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**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE**  
**Resolution No. 2, s. 2017**

**SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRST 1000 DAYS (ECCD-FIK) PROGRAM IN  
ACCELERATED AND SUSTAINABLE ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM (ASAPP) AREAS IN  
REGION I AND CREATION OF ITS REGIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, the most profound and critical years of physical growth and brain development between the prenatal to the first four to eight years of human life has long been established;

**WHEREAS**, according to the World Health Organization, child undernutrition in various countries shows that growth faltering happens in the first two years of life;

**WHEREAS**, when neglect happens and this crucial period is not properly addressed, children's survival suffers and children succumb to and develop illness and diseases, lose their full and inherent capacity to grow, finish school, hold down a good living in adulthood, and become a productive member of his or her community;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with this concern, the Early Years Act of 2013 (RA 10410) was enacted into law to promote the rights of children to survival, development and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to address their needs;

**WHEREAS**, the same RA 10410 further notes that the ECCD system shall refer to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services development programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from age zero (0) to four (4) years to promote their optimum growth and development;

**WHEREAS**, the results of the updating of the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST) in 2015 showed that the national prevalence rate of stunting is 33.4%, underweight 21.5%, wasting 7.1% and overweight-for-height 3.9%;



**WHEREAS**, based on the aforementioned, the national government developed the ECCD Intervention Package for the First 1000 Days (FIK) Program;

**WHEREAS**, the ECCD FIK Program aims to address health, nutrition, and related concerns affecting pregnant women, infants 0-11 months old and young children 12-23 months old;

**WHEREAS**, the ECCD-FIK Program will be implemented in all barangays in selected municipalities/cities of ten (10) provinces in selected regions of the country with high magnitude of poverty or those identified as the Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program areas;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Pangasinan has been identified in the ten priority provinces to implement the ECCD FIK program, specifically in all barangays of the municipalities of Bayambang and Umingan, and cities of Alaminos and Urdaneta;

**WHEREAS**, RA 10410 further specifies the need for the State to institutionalize a National System for ECCD that is comprehensive, integrative and sustainable, that involves multi-sectoral and inter-agency collaboration at the national and local levels among government, among service providers, families and communities, and among the public and private sectors, non-government organizations, professional associations and academic institutions;

**WHEREAS**, consistent to the adoption of the Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days Program, there is a need for the creation of a Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) with the following functions:

1. Coordinate and monitor nutrition and nutrition-related activities of member agencies and other agencies;
2. Organize a supportive supervision team to conduct periodic visits to assess the progress of the ECCD-FIK implementation and prepare reports as needed;
3. Provide the necessary technical assistance;
4. Develop or adopt policies, guidelines and programs that will explicitly support the ECCD FIK Program;
5. Promote and advocate for an efficient and effective networking among its members in supporting the ECCD FIK Program through capacity building, seminars, forum and trainings;
6. Hold regular quarterly meetings to assess program implementation and recommend appropriate actions

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Nutrition Planning and Evaluation team (RNPET), being the technical arm of the RNC shall act as the ECCD-FIK Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG);



**WHEREAS**, the Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator and Provincial/City/Municipal Nutrition Action Officers shall be considered as the ECCD F1K focal persons;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the above premises and on motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is **HEREBY RESOLVED** to support the implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days (ECCD-F1K) Program in Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAPP) Areas in Region I and Creation of its Regional Technical Working Group

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the National Nutrition Council Regional Office I being the secretariat of the Regional Nutrition Committee to coordinate the implementation of the ECCD-F1K Program and mobilize the RTWG;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to request the National Nutrition Council Regional Office I to furnish copy of this resolution to the National Nutrition Council Central Office, all regional members of the RNC and RNPET/ RTWG for their appropriate action;

**APPROVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017 at Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

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