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Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No.3 Series of 2021

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO IMPLEMENT AND ADOPT DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION FOR PREGNANT AND 6-23 MONTHS OLD CHILDREN TO ADDRESS STUNTING PROBLEM AND OTHER POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION SITUATION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11148 otherwise known as the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act of 2018" scales up nutrition programs in the first 1000 days of life and promotes increased investment for the provision of ECCD services in a sustainable manner to improve the nutritional status of pregnant women and to address malnutrition among infants and young children from zero to two years old;

WHEREAS, the National Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 dubbed as "Tutok Kainan" is the NNC's COVID-19 response and operationalizes RA 11148 which aims to contribute to the prevention of stunting by improving the quality and quantity of food and nutrient intakes among nutritionally at-risk pregnant women and children 6-23 months old in selected HDPRC or PPAN focused provinces;

WHEREAS, RA 11037 or "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act" covers the children enrolled in Child Development Centers, Supervised Neighborhood Program and Elementary Schools for the National Feeding Program;

WHEREAS, RDC Resolution No. 75, s. 2020 reiterates the strengthening of nutrition integration in the Annual Investment Programs of LGUs for 2021-2021;

WHEREAS, the dietary supplementation program for pregnant women and 6-23 months old children is not yet institutionalized and inclusion of the same in the local investment for nutrition will further improve the coverage of the critical interventions for the First 1000 Days particularly the 6-23 months old children meeting the minimum acceptable diet and pregnant women with improved food and nutrient intake;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Petition is a great opportunity for Local Government Units to scale-up their local nutrition actions and provide DSP for nutritionally atrisk pregnant women and undernourished young children;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council have developed the operational guidelines for the Tutok Kainan or DSP program that can be adopted or replicated for implementation at the Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a threat in the possible worsening of the nutrition situation when no appropriate and timely interventions will be done at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE PREMISES AND ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Nutrition Committee of Region I on its meeting duly assembled to enjoin all Local government Units to implement and Adopt Dietary Supplementation for Pregnant and 6-23 Months old Children to address the stunting problem and other possible effects of COVID-19 in the health and nutrition situation;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the National Nutrition Council- Regional Office I, being the Secretariat of the RNC in close coordination with the DILG-Regional Office I to continue provide technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to provide a copy of the resolution to all LGUs and concerned sectors for information, reference and appropriate actions;

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 29th day of June 2021 during the 1st virtual meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee held via Zoom.

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