

# 98% LGUs of Central Luzon opted for TOF for Social Pension

In line with the Department of Social Welfare and Development's commitment to deliver *Maagap at Mapagkalingang Serbisyo*, the department aims to ease the burden of Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens beneficiaries during payouts.

This year, the program beneficiaries will receive their monthly stipend with a 100% increase from Php 500 to Php 1,000. This is in line with Republic Act No. 11916 or An Act Increasing the Social Pension of Indigent Senior Citizens that lapsed into law in July 2022 which will be given every semester amounting to Php 6,000.

To further enhance the process of distributing the stipend to indigent senior citizens, 98% of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in Central Luzon had opted for the Transfer of Funds (TOF) scheme of payouts. With this payment scheme, they have more time to conduct the payouts which will result in having little to no number of unpaid beneficiaries.

Recently, Licab, Nueva Ecija Mayor Eufemia D. Domingo, and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer Elizabeth M. Cruz representing Orani, Bataan Mayor Efren Dominic E. Pascual Jr., were awarded the checks for TOF. This year, they are the first LGUs to complete the necessary documents for the Transfer of Funds payment scheme promoted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

DSWD Field Office 3 – Central Luzon is in full support of the launching of the Philippine Plan of Action for Senior Citizens

2023-2028 (PPASC 2023-2028), which seeks to address the evolving needs and challenges faced by the country's elderly population.###