

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Provision of Rice Subsidy for Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Household Beneficiaries

1. What is the rice subsidy all about?

The rice subsidy is a commitment of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte made during his first State of the Nation Address in 2016 to ensure that all Filipinos be free from hunger and poverty in the amount of **Php600.00** which shall be given to all beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilya.

2. How will the rice subsidy be implemented?

The rice subsidy will be implemented based on the GAA 2017 provision on the rice assistance. This was reiterated by Secretary Taguiwalo in her memorandum dated 16 January 2017 with the title "2017 Rice Assistance/Subsidy for Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Beneficiaries". It states that –

*"The 2017 GAA provision on the rice assistance is explicit that it is **in the form of cash**.*

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As such, the amount for Rice Subsidy shall be given in the form of cash, to be included in the scheduled payouts, to all Pantawid households following the GAA provisions and appropriate accounting and auditing rules".

Thus, the rice subsidy is an additional cash grant. It is a top-up to the usual health and education grants they receive.

3. Who are eligible to receive the rice subsidy?

The provision for rice subsidy covers **registered, active, and compliant Pantawid Pamilya households from regular CCT and MCCT, including those who will be classified as transitioning beneficiaries**. They must be monitored by the program and are **compliant with at least one (1) program conditionality monthly** before they receive the rice subsidy.

Example:

- 1) A household with at least one (1) child compliant to the education conditionality will be given rice subsidy for the month the child is compliant.
- 2) A household complying with both FDS attendance and applicable health conditionalities will be given rice subsidy for the months they are compliant, even if there is no compliance to education.

Here is a table of the beneficiaries' record of compliance showing the additional rice subsidy as translated in the payroll:

Table 1. Illustration of Beneficiaries' compliance as funded in the payroll

Household	Educational Grant	Health Grant	Rice Subsidy
A	Funded	Funded	✓
B	Funded	0	✓
C	0	Funded	✓
D	0	0	✗

Those who do not comply with all the program conditionalities will not be given rice subsidy.

No rice subsidy shall be given to a household that may be compliant with the conditionalities but are not included in the payroll due to some other reasons that need to be resolved with DSWD, like cases of fraud, duplicate, ineligible, subject of grievance, etc.

4. How much will the eligible households receive?

A compliant household is entitled to **Php600.00 per month** of rice subsidy or a total of Php7, 200.00 per year. This amount was determined based on the approved DSWD GAA 2017 for Pantawid Pamilya as cash grants and budget available after the total allocation for education and health cash grants have been computed.

5. When will they receive the rice subsidy?

The rice subsidy will be given on a **bi-monthly basis**. It will use the same schedule that the program follows in processing and releasing health and education grants.

The first rice subsidy will be released on March 2017 payout for Period 6. In this particular period, rice subsidy is given only for their compliance on January 2017. Households that are compliant on December 2016 but not on January 2017 will not be given rice subsidy.

Table 2. Schedule of Payout

Bi-Monthly Compliance Monitoring Period	Encoding of Compliance Data And Payroll Processing	Payout	Amount (PhP) of Rice Subsidy per Compliant Household per Period
2016 Period 6 (Dec-Jan)	February 2017	March 2017	600.00
2017 Period 1 (Feb-Mar)	April 2017	May 2017	1,200.00
2017 Period 2 (Apr-May)	June 2017	July 2017	1,200.00
2017 Period 3 (Jun-Jul)	August 2017	September 2017	1,200.00
2017 Period 4 (Aug-Sep)	October 2017	November 2017	1,200.00
2017 Period 5 (Oct-Nov)	December 2017	January 2018	1,200.00
2017 Period 6 (Dec-Jan)	February 2018	March 2018	600.00
Total			7,200.00

For the next payout (May 2017), the compliant household will receive a rice subsidy of Php1, 200.00 if they are compliant for both February and March. But if the household is compliant in February but not in March, it will only receive Php600.00 and not Php1,200.00.

6. Until when will the households receive the rice subsidy?

The rice subsidy was a commitment made by the President. It was adopted as a policy by this administration and was included in GAA 2017 for DSWD. For now, coverage for the rice subsidy is until December 2017, the last payment of which shall be received by the compliant beneficiaries on March 2018, as shown in Table 2. Schedule of Payout above.

Always remind the beneficiaries to:

- Use the additional grant on its intended purpose
- Comply with **all** the program conditionalities even if there are additional cash grants for maximum cash grant benefits.
- Report their complaints and issues regarding the Rice Subsidy implementation, which will be all coursed and resolved through the Grievance Redress System