Republic Act 8425 of 1997 (Social Reform & Poverty Alleviation Act) defines Poor as “individuals and families whose income fall below the poverty threshold as defined by the NEDA and/or cannot afford in a sustained manner to provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing and other essential amenities of life.” (Section 3 of the RA 8425)

**POVERTY THRESHOLD**

is the minimum income required for a family or individual to meet the basic food and non-food requirements, also known as the POVERTY LINE.

**POVERTY INCIDENCE**

is the proportion of families or individuals with per capita income less than the per capita Poverty Threshold to the total number of families or individuals.

**AMONG POPULATION**

A Filipino needed at least PhP 2,159 on average, monthly to meet his/her basic food and non-food needs in 2018.

18.9% of Filipinos were poor in 2018, which translates to 968.8 thousand poor Filipinos.

**AMONG FAMILIES**

In 2018, a Filipino family with five members needed around PhP 10,797 on average, monthly to meet their basic food and non-food needs.

13.7% of Filipino families were poor in 2018, which translates to 176.4 thousand poor Filipino families.

**FOOD THRESHOLD**

is the minimum income required for a family or individual to meet the basic food needs, which satisfies the nutritional requirements for economically necessary and socially desirable physical activities.

**SUBSISTENCE INCIDENCE**

The proportion of families or individuals with per capita income less than the per capita Food Threshold to the total number of families or individuals.

**AMONG POPULATION**

A Filipino needed at least PhP 1,507 on average, monthly to meet their basic food needs.

5.6% Filipinos in 2018 were not able to meet their basic food needs.

**AMONG FAMILIES**

In 2018, a family of five needed at least PhP 7,533 on average, monthly to meet their basic food needs.

3.6% of Filipino families did not have sufficient income to meet their basic food needs in 2018.

**AMONG FAMILIES**

In 2018, a Filipino family with five members needed around PhP 10,797 on average, monthly to meet their basic food and non-food needs.

13.7% of Filipino families were poor in 2018, which translates to 176.4 thousand poor Filipino families.