



Regional Development Council – Ilocos Region

c/o NEDA Regional Office 1

RDC – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Resolution No. 73, s. 2013

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ORGANIZE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUPS AND ENSURE THEIR FUNCTIONALITY TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Updated Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2011-2016 identified priority actions to achieve nutrition goals particularly the UN Millennium Development Goal No. 1 which is to reduce hunger as measured by the target of halving the proportion of underweight 0-5 years old children by 2015 from 34.5% to 17.2%;

WHEREAS, 54% of the 10.9 million deaths annually among children under five globally are directly or indirectly caused by malnutrition;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of these deaths, which are often associated with inappropriate feeding practices occur during the first year of life;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), it is estimated that high coverage of optimal breastfeeding practices could prevent 13% of the 10.9 million yearly deaths of children five years and below;

WHEREAS, to address these challenges and achieve the healthy growth and development of infants, a strategy focused on the Organization of Breastfeeding Support Groups is needed;

WHEREAS, the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Program aims to support mothers reduce malnutrition among infants and young children through counseling on exclusive breastfeeding practices and giving of appropriate complementary feeding;

WHEREAS, the Breastfeeding Support Group is a group of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) peer counselors organized in the community or other settings such as workplaces which provides support either to individual or groups of pregnant women and mothers with children 0-2 years old in the form of individual or group counseling, wet-nursing, child minding, and other practical help to enable the adoption of appropriate IYCF practices;

WHEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) through RSDC Resolution No. 12, s. 2013 and on motion duly seconded;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to enjoin all Local Government Units to organize Breastfeeding Support Groups and ensure their functionality to strengthen the implementation of the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Program;

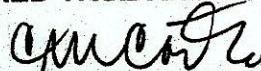
RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the RNC-member agencies to implement the following activities to support the organization of Breastfeeding Support Groups:

- 1) The NNC and DOH to conduct orientation/trainings in all LGUs on the "Promote Good Nutrition-Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)" practices and monitor LGU action and provide reports to the RDC; and
- 2) The DILG to encourage LGUs and barangays to organize their Breastfeeding Support Groups and to allocate funds needed for their adoption;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to provide copies of the resolution to the local government units and the concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action, and feedback on actions taken on this resolution;

APPROVED, this 22nd day of October 2013 at the City of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines.

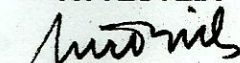
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



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