

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
National Nutrition Council

**Regional Nutrition Committee
Region 02**

Resolution No. 2, s. 2021

**CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (RTWG)
ON EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIRST 1000 DAYS (ECCD-F1K)
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council is the country's highest policy making and coordinating body on nutrition;

WHEREAS, malnutrition is a development issue and priority that should be addressed due to its consequences on the growth of the child, brain development, the child's potential to learn and maximize government investments in education, and to become economically productive and socially active adult able to contribute to development and enjoy its fruits;

WHEREAS, addressing malnutrition requires a focus on the small window of opportunity during which key health, nutrition, early education, and social services should be made available in the first 1000 days of life or the period of pregnancy to the first two years of life to ensure the holistic development of the child and as such the national government formulated the ECCD-F1K Program;

WHEREAS, poor nutrition in the First 1000 Days of Life is the primary cause of stunting, a permanent and irreversible form of malnutrition that currently affects 33.4% of children under five in the country;

WHEREAS, not meeting the required nutrition in the first 1000 days of life may increase the chance of a lower IQ, weakened immune system, and greater risk of serious diseases, which can result to the child's poor school performance and productivity;

WHEREAS, the ECCD-F1K is consistent with the Early Years Act of 2013 (RA 10410) that calls for developmental programs for the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services for the basic holistic needs of young children;

WHEREAS, Regional Nutrition Committee Region 02 (RNC R02) passed the Resolution No. 1, s. 2016 – "A Resolution to Ensure the Promotion of Good Nutrition in the First 1000 Days in a Child's Life" which adopted the implementation of the First 1000 Days of Life Program in the region;

WHEREAS, RA 11148 – "An Act Scaling Up the National and Local Health and Nutrition Programs Through a Strengthened Integrated Strategy for Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health

and Nutrition in the First One Thousand (1,000) Days of Life, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes" or the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act" institutionalized the implementation of ECCD-F1K at all levels of the government;

WHEREAS, the ECCD-F1K involves the delivery of basic services in the continuum of care in the first 1000 days;

WHEREAS, the RNC R02 likewise recognizes the importance of nutrition in development and the need to address nutrition problems through action in the first 1000 days;

WHEREAS, the functions of the RNC R02 includes 1. Coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating the implementation of nutrition programs in support to Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and 2. Issuing policies and implementing guidelines that will support the nutrition programs in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration to the above premises, and by the RNC R02 in a meeting duly assembled, that the RTWG on ECCD-F1K Region 02 will include the following members from the RNC R02 Members:

1. Department of Health – Center for Health and Development (Chair)
2. Department of the Interior and Local Government (Vice-chair)
3. National Nutrition Council (Secretariat)
4. Department of Social Welfare and Development
5. Department of Agriculture
6. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Science and Technology
9. Department of Budget and Management
10. Department of Labor and Employment
11. National Economic and Development Authority
12. Philippine Information Agency
13. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)
14. Commission on Population and Development
15. Zonta Club of Tuguegarao
16. Zonta Club of Central Tuguegarao


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RTWG on ECCD-F1K shall perform the following roles and functions:

- a. Provide technical assistance in their capacities on ECCD-F1K to the LGUs and other stakeholders in the region;
- b. Organize a technical assistance and monitoring and evaluation (TAME) team to conduct periodic visits and meetings with Provincial/City/Municipal Nutrition Committee and provide technical assistance.


- c. Provide support and assist in the implementation of Tutok Kainan Supplementation Program of Zero Hunger Task Force, DOH, and NNC;
- d. Oversee and serve as focal point in the integration of policies and programs of all member agencies and instrumentalities charged with the implementation of existing laws, policies, rules and regulations concerning nutrition;
- e. Coordinate, monitor and evaluate nutrition programs and projects of the public and private sectors and LGUs to ensure their integration with national and local policies;
- f. Call upon any government agency and instrumentality for such assistance as may be required to implement the ECCD-F1K Program in the region; and
- g. Conduct regular meetings.

AND RESOLVED FINALLY, the National Nutrition Council Region 02, to disseminate and provide copy of the approved and signed resolution to the member agencies, institutions, and organizations.

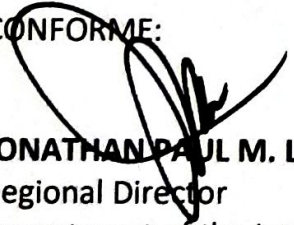
Unanimously approved, this 15th day of September 2021.


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