

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
National Nutrition Council

Regional Nutrition Committee
Region 02

Resolution No. 3, s. 2021

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) TO CREATE NUTRITION OFFICES AND HIRE PERMANENT NUTRITION ACTION OFFICERS (NAOs) WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT STAFF AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS WITH ARDENT REQUEST FOR THE LGUS WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO CREATE PERMANENT NAO PLANTILLA SUBJECT TO PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS) LIMITS

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

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular 2018-42 "Adoption and Implementation of Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022" included in the roles of LGUs in section 1.5 "to designate a Nutrition Action Officer (NAO), preferably on a full time basis with the corresponding staff support to coordinate nutrition action and implement one or more components of the local nutrition action plan as may be needed";

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the LGUs will have an increase in the National Tax Allocation (NTA) beginning 2022 per Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Petitions with a projected increase in allocation of LGUs by 37.48% (2021 IRA vs 2022 NTA) which will be an opportunity for the LGUs in funding devolved programs including human resources by virtue of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 82 on the indicative FY 2022 NTA, as adjusted, shares of LGUs and Guidelines on the Preparation of the FY 2022 Annual Budgets of LGUs reiterates under Section 2.2.9 that in accordance with DILG MC 2018-42 dated March 26, 2018, all LGUs are enjoined 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 Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, DILG RO2 and NNC RO2 issued Joint DILG-NNC Regional Memorandum No. 1 dated 10 June 2020 "Use of Local Budget Memorandum No. 80 to Scale Up Nutrition Integration in the 2021 AIP at Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay Levels"

WHEREAS, Regional Nutrition Committee Region 02 (RNC RO2) passed the 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, health and nutrition are among the devolved programs to the LGUs and funding support for nutrition is generally inadequate especially in the provinces, cities and municipalities in the region without full-time NAOs and that nutrition functions are performed by designated personnel on top of their regular functions;

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, to enjoin all LGUs to create nutrition offices and hire permanent NAOs with adequate support staff and strengthen local nutrition programs with the increase in LGU NTA shares from the implementation of the Supreme Court ruling on Mandanas-Garcia Petitions, with ardent request for the LGUs with sufficient resources to create permanent NAO Plantilla subject to PS limits.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC R02 to adopt the NNC Central Office's proposed strengthening of the LGU Nutrition Program through the establishment of nutrition offices in the provinces, cities and municipalities from the increased NTA resulting from the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Petitions as basis of the LGUs of Region 02 in complying to this resolution;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC Region 02 to request DILG R02 to issue a memorandum addressed to all local chief executives on the dissemination of this resolution;


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NNC R02, being the Secretariat of the RNC, to continue to provide technical assistance and conduct capacity building to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action;

AND RESOLVED FINALLY, the NNC R02, to disseminate and provide copy of the approved and signed resolution to the member agencies, institutions, and organizations.

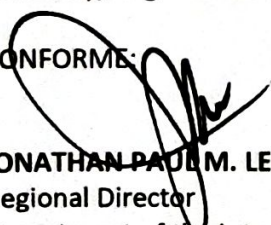
Unanimously approved, this 15th day of September 2021.


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