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RDC EXCOM RESOLUTION NO. 15, S. 2011

REITERATING TO CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF MANDATORY NUTRITION ACTION OFFICERS POSITION TO STRENGTHEN NUTRITION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, malnutrition and hunger continue to be serious concerns in the country despite global and local efforts to alleviate this problem;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code mandates and empowers the local government units to deliver health, nutrition and other social services to their constituents;

WHEREAS, to be able to address the problem of malnutrition, there is a need to have full time staff to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate nutrition and nutrition-related programs/ projects;

WHEREAS, the present set up of designating Nutrition Action Officers from among the staff of the local governments has resulted in the fragmented delivery of nutrition-related programs/ projects since designated staff were unable to devote 100% of their working time to nutrition and nutrition-related activities;

WHEREAS, while the RDC ExCom passed a similar resolution in 1995 (RDC ExCom Resolution No. 20), enjoining the Local Executives and Sanggunians to create a mandatory Nutrition Action Officer (NAO) position, results of a survey show that compliance had been very low, as follows:

- No. of full time NAO with office = 21 LGUs or 16.28%
- No. of designated NAOs = 108 or 83.72%

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WHEREAS, the non-compliance of some LGUs may be attributed to their having met the Personal Service limitations per RA 7160 or the Local government Code of 1991, Section 325;

WHEREAS, to be able to appoint Nutrition Action Officers, the LGUs may opt to create plantilla positions for Nutrition Action Officers at the Provincial/ City and Municipal levels through a reclassification of existing positions by virtue of a Sangguniang Panlalawigan/ Panlungsod/ Bayan resolution;

WHEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) through RSDC Resolution No.2 s. 2011 and on motion duly seconded;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to reiterate to all concerned Local Government Units to strongly consider the creation of a mandatory Nutrition Action Officer position to institutionalize nutrition planning, implementation and evaluation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to provide copies of this resolution to all Local Government Units and all concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to request the National Nutrition Council Regional Office 1 to conduct advocacy and monitor performance of the LGUs relative to this request.

APPROVED, this 20th day of April 2011 in San Fernando City.

Certified Correct by:

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Attested by:

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