

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
National Nutrition Council

**Regional Nutrition Committee
Region 02**

Resolution No. 2, s. 2020

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRATION OF NUTRITION PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES IN THEIR 2021-2022 ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMS TO PREVENT WORSENING OF NUTRITION SITUATION AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on 8 August 2016, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2016-102, provided guidelines on the preparation or updating of local plans and requires the integration of disaster risk reduction and management and other sectoral concerns such as conflict sensitivity and the other concerns of the marginalized sectors such as women, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples/indigenous cultural communities, senior citizens, among others in land use and development planning both at the national and local levels;

WHEREAS, on 26 March 2018, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-42, provided guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of DILG field offices and LGUs on the implementation and adoption of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 and defined the roles all local government units (LGUs) to include in their respective local development plans (LDPs) and annual investment programs (AIPs), applicable PPAN Programs to ensure adequate funding for nutritional impact;

WHEREAS, on 21 October 2019, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Health (DOH), through DILG-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-0001, provided guidelines on the integration of specific programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) from the PPAN 2017-2022 to the LDPs, Investment Programs, and Budgets of LGUs;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020 was promulgated and declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, on 11 May 2020, the Department of Health, through DOH-DM No. 2020-0237, provided interim guidelines for the delivery of nutrition services in the context of COVID-19 pandemic to minimize the impact of COVID-19 to health and nutrition outcomes;

WHEREAS, on 18 May 2020, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), through Local Budget Memorandum No. 80, informed the LGUs indicative FY 2021 internal revenue allotment (IRA) shares of LGUs, provided guidelines on the preparation of the FY 2021 Annual Budgets of LGUs, enjoined LGUs to prioritize in the allocation of local funds the PPAs included in their respective local nutrition action plans,

which shall be formulated in accordance with the PPAN 2017-2022, and advised the LGUs to align their development plans, investment programs, and budgets to the economic and social recovery plans that may be adopted by the National Government in relation to or after the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 10 June 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 02 and National Nutrition Council Region 02 issued Joint Regional Memorandum disseminating the DBM LBM No. 80 to all LGUs;

WHEREAS, on 16 September 2020, Proclamation No. 1021, extends the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) until 12 September 2021;

WHEREAS, Cagayan Valley Center for Health and Development confirmed 4,203 COVID-19 cases in the region as of December 9, 2020, affecting all provinces in the region;

WHEREAS, these situations may pose threat to the nutritional status of affected individuals including vulnerable groups such as infants, children, pregnant and lactating women, elderly persons and persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, malnutrition and other co-morbidities are contributing factors for complications in people with COVID-19 if the immune system is compromised;

WHEREAS, Regional Nutrition Committee 02 aims to ensure that the nutrition status of affected population especially the most vulnerable groups will not worsen or deteriorate due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic through strengthening nutrition programs, projects, and activities at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to enjoin all local government units to strengthen the integration of nutrition programs, projects, and activities in their 2021-2022 annual investment programs to prevent worsening of nutrition situation amid COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring continuous delivery of nutrition services, especially for the vulnerable groups;


RESOLVED FURTHER, to enjoin all local government units to submit PPAN Semestral Accomplishment Reports to NNC Region 02 through the DILG Field Offices for monitoring purposes every January and July after each semester, in pursuant to DILG MC 2018-42;

AND RESOLVED FURTHER,

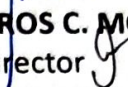

1. National Nutrition Council Region 02 to conduct several batches of Online Workshops on Integrating Nutrition in Annual Investment Programs and Local Development Plans of LGUs;
2. National Nutrition Council Region 02 to monitor and update the status of nutrition funding of LGUs; and
3. Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 02 and National Nutrition Council Region 02 to disseminate this resolution to LGUs and other nutrition stakeholders in the region.

Unanimously approved, 10th day of December 2020.


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