

Republika ng Pilipinas KAGAWARAN NG KALUSUGAN PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON (NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL) MIMAROPA Region



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Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 2, Series of 2020

## REQUESTING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) OF MIMAROPA REGION THROUGH THE REGIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RSDC) TO ENJOIN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO STRENGTHEN THE INTEGRATION OF NUTRITION-RELATED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND SCALE-UP NUTRITION INTEGRATION IN THEIR 2021-2022 ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLANS (AIP) TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE HEALTH AND NUTRITION SITUATION

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution under Section 15 provides that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022, an integral part of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 consists of programs and projects serving as framework for actions that would be undertaken at all levels to address the nutritional problems which caused deprivation of Filipinos of their right to food and good nutrition and was adopted in the region through RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2017, A Resolution Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022.

WHEREAS, DILG memorandum Circular 2018-42 entitled adoption and implementation of the PPAN 2017-2022 enjoined LGUs to prioritize in the allocation of local funds, the PPAs included in their respective Local Nutrition Action Plans (LNAPs), which shall be formulated in accordance with the PPAN 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, DILG-DOH-NNC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2019 provide guidelines on the integration of specific programs, projects and activities (PPAs) from the PPAN 2017-2022 to the Local Development Plans, Investment Programs and Budgets of Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 80 on the indicative FY 2021 IRA Shares of LGUs and Guidelines on the Preparation of the FY 2021 Annual Budgets of LGUs reiterates under Section 2 renders the LNAPs and Barangay Nutrition Action Plans as mandatory requirements and accompanying documents of the AIP;

WHEREAS, the latter issuance gives the Regional Nutrition Committee of MIMAROPA Region more compelling reasons in pursuing the effort in scaling up nutrition actions during the remaining years of PPAN implementation;

WHEREAS, prevalence of malnutrition as per 2015 updating survey on the nutritional status of Filipinos conducted by FNRI-DOST remained high and alarming both in the country and in the region with stunting increased from 27.2% in 2013 to 31.3% in 2015;

WHEREAS, Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) results conducted by the LGUs showed a minimal decrease in malnutrition prevalence in all indicators from 2018 to 2019, as follows:

Types of Malnutrition	2018	2019	Percent Change
Underweight	7.48%	7.20%	0.28%
Wasting	5.56%	5.00%	0.56%
Stunting	16.8%	15.3%	1.30%
Overweight	3.05%	2.0%	1.05%

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 922 on "Declaring a State Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines" due to COVID-19 Pandemic may cause worsening or deterioration in the nutritional status of the population especially among young children, pregnant and lactating women, elderlies and persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council issued Nutrition Cluster Advisory No. 1 and No. 2 s. 2020 to provide guidelines on LGU Nutrition Actions Relative to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, malnutrition and other co-morbidities are considered risks for complications in people with COVID-19 if immune system is compromised especially to pregnant, postpartum and/or lactating women, adolescent girls, and the elderly;

WHEREAS, proper nutrition in the first 1000 days of a child produces positive impact in his/her personal health and development as a child, and in his/her productivity and family health later in adult life;

WHEREAS, the DOH-DM No. 2020-0237 entitled, "Interim Guidelines for the Delivery of Nutrition Services in the Context of Covid-19 Pandemic" pursuant to Department Circular No. 2020-0167 enforces to minimize the impact of COVID-19 to the health and nutrition outcomes by making delivery nutrition services available to protect people of all ages especially the vulnerable groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Nutrition Committee of MIMAROPA Region in a meeting duly assembled, to request the Regional Development Council (RDC) through the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) to enjoin all Local Government Units (LGUs) to strengthen the integration of nutrition-related programs and projects and scale-up nutrition integration in their 2021-2022 Annual Investment Program (AIP) to address the current nutritional problems and the possible effects of COVID-19 pandemic in the health and nutrition situation:

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the LGUs to embrace the First 1000 Days as the LGU Banner Program for nutrition;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** to request the LGUs to finalize their LNAPs in accordance with the PPAN 2017-2022 together with its AIP before the finalization of the overall LGU Annual Investment Plan 2021 and onwards to ensure appropriate allocation of funds;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, the National Nutrition Council- MIMAROPA, being the Secretariat of the RNC in close coordination with the RDC and in partnership with the DILG-MIMAROPA to continue provide technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** to enjoin the Local Government Units to submit their Local Nutrition Action Plans (LNAPs) with approved funding and submit semestral accomplishment reports to NNC- MIMAROPA through the DILG Field Offices for monitoring and database every January and June after each semester;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, the NNC-Regional Office to furnish the NNC Central Office, all regional members of the RNC and all local government units in the region a copy of this resolution.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED,** this 27th day of November 2020 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint virtual meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Technical Working Group on Nutrition held via Zoom Application.

Attested by:

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