



SDO DC carries out SBFP

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To guarantee the learner's health amidst pandemic, the Schools Division Office of Dagupan devised a way to continue the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) this school year.

The Department of Education (DepEd) sent out guidelines regarding the implementation of the (SBFP) Milk feeding component. It aims to provide nutrition to the beneficiaries of the program and develop healthy eating habits such as eating fruits and vegetables and drinking milk.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought conditions that made the standard SBFP system difficult to apply. Despite these circumstances, SDO Dagupan's medical unit has pushed through with the program through a systematic way of delivering nutrition right to the participant's threshold. School SBFP representatives distribute the food products from school to the homes of the beneficiaries.

Moreover, school partners and LGUs also help in distributing the milk packs and nutritious food. As food and milk products make their way to the designated



Nanay claims the E-Nutribuns and some goods for her child who is one of the beneficiaries of the SBFP.

drop-off point, parents of the beneficiaries pick-up the produce on a selected date and time.

The program usually lasts for 120 school days to significantly impact the

beneficiaries' nutritional status. However, currently, feeding days were reduced to 60 days for nutritious food products and 50 days for the program's milk component.

E-Nutribun, a type of vitamin and iron-enriched bread, other nutritious food products, and fresh or sterilized carabao's milk are given to the beneficiaries. These food products are produced by local farmers and bread makers to support their small businesses during the pandemic.

With 6,135 beneficiaries from kindergarten to grade six learners across 34 public elementary schools located in the city, the program continues to provide nutrition and welfare.

The SBFP-Milk Feeding component F.Y. 2019 started last November 3, 2020 and is expected to end on the third week of May.



SDO Dagupan's medical unit delivers goods to the elementary schools of the island barangays.

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