the public on the spread of these products and on the possibility of consumption)," Pangilinan said.

Pangilinan said authorities must implement stricter checks on imported meat products, noting that the incident of ASF-infected products slipping past the country's borders should serve as a lesson.

"Walang saysay ang ginagawang pagpatay sa mga baboy natin kung meron namang ASF na makakapasok sa ating bayan at mapupunta sa ating mga hapag-kainan (Local efforts to stop the spread of the ASF such as culling of pigs would be futile if the ASF, in another form, would easily get in the country and land on our dinner table)," Pangilinan said.

The senator stressed the need for a consolidated effort to combat the disease, which is now present in seven areas in Luzon -- Cavite, Quezon City, Pangasinan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, and Rizal -- killing over 62,000 hogs so far.

"Together with the private sector, DA, DTI, Department of Health through the Food and Drug Administration, and the Bureau of Customs, should play their part in stopping this animal disease that is affecting our everyday food, our nutrition, and our health," he said. (PNA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED ANGELITO BELEN PADILLA WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ANGELITO BELEN PADILLA**, who died on December 3, 2018 at in Putatan, Muntinlupa City, that the said deceased at the time of his death as a co-depositor, left a peso savings bank account with **Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC)** in Muntinlupa City under **Savings Account No. 9003812336** with an account balance of **One Million Nine Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Pesos and 60/100 (P 1,902,480.60)** and AILEEN C. PADILLA, ANGELITA C. PADILLA, and ANDREA C. PADILLA, do hereby **WAIVE** there rights, interests and participaton in the above-described bank account in favor of there mother, GEORGINA C. PADILLA, and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc. No. 382; Page No. 78; Book No.XVI; Series of 2019 Before Atty. MEYNARD R. JOB., Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF DELFIN CRUZ OCAMPO JR AND ROSITA CASERES OCAMPO

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DELFIN CRUZ OCAMPO JR**, who died on September 21, 2003 and **ROSITA CASERES OCAMPO**, who died on March 7, 2019 both in Las Piñas City that the said deceased at the time of his death left a parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Pamplona, Las Piñas City, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. S(103686) T-14971-A** and containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (284) SQUARE METERS, more or less, and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc. No. 265; Page No. 54; Book No.20; Series of 2019 Before Atty. Pablo U. Domingo Jr., Notary Public.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED JUSTA L. DIMAYUGA WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JUSTA L. DIMAYUGA**, who died on June 28, 2004 at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, San Francisco, California, USA. that the said deceased at the time of his death left a parcel of land situated in Parañaque City, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. (S-40400) 96316** and containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE (281) SQUARE METERS, more or less, AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of TWELVE MILLION (PHP 12,000,000.00) Pesos, in hand paid to MARJORIE DEL ROSARIO REGALA, do hereby SELL, CONVEY and TRANSFER by the way of ABSOLUTE SALE unto the said MARJORIE DEL ROSARIO REGALA and MARY GRACE DEL ROSARIO ARNEDO, and has been extrajudicially settled as per Doc. No. 57; Page No. 13; Book No.II; Series of 2019 Before Atty. Josef Cea Maganduga., Notary Public.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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In compliance with the publication recurrence and pursuant to OCRC Memorandum Circular No. 2013-I. Guideline in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MERDIN EBENEZER D. MOJICA** has filed with this office, a petition for change of first name from "**MERDIN**" (LCRO COPY) to "**MERDIN EBENEZER**" and correction of entry in sex from _____ to _____ or correction of entry in the date of birth from "**26 June, 1987 (OCRG COPY) 20 June, 1987 (LCRO COPY)**" to "**10 August, 1987**" in the Certificate of live Birth of **MERDIN EBENEZER D. MOJICA** at Parañaque and whose parents are MIRIAM DOMINGO and DENNIS MOJICA

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office not ten (10) days upon publication

Ma. Elnora L. Espiritu
City Civil Registrar
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