

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
National Nutrition Council

REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
Region 02

Resolution No. 3, Series of 2020

**A Resolution Endorsing and Supporting the Utilization of
Enhanced Nutribun for Supplementary Feeding**

- Whereas**, malnutrition remains a public health problem in the region especially among preschool and school children that may lead to poor physical and mental growth and development;
- Whereas**, the 2015 National Nutrition Survey showed the region as marked by a high prevalence of stunting among children below five years old at 28.8% or around 139,798 children. The prevalence of wasting is also high, affecting 7.1% of children below five;
- Whereas**, the same 2015 National Nutrition Survey showed that 7.2% of school age children are wasted and 23% were short for their age;
- Whereas**, the same 2015 National Nutrition Survey recorded 21.5% of pregnant women as nutritionally-at risk;
- Whereas**, one of the Nutrition-Specific Programs of the Philippine Plan of Action 2017-2022 is the Dietary Supplementation Program that aims to safeguard the health of nutritionally-at-risk groups by providing 1) nutritious foods to supplement diets of preschoolers, school children and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women 2) information on healthy eating; and 3) referrals to health care for positive impact on nutritional status;
- Whereas**, the Department of Science and Technology's Food and Nutrition Research Institute developed the Enhanced Nutribun, the improved version of the nutribun in the 1970's. It consists of bread flour, squash puree, sugar, skim milk, shortening, salt, bread improver and yeast. It has improved in texture and is 504 kilocalories (making it energy-dense) added with vitamin A and iron.
- Whereas**, the e-nutribun with all its nutritive content makes it a healthy bread. This would help address the problem (with other interventions) on undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, in consideration of the foregoing, we, the members of the Regional Nutrition Committee do hereby endorse and support the Resolution Endorsing and Supporting the utilization of Enhanced Nutribun in the Dietary Supplementation of Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development and Local Government Units for day care children, beneficiaries of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP), 6-23 months old children and pregnant women.


RESOLVED FURTHER, for the following agencies to undertake the following activities to ensure implementation of the resolution:

1. Department of Education, National Nutrition Council and Department of Social Welfare and Development to assign a focal person to facilitate liaison works to coordinate with other implementing agencies and local government units;
2. Department of Education to encourage SDOs/schools to procure Nutritious Food Products (e.g. e-nutribun, nutri-packs) from DOST-assisted suppliers and adopters of FNRI Technology;
3. Department of Social Welfare and Development to order child development centers and supervised neighborhood plays to procure FNRI complementary foods from DOST-accredited and licensed suppliers; procure Nutritious Food Products (e.g. e-nutribun, nutri-packs) from DOST-assisted suppliers and adopters of FNRI Technology;
4. Local Government Units to procure FNRI complementary foods and E-Nutribun from DOST-accredited and licensed suppliers for their dietary supplementation programs;
5. Department of Education and Department of Social Welfare and Development to submit a report on the number of actual beneficiaries of the dietary supplementation program at the end of the program cycle;
6. Department of Science and Technology to monitor and ensure regular availability of the e-nutribun for distribution;
7. Philippine Information Agency and the NNC R02 Media Group to spearhead dissemination of the e-nutribun and the resolution;



RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Region II to forward copies of the resolution to the Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development and Local Government Units for implementation;

Unanimously approved, 10th day of December 2020.


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