



RDC ExCom Resolution No. CAR 075
Series of 2003

**RECOMMENDING TO THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND THE
PROVINCIAL/ MUNICIPAL SANGGUNIANS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE
APPROPRIATE COURSES OF ACTION TO ADDRESS
MALNUTRITION IN THE REGION**

WHEREAS, the 5th National Nutrition Survey (NNS) by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shows that malnutrition problems continue to prevail in the Cordillera Administrative Region with alarming prevalence of Protein-Energy Malnutrition, Iron Deficiency Anemia, Iodine Deficiency Disorder and Vitamin A Deficiency;

WHEREAS, same survey reveals that the province of Kalinga ranks no. 3 and the province of Abra ranks no. 6 most undernourished province nationwide;

WHEREAS, malnutrition retards mental and physical development of children, results to unnecessary loss of lives and can severely affect the development of our country due to underemployment and low productive labor force;

WHEREAS, while malnutrition should be the concern of everyone, from the national government agencies to the civil society, the private sector and other institutions, it is the local authorities who are critically, strategically, and ultimately in the best position to effectively solve the problem of malnutrition not only in their respective localities but collectively at the regional level, given their mandate and their direct contact with, and accountability to the people;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) is the country's plan integrating efforts of the National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), the business sector and the international community in assisting target beneficiaries and is implemented nationwide through organized regional, provincial, city, municipal, and barangay nutrition committees;

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Action Officers serving in 93% of the LGUs in the region are only designates who come mostly from the agriculture and health sector, and who are already loaded with respective tasks such that they cannot really focus on the roles and functions of a nutrition action officer;

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the PPAN has been observed in the areas with full time nutrition action officers and clearly formulated as well as budgeted local nutrition action plans (LNAPs) such as the municipalities of Kiangnan, Tuba and La Trinidad, city of Baguio and the provinces of Ifugao and Benguet;

WHEREAS, consultations with some local chief executives reveal the LGUs willingness to hire a full time Nutrition Action Officer but need legal basis for such action;

WHEREAS, the LGUs could take significant steps towards solving the malnutrition problem by institutionalizing the following courses of action;

- A. Organizing/ strengthening of the Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay Nutrition Committees to manage and coordinate the Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of local nutrition action plan as a component of the local development plan as mandates by PD 491*
- B. Creation and filling of the position of a Provincial/Municipal Nutrition Action Officer, or designation of an employee as full time Provincial/ Municipal Nutrition Action Officer. (Functions of which are in Attachment A)*
- C. Formulation and implementation of a yearly nutrition action plan and appropriating a budget thereof.*

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly made and seconded, BE IT:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the RDC-CAR recommends, as by these presents it hereby recommends, to the Local Chief Executives and the local Sanggunian in all provinces and municipalities in the region, to institutionalize the foregoing courses of action to address the Malnutrition Problem in the region.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished all Provincial Governors, Municipal Mayors and others concerned within the CAR.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, this 6th day of November 2003, Baguio City, Philippines

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**FUNCTIONS OF A PROVINCIAL/ MUNICIPAL AND CITY
NUTRITION ACTION OFFICER**

1. Organize and lead a planning core group within the local nutrition committee to formulate the local nutrition action plan;
2. Ensure integration of local nutrition action plans, programs and projects into the local development plan;
3. Coordinate and supervise the implementation and monitoring of the nutrition program in the locality;
4. Supervise the conduct of regular assessment and presentation of its findings during regular meetings of the nutrition committee, local development council and sangguniang panlalawigan/ bayan, and that its result should be used for planning, monitoring and evaluating nutrition programs and nutrition-oriented development projects and activities;
5. Initiate regular conduct of local nutrition committee meetings and plan implementation by same, and keep records of the committee;
6. Coordinate and supervise the convergence of direct nutrition services or intervention including regular weighing of children;
7. Coordinate the implementation and conduct of periodic visits to municipalities/ barangays to assess implementation process;
8. Supervise Provincial/ Municipal / Barangay Nutrition Committees; act as resource person to local planning activities;
9. Train and supervise Barangay Nutrition Scholars, who are volunteers to assist in the implementation of the local nutrition program;
10. Prepare quarterly PPAN Accomplishment reports; and
11. Keep records of the local nutrition committee activities.

