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Message

My warmest greetings to the organizers, nominees and awardees of the **2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony**.

The realization of an effective national nutrition program has been made possible by trailblazers who have advanced the importance of nutrition in their respective communities. Thus, I join the **National Nutrition Council** in recognizing the achievements of our awardees who have taken the lead in efficiently implementing our initiatives for a fit and productive citizenry. Without a doubt, they have been our proactive partners in our nation-building efforts.

May this ceremony inspire others to continue making meaningful strides in your localities. For its part, the government is pursuing various policies to bolster our efforts in sustainable food fortification programs. Let us assure the public that we will remain steadfast in ensuring the availability of healthier food for everyone.

Congratulations to the awardees and I wish you all the best.


President Rodrigo Roa Duterte



Message

Greetings to the National Nutrition Council as you hold your 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony (NNAC).

Your organization's exemplary performance in the delivery of basic nutrition and nutrition-related services to our barangays is worthy of emulation. As public servants, it is our responsibility to raise awareness on the importance of healthy nutrition and to safeguard our nation's right to health and wellbeing. With your cooperation and dedication, we are confident that we will be able to encourage more local government units and mobilize them towards our fight against over and undernutrition and communicable diseases.

May this event reignite in you the passion to serve our fellow Filipinos, and may it lead you to more families who need the most help — those in the farthest, smallest, and poorest communities.

To all the winners of this year's NNAC, congratulations for a job well done. We are proud to have been part of your efforts in nutrition, and we are grateful for your service to the Filipino people.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!


Vice President Leni Robredo



Message

Greetings to the organizers, awardees, and guests of the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony to be held on December 12, 2017!

Proper nutrition is essential for all citizens for our country to be at their most productive. In this awarding ceremony, we do not just commend local government units and barangay nutrition scholars who did the most to promote proper nutrition for all, but also to recognize the best practices that can be replicated in other areas of the country. I commend all those involved in our nutrition programs for helping improve the quality of life of all Filipinos.

In recognizing and promoting local government units, people, and best practices that contribute the most to proper nutrition for Filipinos, you help build a Philippine society which is JUST and FAIR, which SAVES and SHARES, which is SCIENTIFIC and OBJECTIVE, which is PEACEFUL and DEMOCRATIC, which is EDUCATED and HEALTHY, and which is, most of all HAPPY and FREE, with overflowing LOVE OF GOD and COUNTRY.

I wish you success in your convention and urge you to always use your KOKOTE in deciding what is best for our country!

A. Pimentel III
Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III
Senate President



Message

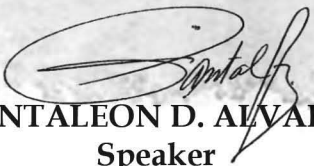
Warmest greetings to the National Nutrition Council as you hold your 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony at the Philippine International Convention Center.

This event reflects your strong commitment to uphold the high standards of nutrition in the country through sustainable food and nutrition policies and strategies. I laud your efforts to recognize outstanding local government units and Barangay Nutrition Scholars for their effective and efficient delivery of their respective nutrition programs in their communities. As the saying goes, we are what we eat: We eat healthy, we are healthy.

We in the House of Representatives recognize the crucial role of improving food production and supply to meet the ever growing food demands of our people. My colleagues and I are intent on crafting policies to make available sufficient food supply and greater access to quality and nutritious food on the plate of every Filipino. In addition, we aim to ensure the strict implementation of mandated nutrition laws and enforcement of food safety and sanitation regulations to protect the life and health of our people.

Congratulations to the awardees and partner institutions and offices for your exemplary works to attain our national nutrition goals. May you all continue to be our *#PartnersForChange* in our never-ending commitment to overcome malnutrition and hunger.

Mabuhay po kayo!


PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Speaker
House of Representatives



Message

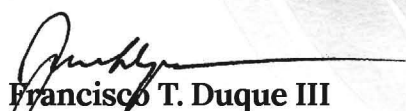
On behalf of the National Nutrition Council Governing Board, I welcome with pride all the outstanding Local Government Units and Barangay Nutrition Scholars to the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony!

Today, we celebrate the exemplary efforts of our partner Local Government Units and nutrition workers who have carried out with dedication and commitment, nutrition programs and projects, that improve the quality of lives of their kababayans by ensuring better nutrition for all.

Thus, it is with the sincerest appreciation that I congratulate all our outstanding LGUs and Barangay Nutrition Scholars as well other participating LGUs who vied for various awards, for pushing nutrition among your priority programs. It is your respective nutrition programs that have reached more vulnerable groups – pregnant women, lactating mothers, infants and young children, paying particular attention to the malnourished, indigenous peoples and those living in geographically challenged areas, which resulted in positive nutrition outcomes. It is my fervent hope, that you continue your excellent work on nutrition so that other LGUs and BNSs may be equally inspired to work toward zero malnutrition as we all dream together of a healthier Philippines.

The recently adopted ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Ending All Forms of Malnutrition by the leaders of the ten ASEAN Member States challenges us to scale up our actions and work together in a coherent manner. With you as the department's allies in nutrition, let us rise up to this challenge of scaling up our actions through partnering with more local government units and developing more selfless barangay nutrition scholars toward achieving better nutrition outcomes especially for the poor and marginalized. We can achieve this through our revitalized FOURmula One Plus for Health and Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition. Together let us heed the call of public service and be a catalyst for change for other LGUs to emulate.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



Francisco T. Duque III
Secretary of Health and Chair, NNC Governing Board



Message

My warmest congratulations to the National Nutrition Council for once again gathering all the stakeholders and movers of the food and nutrition sector to honor outstanding LGUs and Barangay Nutrition Scholars in this 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony.

Here in the Philippines, malnutrition is still prevalent. This is because despite the sustained growth of its economy in recent years, its poverty rates have remained the same and growth has been poorly distributed.

In their 2017 End of Childhood Survey on rates of child mortality, undernutrition, school drop out rates and early marriage, Save the Children reported that the Philippines performed poorly on child stunting or chronic malnutrition, which affects more than 30 percent of children across the country; child mortality or children dying before they reached the age of five, which constitutes 28 percent of deaths per 1,000 live births; and teenage pregnancy, with the country's 62.7 percent adolescent birth rate.

As the primary agency responsible for the country's food production and security, the DA fully appreciates all the earnest efforts of the NNC to promote proper nutrition in the Philippines, especially through these Nutrition Awards, and make the DA a significant part of these endeavors.

Indeed, our partnership stands on solid ground because agriculture and nutrition share a common point of unity: "food." A key output of agriculture, food is, in turn, a key input into nutrition.



EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
Secretary of Agriculture



Message

My congratulations to this year's awardees of the **2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony** composed of outstanding local government units (LGUs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) with effective and efficient nutrition programs.

Warm greetings to the National Nutrition Council (NNC) for spearheading the awarding ceremony on December 12, 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), being the Vice Chair of NNC, is affirming its support to the programs of the Council by encouraging all the local government units (LGUs) in the country to advocate nutrition awareness and implement nutrition initiatives down to the grassroots level with this year's theme, *"Healthy diet, gawing habit for life."*

Through the years, the DILG has called on local officials to help save Filipino children from hunger and malnutrition by throwing their full support to the government's initiatives towards attaining nutritional sufficiency which exempts no one.

Specifically, it was the DILG who enjoined the LGUs to designate a nutrition action officer with adequate office and support staff that include district/city nutrition program coordinator and provide opportunities for continuous capacity building and development for their nutrition staff.

To all the awardees of this year's Nutrition Awards, our sincere congratulations for a job well done. Continue to be an inspiration to all Filipinos in helping create a healthy and sound citizenry who can be relied upon in development and transformation of our nation.

Again, my congratulations to all of you!



CATALINO S. CUY

OIC of the Interior and Local Government



Message

On behalf of the National Economic and Development Authority, I extend our warmest congratulations to the awardees of the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony (NNAC).

In attaining our long-term vision, or AmBisyon Natin 2040, of a “matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay,” we must have a strong foundation. Both the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and the Philippine Plan for Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 are geared in attaining this long-term vision.

Highlighted in the PDP is the importance of accelerating human capital development. Investing in the country's people is one of the key strategies of achieving a strong foundation for inclusive growth. Parts of these includes promoting and improving nutrition as the key step in the pursuit of sustainable development for our country and our people. A well-nourished population is a precondition to a lasting, productive human capital base.

However, nutrition is far from simple. One of the biggest obstacles our society faces is malnutrition. Undernutrition and overnutrition make our people more vulnerable to various illnesses and diseases. Combatting these requires a comprehensive and integrative approach, as well as commitment from various sectors of society.

It is in this light that we wish to recognize the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and its efforts in continuously pursuing and coordinating initiatives and programs in promoting proper nutrition. We also recognize our partners in government, NGO's, academe, and other stakeholders for their contribution to our initiatives and programs on nutrition.

Of course, this celebration is a tribute to the unwavering efforts and incontestable contribution of our local government units and Barangay Nutrition Scholars. They play a major role in the delivery of front-end services and in the institutionalization of these initiatives and programs in their respective areas.

Once again, we congratulate the awardees for a job well done. Their excellent contributions in promoting the nutritional well-being of our people have far reaching effects not only today but also in the future. We also hope that this event serves as an avenue for partnerships and sharing of best practices in view of developing healthy communities in our respective areas and regions.

The NNAC is indeed a celebration of our gains in the pursuit of a healthy and resilient society. Let us continue to work together being stakeholders to nutrition.

Hindi matatawaran ang inyong kontribusyon sa pagsasakatuparan ng isang matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay para sa bawat pamilyang Pilipino. Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat!



Ernesto M. Pernia
Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning



Message

My warm greetings to the men and women behind the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony organized by the National Nutrition Council of the Department of Health. We would like to congratulate also the winners of the 2017 National Nutrition Awards.

I am particularly happy that we have in this hall, dedicated individuals from various stakeholder groups including the government, academe, non-government organizations, private companies and civil society and others – dedicated to help improve the health and nutritional status of Filipinos.

I commend the NNC in its effort to reach out to all sectors of society. I also commend all the local government units and barangay nutrition scholars who have painstakingly withstood the test of time in implementing nutrition programs in their localities.

Truly, the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and health workers play a critical role in improving the nutritional status of their constituents. Though malnutrition remains to be one of the greatest challenges to the development of countries around the world, LCEs and the community health workers, with their strong connections to the families and communities where they work, are in a unique position to help and improve the nutritional plight of the members in the community.

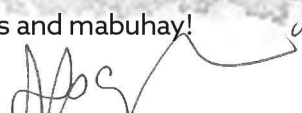
Being in the food and nutrition research and development (R&D) field, we at the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST), make our best effort to determine, give emphasis and get involve the different factors affecting our citizen's nutritional status.

Our collaboration in ensuring food and nutrition security in the Philippines is constantly being strengthened as we cannot afford to be complacent about the nutrition and health situation of our fellow Filipinos. We must continue to learn from each other's experiences and coordinate our efforts towards more effective strategies to be implemented and resources maximized.

I salute the NNC-DOH in tirelessly pursuing the nutrition work with great sense of professionalism in building a well-nourished nation through this yearly activity. May you also continue to provide the country's policymakers, executive officers as well as non-government organizations support for policies and programs that would help alleviate malnutrition and food insecurity.

May our partnership continue through the years in achieving our common goal of optimum nutrition for all Filipinos.

Congratulations and mabuhay!


Dr. Mario V. Capanza
Director of Food and Nutrition Research
Institute



Message

It is with pride and pleasure that I extend my sincere appreciation and warmest welcome to all of you, our nutrition advocates, to the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony.

Today, beyond all the recognition and the warm applause for our efforts toward nutrition improvement, the greatest reward that we can have is knowing that every single Filipino in the country reach their full growth potential because they are healthy and well-nourished. And that is because of you and your efforts to fight and end malnutrition in your localities. Certainly, as our Barangay Nutrition Scholars put it, *"Ang ngiti ng bata, ay kasiyahan ng bawat BNS,"* which indeed gives a message of hope to all of us to continue to invest in our children's good nutrition and well-being for a prosperous nation in the years to come.

Every year, we commend the outstanding achievements of our local government units in their innovative and effective programs to improve the nutrition status and enrich the lives of their constituents, as well as the hard work of all the barangay nutrition scholars who have dedicated their lives just to make sure that each one of their respective communities received the best nutritional care. Our awardees are living manifestations of outstanding local governments and Barangay Nutrition Scholars who appreciate deeply the importance of good nutrition in a person and the country's development.

During the past years, the Philippines has made modest progress in reducing malnutrition, but this progress are uneven across regions, population groups, and gender. Prevalence rates of stunting and wasting among children, and micronutrient deficiencies are still of major concerns since 2005, while overweight and obesity increased dramatically. Today, multiple forms of malnutrition are occurring in increasingly challenging contexts. Individuals who suffer from armed conflict and natural disasters, and teenagers involved in unwanted pregnancy, are currently at increased risk of malnutrition.

Thus, this year's awarding ceremony enjoins everyone to work tirelessly for the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022, the country's framework for action for nutrition improvement. The PPAN 2017-2022 directs its thrusts on the First 1000 days of life as the golden window of opportunity in a child's physical, mental, and social development, and complementation of the nutrition specific programs with nutrition sensitive programs to promote nutritional outcomes.

Part and parcel of the PPAN is the complementation of efforts and resources of all key stakeholders to deliver the proper nutrition intervention to every community and make sure that no one is left behind. It is our hope that these goals will be realized as we remain steadfast in our commitment to fight malnutrition.

Again, my sincerest congratulations to all the winners. Truly, the spirit of selfless service, volunteerism, and passion to lead and act live in you. May you be a guiding light to each of us in our quest for a healthy and well-nourished Philippines!

Mabuhay po tayong lahat!


Maria-Bernardita T. Flores, CESO II
Assistant Secretary of Health and Executive Director IV
National Nutrition Council



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Reception Hall, Philippine International Convention Center

Program

11:00 AM	Registration	
12:00 noon	Lunch	
2:00 P.M.	Entrance of Colors National Anthem	Philippine Marines Security Escort Group Mr. Paul John L. Garcia <i>Executive Assistant National Nutrition Council</i>
	Ecumenical Prayer Welcome Message	Ms. Maria-Bernardita T. Flores, CESO II <i>Assistant Secretary of Health and Executive Director IV, NNC</i>
	Presentation of Awards CROWN Award CROWN Maintenance Award	Francisco T. Duque III, MD, MSc <i>To be assisted by: Atty. Muhammad Fyzee Alim Chief-of Staff, Office of the Undersecretary for Special Concerns, Department of Agriculture OIC-Interior and Local Government Secretary Catalino Cuy (for confirmation) A/Sec. Maria-Bernardita T. Flores</i>
	Intermission	
	Presentation of Awards National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar Award	Francisco T. Duque III, MD, MSc <i>Secretary of Health and Chair, NNC Governing Board To be assisted by: Atty. Muhammad Fyzee Alim OIC-Interior and Local Government Secretary Catalino Cuy A/Sec. Maria-Bernardita T. Flores</i>
	Response CROWN Award	Mayor Allan L. Rellon <i>Tagum City</i>
	1st Year CROWN Maintenance AWARD	Mayor Janice Valtlega-Degamo <i>Pamplona, Negros Oriental</i>
	2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Award	Governor Carlos M. Padilla <i>Nueva Vizcaya Province</i>
	National Outstanding BNS	Irene B. Neulid <i>Barangay Maitim 2nd East, Tagaytay City</i>
	Introduction of Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker	A/Sec. Maria-Bernardita T. Flores
	Keynote Address	Francisco T. Duque III, MD, MSc <i>Secretary of Health and Chair, NNC Governing Board</i>
	Photo opportunity	

Howell V. Mabalot
Master of Ceremony

The National Nutrition Evaluation

The evaluation of local nutrition action plans and programs is undertaken annually by an interagency evaluation team during the first quarter. The evaluation intends to a) assess the efficiency of local level plan implementation, as indicated by the outreach of activities undertaken relative to targets in the local nutrition action plan, funds expended as well as the management and support given by local executives and local government departments as well as national government agencies; b) measure changes in weight status of preschool and school children during the evaluation year and the immediate past two years; c) determine the extent to which nutrition objectives, programs and projects are integrated into local development plans and programs; and d) advocate for the continuing support for local nutrition programs.

A municipality, city or province rated outstanding in the region is conferred the Green Banner Award in the initial year of the evaluation. If adjudged as the outstanding implementer of nutrition program in the region for three (3) consecutive years, the municipality, city or province is nominated by the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET) to receive the "Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition" (CROWN) award. The outstanding municipality in the region should come from among the first ranking municipalities in the provinces of the region.

The CROWN municipality, city or province will then be evaluated by the inter-agency National Nutrition Evaluation Team (NET) for a period of three (3) years. Should the local government unit meet the standards set by the National Nutrition Council for the first and second year CROWN maintenance award, this LGU will be declared winner of the "Nutrition Honor Award" (NHA), the highest recognition given by NNC on the third year. An LGU which fails to qualify for the maintenance award will again vie for outstanding province, city or municipality in the region.

The National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar is selected and evaluated by the interagency NET from the top 50% plus one Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars (ROBNS) in the country. The evaluation assesses the knowledge and skills of the BNS through a) interview, b) document review, and c) validation weighing of children. The national evaluation team deliberates on the ratings of the ROBNSs and ranks the ROBNSs for submission to the NNC Technical Committee. The Technical Committee declares the BNS with the highest score among the identified ROBNSs as the National Outstanding BNS for the year.

Awardees

2016 SECOND YEAR CROWN MAINTENANCE AWARD

II	Ivana, Batanes
II	Province of Nueva Viscaya
CAR	Alfonso Lista, Ifugao
CALABARZON	Sta Rosa City, Laguna
XII	Malungon, Sarangani

2016 FIRST YEAR CROWN MAINTENANCE AWARD

II	Ilagan City, Isabela
CAR	Baguio City
III	Province of Bulacan
NCR	Taguig City
VI	Numancia, Aklan
VII	Pamplona, Negros Oriental
IX	Province of Zamboanga Sibugay
X	Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental
XII	Province of South Cotabato

2016 CONSISTENT REGIONAL OUTSTANDING WINNER IN NUTRITION (CROWN) AWARD

CALABARZON	Kalayaan, Laguna
MIMAROPA	Roxas, Oriental Mindoro
VI	La Carlota City, Negros Occidental
X	Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
XI	Tagum City, Davao del Norte
CARAGA	San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
CARAGA	Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur

2016 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR AND RUNNERS UP

CALABARZON	National	Irene B. Neulid
	Outstanding BNS	Barangay Maitim 2nd East, Tagaytay City
II	1 st Runner Up	Concepcion Vanessa A. Cabugao
		Barangay Radiwan, Ivana, Batanes
XII	2 nd Runner Up	Medy T. Repollo
		Barangay Sudapin, Kidapawan City

Nutrition Honor Award

The design of the trophy for the Nutrition Honor Award is inspired by the symbolic flame pattern of the CROWN trophy. The three pieces of colored flames, embedded at the back of a clear beveled glass, symbolize the burning desire and unending commitment of the local government unit toward nutrition improvement. The base represents the strong foundation that the Nutrition Honor Awardee has developed during the last six (6) consecutive years of maintaining the Green Banner and CROWN Awards, while the body that contains the text and the flames, presented in beveled cuts, symbolizes the pruning and refinement which the LGU underwent and experienced to reach the height of excellence.

The Nutrition Honor Award (NHA) is presented to CROWN awardees that have consistently shown outstanding performance in efforts for nutrition improvement. These awardees were monitored by an interagency regional nutrition evaluation team for the period 2011-2013 and by an interagency national nutrition evaluation team for the 2014-2016 implementation years.

To date, 60 local government units have been conferred the Nutrition Honor Award. This year's awardees will receive a cash prize of P1,000,000 and this NHA trophy. For the 2017 National Nutrition Awarding Ceremony, no LGU will be conferred the Nutrition Honor Award.



Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN) Award

The trophy's design symbolizes the local nutrition committee's burning desire for excellence in its quest for nutrition improvement. The flames represent the three consecutive years the municipality, city or province became the regional outstanding winner in nutrition. The gradual increase in color shade and height of the flame indicate the continuous and intensified efforts to improve the nutrition situation through effective management of local nutrition programs.

The CROWN award is presented to a municipality, city or province that has been adjudged by the interagency regional nutrition evaluation team as outstanding in the region in the implementation of its nutrition action plan for three consecutive years.

To date, 156 local government units have been conferred the CROWN award. For this year, the CROWN awardees will receive a cash prize of P 500,000 and this CROWN trophy.



National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar (NOBNS)

The Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Program is a strategy of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition that involves the recruitment, deployment, training, and supervision of community volunteer workers on nutrition called Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

By virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1569, every barangay in the country is mandated to deploy one Barangay Nutrition Scholar to be responsible for monitoring the nutritional status of children and assist in the delivery of nutrition services and other related activities in the barangay.

NNC gives due recognition to the BNSs with the most outstanding performance in the country selected. The First Runner Up will receive a cash prize of P100,000 and a certificate, while the 2nd Runner Up will receive a cash prize of P80,000 and a Certificate.

Chosen from among the current crop of 42,400 BNSs, the National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar for 2016 will receive a cash prize of P 150,000.00 and a BNS trophy.

An Ode to the National Outstanding BNS

*You, who known as a BNS,
Serving with a commitment so intense.
You, who care for the community,
Infants, children, women, and the elderly.*

*From sunrise to sundown
You bring a weighing scale around.
Teaching parents, weighing children,
For improved nutrition of our brethren.*

*You are the best among the best,
Standing out among the rest.
Nutrition hero accept our thanks,
An inspiration in life's continuing quest.*





***“A multi-sectoral approach to
a food and nutrition secure community”***





CROWN Awardee **Kalayaan, Laguna**

The municipality of Kalayaan of the province of Laguna, is a 3rd class municipality composed of three barangays. While it is one of the municipalities that was classified as highly urban in 2010, its economy is still predominantly dependent on agriculture. Kalayaan is also noted for its hydroelectric plant.

Guided by the vision of “a well-developed agricultural community of peaceful, God-loving, healthy, and united citizenry” the Municipal Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Leni M. Adao, devoted its energy in providing quality social services and collaborating with other agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

Toward this end, the municipality continued implementing livelihood programs to enhance skills and increase incomes of poor families. In 2016, the local government established the 4K Priority Program - *Kabuhayan, Kalusugan, Kalikasan, at Karunungan*, incorporating various projects related to livelihood, health, environment, and education. Under the *Kabuhayan* component, soap-making and other trainings were conducted in partnership with TESDA, the Department of Labor and Employment's (DOLE) *Kabuhayan* program, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) Sustainable Livelihood Program. TESDA-Laguna granted eligibility and the TESDA National Certificate (NC) II to successful trainees of courses on food and beverages, wellness massage, welding, dressmaking, electrical installation, driving lessons, beauty care, and solar post light and solar bulb light installation and repair.

Meanwhile, activities done under the *Kalusugan* component include hearing assessment, provision of maintenance medicines for senior citizens, *Buntis* Congress, *Hilot* Wellness, *Buntis* Party where vitamins and food products were given to pregnant women, a blood donation drive, and provision of kitchen utensils, hygiene kits, and early childhood care and development (ECCD) materials for day care centers which was done in partnership with DSWD Region IV-A. This program also emphasized the importance of conserving the environment or *Kalikasan* by conducting a monthly cleaning of the community through the *Linisin, Mahalin, at Alagaan ang Kapaligiran at Kalikasan* (LMA) Program. Furthermore, the municipality provided uniforms and learning paraphernalia such as LED television sets and DVD players to six day

care centers in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The *Samahang Bagong Kababaihan ng Kalayaan, Laguna* (SBKKL) Inc., a non-government organization assisted women in capacity-building activities. Trainings on production of malunggay capsules and soya food products were conducted by the organization to target women to enable them to generate additional income for the family. A total of 572 women and out-of-school youth benefited from these trainings.

The local government of Kalayaan also implemented the pro-green and organic community farming. The citizens of Kalayaan planted different vegetables in vacant lots and backyards through the container gardening program. Seedlings, small animals such as poultry, livestock and fingerlings were distributed to 309 families, 390 farmers, and 285 fishermen. Small water impounding projects were installed in the 3 barangays. Backyard fishponds and community fish processing centers were established to produce food and increase income of 58 families with severely underweight preschool children and 251 families with severely wasted school children.

This multi-sectoral approach proved to be effective in improving the nutritional status of vulnerable groups in Kalayaan. Underweight among preschool children showed a steady decline from 2.6% in 2014 to 1.7% in 2016. Likewise, prevalence of wasting and overweight among preschool children also declined from 10.3% in 2014 to 8.1% in 2016 and from 1.4% in 2014 to 1.1% in 2016, respectively.

Coordination among the MNC members and the different stakeholders of Kalayaan, and all their efforts for the development of the municipality has indeed paid off. The municipality of Kalayaan is now a deserving recipient of the CROWN Award. An accomplishment that will truly make each citizen of Kalayaan say, “Go Kalayaan! Yan ang aking bayan!”



“Consistently and Strongly Driven to Achieve Sustainable Development”





CROWN Awardee

Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

Roxas, a 2nd class municipality in the southern part of the province of Oriental Mindoro is known as the center of trade, commerce and industry in southern Mindoro. It is the transit point for local and foreign tourists, vacationers, and backpackers to Caticlan. Although Roxas is the smallest town in Oriental Mindoro, the municipality offers plenty of natural wonders and cultural attractions.

As one of the food basket municipalities of MIMAROPA, Roxas plays a major role in the development of trade and commerce, agriculture and eco-tourism in the region. The municipal government envisions a peaceful, progressive, self-reliant, and self-sufficient community with disciplined and healthy constituents, living in sustained and balanced ecosystems by year 2015-2022. Hence, local officials and the Municipal Nutrition Committee (MNC) led by Mayor Violeta L. Dimapilis translated their insights into a clear, well-structured commitment of local governance.

The municipal government of Roxas is well-aware that one important prerequisite in realizing its goals of becoming a city is a healthy and productive human resource. Hence, projects were focused on ensuring that food and water sources are safe, accessible and affordable, and that solid wastes are properly managed.

The municipal government pursued the project "Salin Tubig" by the DILG and DPWH at Barangay San Vicente supplying water to two (2) barangays, namely San Vicente and San Mariano where 2,309 (19.3%) households were already provided with Level III water source. The project continues and hopes to provide all households with potable water by 2022.

Likewise, the municipality's Solid Waste Management Program gained further momentum as the local government issued and enforced Ordinance No. 6 s. in 2011. The ordinance prohibits the use of plastic bags particularly in public markets and sari-sari stores. Extensive educational campaign on solid waste segregation and "No to Plastic" slogan is being conducted by the municipal government. All barangays were encouraged to

establish a material recovery facility (MRF) and to replicate and support the "Pera sa Basura Project" of the municipality. Residents were encouraged to make use of scrap materials and garbage and convert them into useful things that can be sold. Biodegradable trash is mixed and turned into compost, which is the form of organic fertilizer given to local farmers.

Implementation of nutrition programs and other related-activities in schools and community was intensified through partnership with stakeholders. Schools tied up with existing NGOs in their area to support the supplementary feeding or hot meal feeding program for the identified school children with wasting. A total of 1,472 school children were included in the supplementary feeding program in 2016.

On the other hand, to address overweight and obesity among school children, their parents and teachers, Zumba (dance exercise) is conducted every day in all schools. This is in addition to the regular morning exercise conducted during the flag ceremony. Teachers were also advised to increase outdoor activities of school children to promote more physical activities. This contributed to the decrease in the prevalence of overweight and obesity among school children from 1.6% in 2015 to 1.5% in 2016.

The MNC's efforts to uplift the total well-being of its constituents did not go unnoticed. Since 1999, Roxas was recognized as the most outstanding nutrition program implementer in the province of Oriental Mindoro. Relatedly, the prevalence of underweight and severely underweight preschool children declined from 4.6% in 2014 to 2.8% in 2016 and an accompanying decline in the prevalence of combined wasting and severe wasting among school children from 4.4% in 2014 to 3.5% in 2016.

The Municipal Nutrition Committee's persistent pursuit of an improved quality of life makes Roxas shine even more. And with the achievement of the CROWN Award, progress and development is within its reach.



“Journey to a well-nourished La Carloteños”





CROWN Awardee

La Carlota City, Negros Occidental

The city of La Carlota, is a 4th class city located in the southwest portion of Negros Occidental composed of 14 barangays. It is surrounded by Bago City in the north and the mountain ranges of Kanlaon Volcano in the east.

Through the years, the city of La Carlota has been an active implementer of nutrition programs in the Western Visayas Region. Through the leadership of Mayor Luis J. Jalandoni III, the City Nutrition Committee and the Sanguniang Bayan (SB) joined forces to address the malnutrition problem. With the new leadership, the committee zeroed in on the reduction of prevalence of malnutrition among the 0-12 years old children in the City. Among the strategies identified to achieve this goal is to increase the coverage of children dewormed, reduce the prevalence of micronutrient deficiency among children, improve maternal health care services, strengthen nutrition education and enforcement of city ordinances that can directly or indirectly address the malnutrition problem in the city, among others.

Increased immunization coverage. The committee, in its desire to increase coverage for immunization organized launching events during Garantisadong Pambata (GP) period. This is to promote community awareness on the program and ensure that mothers bring their children to the health center for immunization and pregnant women avail of the maternal health services. The midwives together with the BNSs and BHWs locate the children who missed immunization shots by conducting house to house visit. A total of 1,417 children out of the targeted 1,530 were immunized in 2016.

Reduction of micronutrient deficiencies. The committee not only ensured the availability of iodized salt in all the barangays but also conducted salt testing on a regular basis among market vendors and food establishments. Barangay health and nutrition volunteer workers assist in salt monitoring. School principals ensured that school children are dewormed at the beginning of the school year.

Maternal and Child Health. In addition to establishing the city's own birthing clinic and providing all necessary resources, the city government issued and enforced Ordinance No. 2007-050, encouraging all mothers to give birth in the said clinic, with trained midwives, nurses and doctor ensuring the safety of both mother and infant. Part of the services provided in the clinic is a birthing package such as the essential newborn care and education to post-partum mothers on exclusive

breastfeeding. In addition, the city also offers dental and laboratory services for the pregnant women. To date, the city has two (2) birthing clinics located at Barangay 1 – Poblacion and in Yubo Barangay Health Station. With the help of 15 organized breastfeeding support groups, pregnant and lactating mothers are well-guided and monitored in their breastfeeding journey. Complementing the efforts of the breastfeeding support groups is the annual conduct of Buntis Congress and the Pabasa sa Nutrisyon to help the committee disseminate information among pregnant and lactating women.

Pabasa Sa Nutrisyon. The *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon*, a participative, gathering of 10 -12 mothers per class allows informal discussions on health and nutrition topics, using a booklet called the "Nutri-Guide". Participants are also encouraged to share personal experiences on the topics being discussed. The *Pabasa* also includes fun-learning activities, exercises, demonstrations and games to strengthen nutrition messages and elicit active participation. The City's *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* caters to pregnant and lactating women as well as families of malnourished children. In 2016, a total of 2,430 mothers were able to graduate from *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* sessions.

Food and Nutrition Security. In partnership with the National Nutrition Council, the city also embarked on the establishment of a nutrition early warning system to detect impending deterioration of nutrition situation. Other measures to ensure food security is the city's advocacy for community and household food production projects. The city through the Agriculture Office encouraged the establishment of fruit and vegetable gardens or nurseries in all 14 barangays, 17 barangay health stations and 27 public schools.

The commitment of the city nutrition committee to sustain the implementation of nutrition improvement actions has reduced prevalence of underweight among preschool children from 1.7% in 2014 to 1.6% in 2016. A similar trend has been observed among school children from 20.2% to 17.4% for the same period.

So to the city of La Carlota, your journey towards a well-nourished community is showing bright beginnings. And to that, we declare La Carlota city deserves a CROWN!



“Pushing integrated nutrition services through participatory governance”





CROWN Awardee Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon

Hailed as one of the most competitive municipalities in the country by the National Competitiveness Council in 2014, it is an enormous challenge for the municipality of Manolo Fortich in Bukidnon to ensure that the health and nutritional well-being of its people remains a top priority amidst its economic progress. Such challenge drove the Municipal Nutrition Committee headed by Mayor Clive D. Quino, to put forward various nutrition related services in its annual Municipal Development Plan aimed at ensuring food security and good nutrition, among others.

The municipality extended the reach of its initiatives through its 22 Barangay Nutrition Committees assisted by 26 Barangay Nutrition Scholars, to ensure that nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions are felt by all families at all times. In 2016, the local government through its Sangguniang Bayan approved an allocation of Php42 million for the operationalization of the municipal nutrition action plan.

195 zones were organized through the Revitalized Quest Towards Total Community Development (RQTTCDD) program to alleviate poverty and reduce malnutrition through active participation and coordination of various sectors in the community. Members of faith-based organizations, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, farmers and women's group, indigenous peoples, and private businesses were engaged. Livelihood skills training such as slipper-making, goat raising, cassava flour production, as well as material and financial support were provided to program recipients. The municipality conducted consultation and assessment of target recipients including identification of skills and matching livelihood opportunities specific to their skills. In 2016, the program assisted 884 poor families situated in 5 most nutritionally-depressed barangays of the municipality.

The livelihood component of the RQTTCDD program was complemented with the "Utan sa Tugkaran" project that promoted backyard home gardening among families. This was further reinforced by the "Utan sa Zona" project wherein communal gardens were established and maintained in all 195 zones. The *Utan sa Tugkaran* initiative allowed poor families to produce fresh and nutritious vegetables and fruits as well as small livestock and generate additional income from extra harvests. Meanwhile, harvests from *Utan sa Zona* supplied the raw materials or ingredients for nutritious meals for the supplementary feeding program of the barangays. In order to sustain

the gains from these initiatives, the MNC conducts an annual Search for *Aktibong Zona and Aktibong Barangay* involving all the barangays of the municipality.

Advocacy toward proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle among children and adults is also part of Manolo Fortich's package of nutrition interventions. The Municipal Nutrition Office conducted nutrition education activities such as *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon*, parents' classes, IYCF counseling and bench conferences in the health and nutrition posts. In 2016, 22 Breastfeeding Support Groups were organized and mobilized in the barangays to protect, promote and support infant and young child feeding practices, while a total of 5,118 mothers and caregivers participated in nutrition education activities. To further widen their reach in the promotion of good nutrition, the MNC utilizes their local radio program *Barug Manolo Fortich* to disseminate correct and relevant nutrition information messages and collateral materials.

During the annual celebration of Nutrition Month in July, the Municipal Nutrition Committee highlights the promotion of good nutrition with the conduct of competitions such as *Hataw Dance Contest* for overweight and near obese children, search for best vegetable garden, cooking contest among parents with undernourished children, healthy buntis, Nutri-Challenge, and NutriQuiz among school children.

The Municipal Nutrition Committee also initiated the Quality Public Service (RQPS) Program to bring social services closer to the barangays by delivering services directly from one barangay to another. It is a program that offers free medical consultation and dental services to families with malnourished children, among others.

The concerted efforts of the Municipal Nutrition Committee and other stakeholders have paid off with further reduction of the prevalence of underweight among preschoolers from 1.5% in 2014 to 0.7% in 2016. A similar reduction was noted in the prevalence of wasting among school children from 11.5% in 2014 to 8.9% in 2016.

Finally, the MNC's efforts have seen fruition with them winning the 2016 Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition (CROWN) Award. Welcome Manolo Fortich to the circle of nutrition champions!



“Unceasingly Soaring towards Sustained Improvement in Nutrition”





CROWN Awardee Tagum City, Davao del Norte

Tagum City, the capital city of Davao Del Norte province, is one of the fastest growing cities in Region XI. Before being recognized as the "2017 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit in the Philippines", Tagum City was already the recipient of various accolades such as the "Palm City Capital of the Philippines", "Music Capital of the South" and "City of Festivals". But more than its progressive economy, rich culture and abundant natural features, Tagum City is also lauded for the great value it puts on the health and nutrition of Tagumenos.

Guided by its developmental thrust for wellness and health, the City Government of Tagum is committed to realize its vision of winning against malnutrition and sustaining good nutrition status through its 10-point program called "*EAGLE's WINGS*" which stands for

Education, employment and culture;
Agriculture and fishery;
Genuine peace, safety and security;
Livelihood and tourism;
Economy and affordability of taxes;
Wellness and health;
Infrastructure, transportation and communication;
NGO, GO and Co-op convergence;
Good governance; and
Social services.

The City Nutrition Committee of Tagum led by Mayor Allan L. Rellon, was able to sustain good nutrition in the city by implementing direct and nutrition-specific interventions such as supplementary feeding, micronutrient supplementation, nutrition education, home, school and community food production, complemented by nutrition-sensitive interventions such as livelihood assistance, among others. These integrated nutrition interventions, which are made possible by the collaborative efforts of nutrition stakeholders from the government and private sectors, helped the city in winning the battle against malnutrition.

Food security is achieved through the establishment of vegetable and fruit gardens and nurseries, as well as poultry farms in homes, schools and communities. Seeds, seedlings, poultry, livestock, and fingerlings were distributed to a total of 1,236 families with malnourished children. The thriving *Gulayan Program* which

uses organic fertilizers produces chemical-free vegetables utilized for supplementary feeding. In 2016, a total of 1,204 families with underweight preschool children and school children with severe wasting were provided with seeds/seedlings/cuttings or planting materials, while 32 families with underweight preschool children and school children with severe wasting were given poultry/livestock/fingerlings.

The Public Employment Service Office of Tagum City also continued to engage families with underweight children and children with severe wasting in income-generating projects and livelihood skills training. In 2016, 1,246 families were provided with financial assistance for livelihood projects, 771 families were provided with material support, 471 families underwent livelihood skills training, and 171 families were provided with material/financial assistance linked with market outlets. This livelihood assistance helped augment the income of these families, improving the families' capacity to purchase adequate food.

Food assistance is also provided through the supplementary feeding program, combined with vitamin A and iron with folic acid supplementation and nutrition education classes in schools and barangays. In 2016, a total of 924 underweight and severely underweight preschool children and 2,525 school children with combined wasting and severe wasting were given supplementary food, vitamin A and iron.

Altogether, the implementation of Tagum City's nutrition initiatives had produced sustained reduction in the prevalence of underweight preschool children from 3.1% in 2014 to 1.9% in 2016. This is also consistent with the reduction in stunting from 10.2% in 2014 to 6.8% in 2016 and wasting from 3.4% in 2014 to 0.9% in 2016. Indeed, an achievement worthy of recognition, worthy of the CROWN!



***“Committed to fighting malnutrition
for a better, brighter future”***





CROWN Awardee San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

The municipality of San Francisco is a first-class municipality of the Province of Agusan del Sur, CARAGA Region. The birth of the municipality of San Francisco is associated with the history of the provinces of Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur. It is one of the 13 municipalities comprising the province of Agusan del Sur.

Being a perennial member of the 20 poorest provinces in the country, the people of Agusan del Sur, in particular the residents of its capital, San Francisco, struggled to relinquish its old reputation to today's melting pot of trade and culture in the province. However, nutrition was not set aside as a priority especially when the provincial capital and major municipality is now a vibrant center for commerce and education in the region,

The Municipal Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Jenny D. De Asis has revived the municipality's battle against malnutrition. The committee envisions to wipe out malnutrition through proactive leadership, and coordination among stakeholders toward improved delivery of basic nutrition and health services. It has identified capacity development as one of its priorities to strengthen the interdisciplinary understanding of multisectoral collaboration among sectors. The municipal government focused on capacitating its foot soldiers, the Barangay Nutrition Scholars. Its 40 BNSs were retrained and deployed to serve all 27 barangays. Before 2016 ended, the BNSs were organized and its association was registered with the Securities Exchange Commission to enable it to venture on income-generating projects such as production of complementary food for infant and young children and catering services, among others. The BNSs were also trained on vegetable production which was conducted in partnership with the East-West Seeds Philippines. The municipal and barangay nutrition committees were also revitalized, and the Municipal Nutrition Cluster reorganized through the training on nutrition program management and nutrition in emergencies respectively.

Since unemployment was one of the major concerns in the municipality, the nutrition committee with partner nongovernment organizations embarked on several livelihood assistance projects. These include small livestock production, semi-commercial vegetable production, handicraft-making, banana plantation, cacao nursery operations, mushroom production and meat and native delicacy processing.

The Municipal Nutrition Committee sustained its community-based nutrition information campaign. Through the *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* and Infant and Young Child Feeding program, 772 mothers of young children aged 6-59 mos old, 1,218 pregnant and lactating women were reached. Other groups reached by nutrition education activities were barangay health workers, LGU employees and other partners such as the police force, transport group and Men Advocates of Good Nutrition (KATROPA). In time for the nutrition month celebration, "Nutrition-on-Wheels" was launched with tricycle drivers and operators participating in the event. Posters of the 10 *Kumainments* and *Pinggag Pinoy* were similarly posted in classrooms.

The campaign for increased food production was enhanced with the continued implementation of the "Food Always in the Home" program. With the battlecry *Goodbye Gutom!*, the municipality expanded program coverage to communities and schools to help ensure food security for more families. More than 1,500 gardens were established in homes, communities and schools while 31 *Gulayan sa Paaralan* projects were established in cooperation with the District Offices of the Department of Education.

The Project "Juvenile Education and Nutrition" or Project JEN complements the food security projects in the municipality. Storytelling, personal hygiene and grooming, and supplemental feeding activities benefited 4,500 preschool children, 3,000 school children, 1,500 pregnant women and lactating mothers, 410 persons with disabilities and 600 older persons.

A steady decreasing trend in the prevalence of underweight preschool children in the municipality was noted, from 4.6% in 2014 to 3.13% in 2016, after years of building a united front and reinforcing the municipality's collaboration by enlisting the help of various government agencies, non-government organizations, and socio-civic organizations in its nutrition program interventions.

The municipality of San Francisco is thus prepared to charge forward to the arena of nutrition champions. After garnering three consecutive Green Banner awards, and achieving the CROWN award in 2016, the municipal nutrition committee is all the more committed to the most meaningful reward yet...a better, brighter San Francisco for future generations!



“Good governance: pathway towards improved nutrition”





CROWN Awardee **Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur**

The City of Bayugan, known as the cut-flower capital of Agusan del Sur, is located in the northern part of the province. It is a 5th class city of 43 barangays. The mode of transportation especially when going to far-flung barangays are tricycle, multi-cab and habal-habal.

With the surge of economic development in the city, the City Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Kim Lope A. Asis ensured the functionality and efficient coordination among all member agencies of the said committee by providing substantially increasing budgetary allocation for nutrition from P 4.5 million in 2014 to P 10.8 million in 2016. The city government with its vision of good nutrition and health for all Bayuganons, believes that the provision of quality essential health services and sustainable livelihood are the two major strategies in successfully achieving this vision.

One of the banner programs of the city is "Bayugan on Wheels" a mobile medical and health service van that goes around the 43 barangays to make these services accessible to all. This initiative of the city government supplements the services provided by the barangay health stations in the city, offering services such as free circumcision through the *Operation Tuli* component, counselling, legal services and provision of food packs to poor households, in addition to medical and dental services. Since its implementation in September 2015, a total of 116,740 beneficiaries were provided with medical and dental services while 25,481 households were provided with food packs.

In 2016, the city, through its three (3) accredited mother-baby friendly birthing facilities and 18 barangay health stations, provided essential maternal health services to 2,767 women. These women were monitored from pre-natal to post-natal visits and provided with 5 doses of tetanus toxoid. Breastfeeding support groups were also established to assist in the promotion of breastfeeding and proper complementary feeding by providing support and useful information to breastfeeding mothers and other household caregivers. In 2016, a total of two (2) breastfeeding support groups from Bgy. Salvacion and Bgy Maygatasan were established in the city.

Aside from the significant livelihood brought about by the thriving cut-flower industry, the city government also provided 19,000 families with undernourished children with financial assistance and material support for their livelihood of choice. Livelihood trainings on beads making, dish washing liquid making and rug making were also conducted for these families.

To improve food security situation at the household level, the agriculture sector provided seeds and seedlings to 1,401 families with malnourished children to help them start backyard gardens, while 15 farm families were provided with fingerlings for the establishment of barangay fishponds.

To further ensure the efficient implementation and quality delivery of nutrition and health services, barangay nutrition scholars and barangay health workers were provided with travel allowances and adequate supplies. Their supervisors were encouraged to attend nutrition and related conventions and conferences to build their capacities as nutrition program implementers in the city.

The impact of the nutrition and related programs implemented for the past years was reflected in the decreasing trend in the prevalence of underweight among preschool children from 5.3% in 2014 to 5.1 in 2016; the prevalence of stunting from 15.9% in 2014 to 10.8% in 2016; the prevalence of wasting from 4.7% in 2014 to 2.9% in 2016. A similar decreasing trend was also observed in the prevalence of wasted school children, from 6.3% in 2014 to 3.82% in 2016 and the prevalence of overweight from 1.4% to 1.4%, respectively.

This year 2017 marks the Bayuganons' journey towards a better, healthier and well-nourished community!



***“Integrative approaches
and proper nutrition,
the way to sustainable development***





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Ilagan City, Isabela

Dubbed as the Corn Capital of the Philippines and the 4th largest city in the country next to the cities of Davao, Puerto Princesa and Zamboanga, Ilagan City is more than what meets the eye. As the city undertook measures to improve the business climate to transform itself to a thriving investment hub, Ilagan City put in place multisectoral initiatives to ensure sustainable growth and development by promoting good nutrition.

With sustainable development as the end in mind, the City Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Evelyn C. Diaz developed multisectoral nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions to ensure good nutrition among Ilagueños.

Assist in Nourishing a Kid (ANAK)

Program. This involves supplementary feeding of underweight children under 5 years old for 120 days, provision of medical check-up, micronutrient supplements as well as nutrition education to target families. The program covers all 91 barangays of Ilagan City. In 2016, 4,373 underweight and severely underweight preschool children were successfully reached by the program.

Buntis Congress. The Congress is a gathering of pregnant mothers intended to improve access to a host of services and information on safe motherhood. Services available include tetanus toxoid immunization, dental check-up, HBSag and syphilis testing and provision of micronutrient supplementation. Lectures and film viewing on safe motherhood, infant and young child feeding, family planning, prevention of teenage pregnancy were also made available. In addition, 354 pregnant mothers received treated mosquito nets for dengue prevention, as well as a new pair of slippers and free haircut.

Construction of Farm to Market Roads.

The city completed 16 farm-to-market roads at the cost of Php 39 million in 2016 to increase accessibility of barangays and help farmers in transporting their harvest from farm to the market. Additionally, the city government funded the concreting of 6 barangay roads in the amount of Php 12 million. These roads are expected to

facilitate the transport of agricultural products and subsequently decrease its cost to farmers, making food more affordable to consumers. The project is also expected to improve the physical access to food and other services offered by the city.

Construction of post-harvest facilities.

Due to limited post-harvest facilities available in the barangays, Ilagan City constructed seven multi-purpose covered halls in 2016 amounting to Php 17 million to serve as storage and/ or drying facility during the rainy season.

Gandang Ilagan Program. Apart from these nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, the city also adopted an integrated system for monitoring and evaluation of barangays. The Gandang Ilagan Program (GIP) evaluates the administrative areas of revenue generation, governance, health and nutrition, barangay disaster risk reduction, and food security, among others. Results of the evaluation are used as basis in selecting the Outstanding Model Barangay (GIP-OMB). In 2016, Barangay Osmeña was selected as overall GIP Outstanding Model Barangay while Barangay Malalam was cited as Best Barangay Nutrition Program Implementer.

The combination of nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions along with the integration of nutrition considerations in the city's multisectoral monitoring and evaluation of barangay was effective in reducing the prevalence of stunting and wasting among preschool children. From their 2014 levels, prevalence decreased from 17.4% to 8.1% to 1.6% in 2016 and from 4.8% to 1.6%, respectively. It has also improved the nutritional status of school children by reducing prevalence of wasting among school children from 9.1% to 6.9% for the same period.

With the availability of economic, social and integrative approaches to development at its disposal, along with the premium that Ilagan City provides on the importance of good nutrition, the city is definitely on track not just in its quest for glory as one of this year's nutrition champions, but more importantly, toward sustainable development for the welfare of Ilagueños.

Mabuhay!



“Creating a better nutrition landscape for a sustainable future”





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Baguio City

Named in (year) as the newest member to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, Baguio City joins 179 other cities from 116 countries cited by UNESCO for folk arts and crafts. Baguio City established itself as one of the art hotspots in Asia in the 1980s when it became home to artists such as BenCab, Kidlat Tahimik and other fellow luminaries who founded the Baguio Arts Guild. The city is also home to traditional and new creative hubs such as Narda's, Tam-awan Village and Bencab Museum, among others.

Baguio City strives to create a better nutrition landscape for its constituents and remains committed to its mission of creating a sustainable and enabling environment that will promote economic stability and general well-being of its citizenry. The City Nutrition Committee, led by Mayor Mauricio G. Domogan, implemented a package of interventions to directly and indirectly address malnutrition.

Livelihood Caregivers' Class. This initiative is a combination of nutrition information education through *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* and provision of livelihood skills training for pregnant women and lactating mothers, caregivers, and interested parties. In 2016, 91 caregivers, 337 pregnant and lactating mothers and 1,224 other participants joined the classes. Graduates of the class may avail the city government's livelihood assistance program.

Search for Best Senior Citizens Organic Garden. The project aims to improve food security among senior citizens and their families and at the same time, contribute to the general well-being of the senior citizens through active participation in community activities. Open to all senior citizen associations, a cash prize of P25,000 is awarded to the Best Senior Citizen's Organic Garden. The vegetable gardens are monitored twice and recognized in July, during the city's celebration of Nutrition Month.

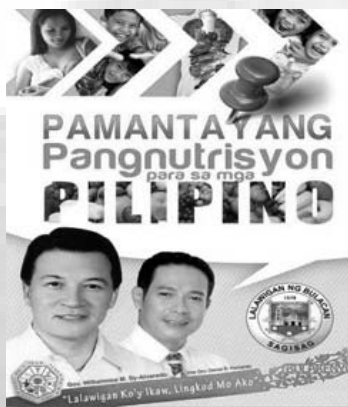
Saktong Iodine sa Asin. As one of the pioneering implementers of the salt iodization

program in the country in the last 22 years, Baguio City has now advanced from promoting universal salt iodization to ensuring the availability of adequately iodized salt. Using WYD checker, the city monitors the iodine levels of salt that are being sold in markets, sari-sari stores and food establishments to ensure that iodine in iodized salt sold in the city's barangays is well within the acceptable levels.

Continuing Education and Recognition System. Apart from the interventions highlighted, Baguio City puts premium on providing technical assistance to barangay nutrition programs. In 2016, the city government trained all the BNSs and Barangay Nutrition Action Officers on program documentation. The sustained evaluation and recognition of outstanding performers among nutrition committees as well as nutrition workers is done during the City Nutrition Awarding Ceremony to highlight the Nutrition Month celebration in July. Service awards are also presented to deserving BNSs and Barangay Nutrition Action Officers.

As a result of these direct nutrition interventions coupled with the committed implementation of other related programs, Baguio City was able to reduce stunting among preschool children from 6.2% in 2015 to 4.7% in 2016, wasting from 1.6% in 2015 to 1.3% in 2016 and, overweight and obesity from 1.4% in 2015 to 1.1% in 2016. It also decreased the prevalence of wasting among school children from 3.4% in 2014 to 2.1% in 2016.

Today, Baguio City prides itself with two major accomplishments, a recent citation from UNESCO and a 1st Year CROWN Maintenance Award, seemingly different spheres but both requiring the city's commitment, creativity, innovation and motivation. The city's pursuit of nutritional well-being will never falter, for a better nutrition landscape and a sustainable future for the people of Baguio.



**“Valuing traditions,
breaking new grounds on Nutrition”**





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee Province of Bulacan

The province of Bulacan, a melting pot of past and present, the old and the new, the countryside and the urban sits at the heart of Central Luzon. Bounded by the provinces of Nueva Ecija, Aurora, Quezon, Pampanga, Metro Manila and parts of Manila Bay, the province is a breath of Filipino culture, with rich history and tradition, noted as the land of heroes. Today, Bulacan is known for progressive cooperatives and small and medium scale industries. It is a recognized home of artistry and craftsmanship as seen in its jewelry, leather craft, and garment industries as well as a tourism hub of Luzon.

Bulacan consists of 24 towns, with Malolos City as the provincial capital. Through the leadership of Governor Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado, along with the members of the Provincial Nutrition Committee, the province never faltered and continued its pursuit of good nutrition. Through the years, it harnessed its potential and continued improving the design, implementation and coverage of nutrition programs for its population. The inter-agency Provincial Technical Working Group of the Provincial Nutrition Committee composed of 12 agencies and organizations provides a strong technical backbone to ensure that implementation of nutrition programs is backed by evidence and compliant to national laws.

This resonated well with the local government as identified in the Provincial Government's 7-Point Agenda that states: "to cure disease and promote longevity, make available to the poorest of Bulakenyos the wonders of science and technology in healthcare and medicine." The province has allocated Php126 million for nutrition with a budget utilization rate of 98% in 2016, guaranteeing that the various nutrition programs were well implemented through the 4,800 Lingkod Lingap sa Nayon (LLN) volunteers – Bulacan's version of Barangay Nutrition Scholars --, purok mother leaders and 3,878 barangay health workers who are mentored by full-time Municipal Nutrition Action Officers in all the municipalities.

The Provincial Nutrition Committee (PNC) is leaving no stones unturned to address malnutrition in the province. Back in 2014, only 39.05% of women exclusively breastfed their babies. The province doubled its efforts to solve the low rates of breastfeeding practice among mothers. The provincial nutrition office trained 63 Infant and Young Child Feeding facilitators for the 21 municipalities through the assistance of the DOH and NNC. This initiative resulted to the creation of breastfeeding peer counsellors in 290 barangays and a community-based peoples' organization called Breastfeeding Bulakenyas was established. By end of 2016, the rate of exclusive breastfeeding was reported at 70.25%!

The Governor as PNC Chairperson released an adoption of the Executive Order 51 or the Milk Code on 01 August 2016 and created a taskforce to monitor all public health facilities to ensure that all provisions of the Milk Code is being followed by the Municipal Health Officers, Municipal Nutrition Action officers, Barangay Health Workers and the Barangay Nutrition Scholars. The PNC also involved the League of Barangays and Municipalities through the inclusion of EO 51 in their regular meetings.

The province of Bulacan puts a high premium on education and promoting positive nutrition behaviours. That is why a revitalized nutrition information and education campaign among school children was launched. The popular version of NNC's Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos, 10 Kumainments, as well as Pinggang Pinoy, are printed on school materials such as notebooks and pad papers for distribution to all school children in the province. In 2016, a total of 24,620 notebooks were distributed to grade 4 and 5 students in 456 schools. These collateral materials are complemented by more in-depth discussions through its radio program, *Kalingang Bulakenya*. The program is produced by the provincial government, aired over Radyo Bulacan 95.5 FM and is anchored by the Provincial Nutrition Action Officer

The province also prioritized capacity building and provision of technical assistance to agriculture and aquaculture-dependent households with malnourished children. Trainings on palay check, palayaman, tilapia aquaculture, bangus and shrimp polyculture and production of smoked fish, and bangus bottling were provided to 167 families in 2016 as a pilot program. After the training, the participants were given all the material support to start their livelihood project funded by the Provincial Agriculture Office.

These nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs translated to a sustained reduction of the prevalence of underweight and severely underweight pre-school children from 1.6% in 2015 to 1.5% in 2016, and reduction of prevalence of wasted and severely wasted under-five children from 5.0% in 2014 to 4.5% in 2016.

Without room for complacency and with utmost determination, the province of Bulacan will never give up in its endeavor of pursuing the best for Bulakenyos. Bulacan has set its eyes to bring its provincial nutrition program at its best and join the prestigious roster of nutrition champions. Should the vision be realized, this will be a nother display of heroism from the Province of Bulacan!



*“Where the heart for
nutritional well-being is.”*





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Taguig City

Taguig City is one of the fastest developing cities in the country in terms of economic dynamism and government efficiency when it ranked 7 among highly urbanized cities in the 2017 Cities and Municipalities Competitive Index.

Amidst the ongoing development in one of the fastest growing cities of Metro Manila, there stands a simple yet meaningful icon, "I Love Taguig", exemplifying the vision of "A loving, caring, peaceful and progressive city serving God and all Taguigeños, by inspiring and empowering them to dream, develop their potentials and lead meaningful lives".

Guided by this vision, the city government of Taguig led by its Mayor and City Nutrition Committee Chairperson Lani Cayetano invests in nutrition and related services to improve the nutritional well-being and health among its nutritionally vulnerable population, enhance school performance, and increase productivity among adults. Aside from ensuring implementation of the regular nutrition and related programs, the City Nutrition Committee of Taguig City introduced innovations aimed at improving both program efficiency and effectiveness

Community-based milk letting. The human milk bank with state of the art equipment situated at the Taguig-Pateros District Hospital (TPDH) gives priority to provision of breastmilk to infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). It also caters to infants in need of breastmilk confined in other hospitals. Milk-letting in barangays is conducted twice a month to augment the supply of breastmilk in the human milk bank. Staff from the human milk bank goes to the communities to collect milk donations from willing lactating mothers. Donors undergo screening to be allowed to donate breastmilk. In 2016, a combined 114.5 liters of milk were donated to TPDH benefiting 81 inpatients and outpatient neonates.

Gulayan ni Nanay Project. To promote food production among households and communities, the City Nutrition Committee in partnership with the Department of Agriculture implemented the *Gulayan ni Nanay, Masagana ang Buhay* project which identifies and recognizes the best vegetable gardens at the household and community levels. Criteria for judging include nutritional value of vegetables planted, utilization, quantity produced

and aesthetic layout of the garden. In 2016, Barangay San Miguel was awarded the 1st prize of Php 10,000 in the community category while Ms. Epifania Tacagay of South Signal Village received the 1st prize of Php 5,000 for the household category.

LANI Scholarship Program. The scholarship program provides educational assistance to Taguig City residents to study in public and private schools, for the course and school of their choice. Since its implementation in 2011, the scholarship program has produced around 200 nurses, 11 nutritionist-dietitians, 5 midwives and 3 dentists. Currently, 3 of the 11 nutritionist-dietitians are employed in Taguig City Nutrition Office.

Strengthening of the Operation Timbang (OPT) Plus. To improve implementation of OPT Plus, the City Nutrition Office introduced the use of electronic OPT Plus (e-OPT Plus) to its 44 Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS). The BNSs are given a schedule to use any of the four (4) designated computers at the City Nutrition Office for OPT Plus data encoding. The City nutritionists are also present to assist the BNSs in using the system. Apart from improving processing, accuracy, timeliness and utilization of OPT Plus data, the City Nutrition Office also provides a copy each to the members of the City Nutrition Committee for their reference.

The continued implementation of quality nutrition and related programs along innovative strategies developed by the City to improve nutrition program efficiency and sustainability has brought positive nutrition outcomes. The prevalence of wasting and overweight among preschool children decreased from 3.7% in 2015 to 2.0% in 2016, and from 6.0% in 2015 to 3.0% in 2016, respectively. The city's prevalence of wasting among school children likewise decreased from 14.6% in 2015 to 12.9% in 2016.

Given the investments and initiatives of the City towards socio-economic development, there is no reason why the Taguigeños would not say, I Love Taguig!



“Social Mobilization and Empowerment towards a Healthy and Well-Nourished Community”





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Numancia, Aklan

The municipality of Numancia in the province of Aklan, is located in the northwest part of Panay islands, bounded by the municipalities of Kalibo, Makato, Lezo and the Sibuyan Sea. Numancia and its 17 barangays is classified as a 4th class municipality. Numancia envisions "an organic agri-aqua haven of the province of Aklan where the population enjoys an improved quality of life through sustainable development of an environmentally safe, secure, orderly and drug-free, economically vibrant, empowered, globally competitive and cohesive community".

Consistent with this vision, the Municipal Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Jeserel T. Templonuevo is focused on achieving well-nourished and healthy Numanciahanons, who are self-reliant and actively participating in the community's efforts of pursuing sustainable development.

One of the key strategies of the Municipal Nutrition Committee is to strengthen the impact of the government's conditional cash transfer or 4Ps (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program) for poor households in Numancia by complementing it with sustainable livelihood projects. Coordination is strengthened among local departments such as the municipal social welfare and development office and agriculture, with national government agencies such as DepEd and DOLE in order to deliver the appropriate livelihood assistance for each of the target families. In 2016, a total of 1,049 4Ps family-beneficiaries and 2,105 poor families, including farmers and fisherfolk, were provided with livelihood assistance through distribution of seedlings, livestock, support materials as well as provision of seed capital and skills training.

To further ensure sustainability and promote accountability and social empowerment, sectors were organized into cooperatives such as Numancia Hog Raisers Association, Numancia Vegetable Producers Association, Farmers and Fisherfolks Cooperative, RIC Mothers and the Numancia Multi-Purpose Cooperative. Many of the livelihood projects and local products that are intended to directly or indirectly address malnutrition in the community are being managed, produced and marketed by these cooperatives. In 2016, the local government transferred funds amounting to 8 million pesos and provided training to the members of the Numancia Hog Raisers Association on hog production and livestock upgrading project or the Akbay Project. RIC Mothers were provided with seed capital of Php10,000, equipment and skills training to manage the production of Moringa Insumix, a mixture of mung beans, rice, malunggay and coconut oil, which is used during supplementary feeding of preschool and school children or as a nutrient-dense fortificant that can be added to regular food in the households. Moreover, the production, packaging and commercialization of Talbos-C, a natural juice

concoction of sweet potato leaves, calamansi and sugar is being managed by the Farmers Cooperative.

Marketing support was provided by the local government by establishing an Organic Trading Post which serves as an outlet for all the produce, and, in partnership with DTI and Philippine Chamber of Commerce, conducts market matching to further expand marketing opportunities outside the municipality for these products.

To increase nutrition awareness, nutrition messages, activities and collaterals were translated into the local dialect, *Akeanon*, or disseminated through activities that the locals can easily relate to. Nutrition messages such as the "Ten Kumainments" and the pledge "Panunumpa sa Katapatan sa Programang Pang Nutrisyon" were translated into their own dialect and printed on collateral materials such as flyers, fans, shirts and bags that are being distributed during nutrition and related activities.

The celebration of Nutrition Month in July was made more festive for Numanciahanons to further contribute to increasing awareness on good nutrition. Capitalizing on Numanciahanon's festive nature, the MNC created the Nutri-Fiesta as a way of celebrating Nutrition Month. The celebration included activities like "Search for Batang Nutribida", poem and essay writing and poster making contest among elementary and secondary level students and their very own *Buntis Congress*. During the Buntis Congress, pregnant women are given Buntis kits, which includes the *Booklet ni Nanay at Baby*, a booklet that serves as the mother's guide on proper maternal and infant nutrition.

As if all these festivities are not enough to promote nutrition awareness, the MNC decided on a unique way of disseminating nutrition messages in their community, thus, the creation of a group called the Nutricia (Nutrition in Numancia) Kids Jazz Chanters. The group is composed of school children who were trained in the art of chanting, a simultaneous oral recitation (*sabayang pagbigkas*) with corresponding choreographed actions (similar to cheerdance), to deliver nutrition messages. In 2016, the local government issued a resolution for the designation of Nutricia Kids Jazz Chanters as the official municipal ambassadors for nutrition.

All these strategies and Numancia's sheer faith in the capacity of its own people has contributed to the continuous decline in the prevalence of underweight preschool children from 2.3% in 2014 to 1.9% in 2016. Without a doubt, Numancia is not only maintaining its CROWN Award for the 1st year, but more importantly, it is winning the fight against hunger and malnutrition!



***“Investing in children care
is investment for the future”***





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Pamplona, Negros Oriental

Pamplona, a 3rd class municipality, is located 38 kilometers northwest of Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental's capital. It is composed of 16 barangays. With terrain which ranges from flat to moderately rolling to very steep, hilly and mountainous, majority of Pamplona's population relies on agricultural crops like banana, sugar and coconut for livelihood.

Officials of the municipality particularly the Municipal Nutrition Committee led by Mayor Janice Vallega-Degamo envisioned Pamplona to be a vibrant and livable municipality actively contributing to the agricultural growth of Negros Oriental. The municipality of Pamplona has recognized the value of investment not only in the development of agriculture but the future of Pamplonans.

Adequate care for mothers and children.

To ensure healthy constituents, the committee prioritized the health of mothers and children by actively supporting the Infant and Young Child Feeding program while educating women and caregivers on proper care of infants and young children through the *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon*, an informal nutrition education class. The issuance of Municipal Resolution No. 2016-028 declaring the month of September as "Pabasa Month" underscores the value of Pabasa sa Nutrisyon in their community. In 2016, the total number of mothers and caregivers who graduated from the Pabasa has reached 767. The graduates assisted the nutrition workers in facilitating future Pabasa sessions in their own barangays. This paved the way for the establishment of breastfeeding support groups in the community with most of the graduates as members. At present, all 16 barangays have their own breastfeeding support group providing counselling to new mothers and monitoring mothers who are having difficulty breastfeeding. The BNS and BHW in turn, conduct focus group discussion among the support groups and shares new learnings.

Sufficient health services, healthy environment. In support to the national advocacy of facility-based deliveries and ensure quality health services for mothers and infants, the municipality established 14 Balay Alanakan or barangay birthing home that provides free maternal health services from pre-natal to postpartum care, family planning, delivery

including medicines, laboratory tests and newborn screening. Since its establishment, the rate of mothers giving birth in the facility has increased from 52% in 2010 to 82% in 2016, with no reports of maternal death.

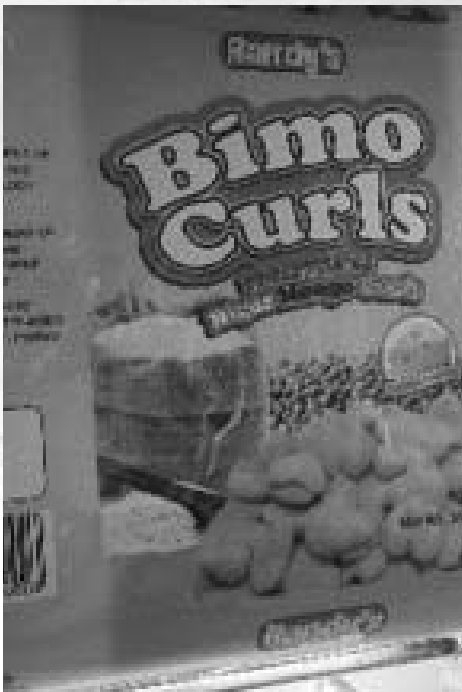
Food security. In 2016, 37 families with malnourished children were provided with vegetable seeds for the establishment of home gardens, and starter kits for duck raising. The eggs of the ducks augment the food supply of the families, in particular, the malnourished child. Some households that did not have enough space in the backyard for gardening were assisted by the municipal agriculture office to adopt the hanging vegetable garden technology. In addition, the municipal agriculture office established the tilapia breeding program in selected barangays, to ensure food availability in these communities.

Good Governance. The Pamplona municipal nutrition committee believes that the quality of delivery of health and nutrition services is only as good as the caliber of its implementers. Thus, the local government supports and encourages all its nutrition and health program implementers to attend conferences and training to widen their knowledge and enhance their skills. The municipal and barangay nutrition committees religiously conduct regular meetings to monitor progress of the different interventions.

It appears that the municipality's investments on health and nutrition already gained impressive results. The decrease in the prevalence of underweight from 1.4% in 2014 to 0.9% in 2016, stunting from 4.0% in 2014 to 1.2% in 2016, wasting from 1.2% in 2014 to 0.6% in 2016 are proofs of these results. What the municipality of Pamplona has accomplished is a clear testament that investment in the well-being of mothers and children through quality service delivery is a surefire way to ensure healthy and productive constituents in the future. To the Municipal Nutrition Committee of Pamplona, way to go!



***“A vision into the future
for a well-nourished and
healthy Sibugaynons”***





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Province of Zamboanga Sibugay

The Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is the 79th, one of the youngest provinces of the country. It is located in Zamboanga Peninsula region in Mindanao. It was carved out from the third district of Zamboanga del Sur in 2001. The province is blessed with vast agricultural land, coastline, mountain valleys, numerous hot springs and waterfalls, and rich in natural resources such as rubber, coal and metallic and non-metallic minerals.

Sixteen (16) municipalities comprise the province with a total of 389 barangays, 127 of which are coastal. And true to its vision of a well-nourished Sibugaynons, the Provincial Nutrition Committee led by Provincial Governor Atty. Wilter Yap Palma, prioritized nutrition in its strategy of delivering quality programs to all its municipalities and barangays.

To create awareness on nutrition and foster a well-informed community, the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) and Barangay Health Workers of the province developed colorful and creative, three-dimensional infographics on nutrition. Graphics of the OPT Plus results and photos of weighing activity were prominently displayed in nutrition posts in the province allowing anyone in the community to see and understand the nutrition situation in their community.

One of the major objectives of the Provincial Nutrition Committee is to ensure food security at the barangay level. Toward this end, a campaign called "Gulay Karugtong ng Buhay" was initiated to establish home, community and school gardens to promote increased consumption of green, leafy vegetables among families. The vegetable production project is complemented by the animal dispersal project targeting families with malnourished children. The provincial government allocated P1.2 million for these projects in 2016. A total of 52,604 families with malnourished children benefitted from these projects.

Micronutrient supplementation benefitted 87,276 infants 6-11 months old and 68,343 preschool children through vitamin A supplementation; 10,304 pregnant women through iron with folic acid supplementation; and

food fortification initiatives were strengthened at the barangay level through the sustained efforts of the BNSs. BNSs promoted in their respective communities the utilization only of iodized salt. At the same time, the *Nutri-Pan sa Paaralan at Pamayanan*, continues to operate and supply iron-fortified breads to various consumers in the province, particularly children of poor families. The funds generated from these initiative were managed by municipal multi-purpose cooperatives and used as a revolving fund to expand production and support implementation of other nutrition activities. A total of Php565,500 have been generated from the proceeds of the Nutri-pan project.

The Provincial Nutrition Committee is also jump-starting an LGU-led food manufacturing plant adopting DOST-FNRI's technology on producing complementary foods for infants and young children 6 months old and above. The provincial government supported the municipality of Tungawan through technical assistance and linkages to potential clients in its first year of operation. The food manufacturing plant produces more than 20,000 packs of "BiMo Curls" or rice-mongo curls per semester which are delivered to neighboring towns in the province for use in various feeding programs of the province. The BiMo curls were also distributed during the conduct of OPT Plus to 6 months old children and above.

With guidance and support from the Provincial Nutrition Committee and the commitment of its 16 municipalities, the province of Zamboanga Sibugay has steadily reduced its malnutrition rates. The prevalence of underweight among preschool and school children from 2014 to 2016, decreased from 8.26% to 6.68%, and 10.68% to 9.73% respectively.

With these gains and increasing accomplishments, the province is getting closer to achieving its vision of well-nourished Sibugaynons, worthy of maintaining its CROWN!



“Investing in Nutrition is Investing Wisely on its People”





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Gingoog City

The City of Gingoog, known as “City of Good Luck”, is located on the northeastern coast of the Province of Misamis Oriental in Northern Mindanao. It is 122 kilometers from the regional center of Cagayan de Oro City and 74 kilometers West of Butuan City. From its original inhabitants called Higaonons, it is now inhabited by people of different ethnic aggrupation, mostly composed of Dumagats or lowlanders.

Nutrition has become one of the key priorities under the city government’s Eight-Point Agenda of Good Governance in its resolve to strengthen its socio-economic program towards improving the quality of lives of its people. The City Nutrition Committee (CNC), headed by Mayor Marie L. Guingona, vows to provide nutrition-focused and nutrition-sensitive services accessible to every Gingoogons.

Nutrition-sensitive Policies. In 2016, the City issued a local ordinance encouraging every barangay to appropriate 5% of their annual budget for nutrition and related programs or projects. This allowed the barangay health and nutrition workers, rural health physicians, health officers, nurses and midwives to deliver nutrition services and promote good nutrition to the nutritionally vulnerable groups of Gingoog. In addition, the city government provided the necessary infrastructure to barangays with the highest prevalence of malnutrition.

In 2016, around Php 585.0 million was allotted and approved for barangay livelihood programs, purchase of equipment and infrastructure, as part of the 2017 City Annual Investment Plan (CAIP), through Resolution No. 2016-159, “Adopting Resolution No. 01-06-2016 of the City Development Council and Approving the City Annual Investment Plan (CAIP) for Calendar Year 2017 of Gingoog City”.

Search for Buntis Star. The “Search for Buntis Star” is a beauty pageant-like contest for pregnant mothers. Among the criteria for selection of winners is the completeness of prenatal check ups and availment and compliance to other maternal health packages, among others.

Garden of Go, Grow and Glow (G4) Food. This project, initiated by NNC Regional Office X and the Regional Nutrition Committee, was sustained by the city to promote not only the consumption of nutritious vegetables and fruits among households, but also ensures household

food and nutrition security. An annual Search for Best G4 implementers is conducted by the city in incentivize households, puroks and barangays that support the food production and greening programs. In 2016, a total of 28 households, 3 puroks and 3 barangays have been recognized by the city government as best G4 implementer.

Promote Good Nutrition through Pabasa sa Nutrisyon. *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon*, a participative, adult learning protocol involving 10-12 mothers per class informally discussing health and nutrition topics, is a venue to teach good nutrition practices and healthy lifestyle. A total of 3,407 pregnant and lactating women and 509 mothers with severely underweight preschool children completed the *Pabasa* in 2016.

Feeding Health Team. The Feeding Health Team composed of city health personnel, barangay officials, purok leaders, BNSs and BHWs, monitor the performance of all the 79 barangays in the implementation of their nutrition and related programs down to purok levels. It is called as such because the team is composed of the group that implement the city’s one-on-one feeding program linked with the city’s health task force in every barangay.

Human Resource Development. The 150 BNSs of Gingoog City from its 79 barangays continue to enjoy the city government’s support through continuing education and investment in their participation to seminars and periodic update on their knowledge and skills. The city government provides BNSs with group insurance covering both accident and natural death in addition to their monthly honoraria and allowances. Furthermore, the City Nutrition Committee continues to recognize the Best BNS Sangkap Pinoy Implementers who have creatively promoted the consumption of fortified food products. In 2016, the City awarded 8 BNSs as Best BNS Sangkap Pinoy Implementers.

All these investments for the upliftment and welfare of the people are undoubtedly the right way to go, as shown by the reduction in the prevalence of underweight preschool children from 4.1% in 2015 to 3.2% in 2016. Truly, Gingoog City can now reap the gains of their investments. More than the glory of maintaining their CROWN, it is the improvement in the lives of its people that makes such recognition meaningful and truly rewarding.



“Paving Ways toward a Transformative Nutrition Landscape”





1st Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Province of South Cotabato

South Cotabato, one of the provinces in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in Mindanao, is known as the “Land of Dreamweavers”, which literally houses T’boli and B’laan tribes, the most well-known indigenous tribes in the province famous for their brass work, beadwork and t’nalak weave. These tribal heritages are also responsible for the province’s legacy on wearing colorful embroidered native garments loved by many. In its figurative sense, South Cotabato is the province weaving its dream towards transformation, as it is one of the leading provinces in Mindanao in almost every aspect of development.

Even with the diversified culture, the continuous transformation in the province, most importantly in implementing various nutrition programs, does not remain a dream especially with the leadership of Governor Daisy P. Avance-Fuentes as Chair of the Provincial Nutrition Committee. The committee sustained the Nutrition Convergence Team in providing technical assistance to 20 identified barangays with highest malnutrition rates in the province. The Team assists in addressing food insecurity and malnutrition in the areas. Moreover, all municipalities in the province have been conducting Simple Talk Educates People (STEP), an activity headed by each of the province’s Nutrition Action Officers. The STEP provides a venue for pregnant women and mothers of malnourished children to learn more about proper diet, sanitation, healthy lifestyle, among others, and is now on its second year of successful implementation.

The South Cotabato provincial government is currently setting up two new Nutri-Pan bakeries, a bread and pastry shop offering affordable and nutritious products made from indigenous ingredients. As of 2016, there are three bakeshops situated in the nutritionally depressed municipalities namely, Polomolok, T’boli and Tupi, to provide commodities for supplementary feeding activities in priority barangays, as well as for sale to the rest of the community.

The reduction in the prevalence of malnutrition in the province is attributed not only to the palpable dedication of the nutrition committee members, but also to the growing appreciation and participation of the people in South Cotabato in its nutrition and related interventions. Its progress is evident as shown by the decreasing prevalence of underweight among preschool children, from 7.3% in 2014 to 5.2% in 2016; as well as of stunting from 17.2% in 2014 to 11.1% in 2016.

With the solid organization of its leaders and peoples, the goal of transforming South Cotabato to a more developed and progressive province shall not remain a dream, but is something that is definitely “weavable”. Efforts towards this desired transformation has enabled the province to maintain the gains of their CROWN Award, and shall continue to weave interventions and strategies towards the nutritional improvement of its people.



***“A picturesque landscape for
sustaining a malnutrition-free
municipality”***





2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee **Municipality of Ivana, Batanes**

A group of islands and islets in the northern part of the Philippine archipelago, Batanes is the place in the Philippines that exudes so much beauty and mystery. No wonder, it is in every local traveler's bucket list. The one place which radiates unparalleled attraction is the municipality of Ivana – a 6th income class municipality of hidden coves of white sand beaches, unique culture and heritage, historic churches, and amazing people. Ivana is home to more than 1,300 people residing in its four barangays. It may be one of the smallest municipalities based on land area and population, but what it offers are beyond its size.

Ivana takes pride in having almost zero malnutrition in the entire municipality. Focusing primarily in programs for maternal and child health and nutrition, as well as sustainable livelihood, the Municipal Nutrition Committee headed by Mayor Leonardo V. Hostallero envisions "the Ivataneo as a people who are healthy, self-reliant, productive, and valuing their culture and pristine environment of Ivana in the years to come".

This brings them to advocating the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) program, which strengthened the practice of exclusive breastfeeding from birth up to six months of a child's life, and the timely introduction of nutrient-dense complementary food at six months while continuing breastfeeding up to two years and beyond. Now, mothers are breastfeeding their babies whether at home or in the workplace. Through the "Katuwang Niyo Kami" program, fathers, partners and caregivers are trained about IYCF practices and as support, they bring their babies or fetch their wives in the workplace to breastfeed their babies.

Breastfeeding Support Groups called "breastfeeding angels", on the other hand, are organized to serve as on-call human milk banks. Currently, there are 10 new breastfeeding angels in addition to the 20 women who were previously organized, and all of them are regularly visited by BNSs and peer counselors. They were given incentives such as employment as street sweepers and as priority recipients of vegetables harvested in the barangay IYCF-BSG gardens, along with pregnant and lactating mothers.

The barangay BSG gardens is only one of the many vegetable gardens in the municipality. Through the "Paytayrasan Su Rakanen" program,

households, schools, barangays, and municipal government employees maintain vegetable gardens for home consumption and use in the supplementary feeding program. Every Sunday, families with gardens gather together to sell their excess produce through the agri-fair. About 10% of the total sales goes to the local nutrition program.

A wide variety of seaweeds are aplenty in Ivana. Taking advantage of this, the local government launched the "SISID Project" which stands for Seaweed at Isda, Sagot sa Iodine Deficiency Disorders. The project aims to promote sustainable livelihood and maintain zero prevalence of iodine deficiency disorders. Managed by the IYCF-BSG mothers, seaweeds are collected, dried and processed into chips, now a mainstay in pasalubong stores not only in Ivana but province-wide as well. The project was made possible through the pooling of resources consisting of an initial fund provided by the Municipal Nutrition Action Officer and the Barangay Nutrition Scholars, an additional Php25,000 from the municipal government, and food processing equipment and training from the DA-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources .

Another highlight of Ivana's nutrition program is the promotion of good nutrition with healthy lifestyle. This is done through the year-round LGU-lympics, the "Zumbata" for elementary school pupils, the senior citizens and youth walk for a cause, and the intensified "Kalusugan Ko, Pangangalagaan Ko" program that includes blood pressure monitoring, fasting blood sugar determination among adults, and conduct of health and nutrition education activities.

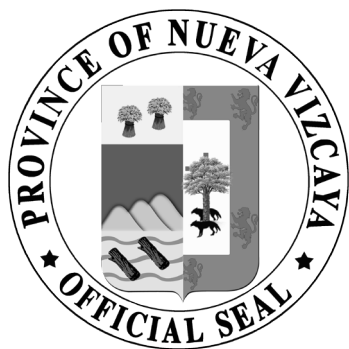
These efforts paid off as the municipality of Ivana posted an impressive zero prevalence of underweight pre-school children for the past 3 consecutive years, and zero stunting prevalence in 2016.

Ivana's picturesque scenery and rich culture are worthy of awe-inspiring stills. Not known to many however is that in addition to the natural beauty of this town, its charm radiates from its citizenry of healthy and well-nourished Ivatans. Truly, a people deserving of our highest respect and recognition as one of this country's nutrition champions.



“Where good governance leads to positive nutritional outcomes!”





2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Province of Nueva Vizcaya

Nueva Vizcaya is a 2nd class province and home to approximately 452,000 Novo Vizcayanos residing in the 15 municipalities across 4,379 square kilometers of land. The province is bounded by the three monumental mountain ranges of North Luzon, including the country's second highest peak, Mount Pulag.

Led by the Provincial Nutrition Committee Chair Governor Carlos M. Padilla, Nueva Vizcaya continues to live up to its PRAYERS N' FAITH framework (**P**rotecting the environment, **R**eforming the provincial government, **A**griculture, **Y**outh and sports, **E**ducation and skills, **R**ural development, **S**ocial services, **N**etworking for development of **F**arm to market roads, **A**rts and culture, **I**ndigenous peoples, **T**ourism, **H**ealth and housing services). For years, this 13-point agenda operated through a holistic approach that contributes to the health, nutrition, and productivity of Novo Vizcayanos.

Aligned with the PRAYERS N' FAITH agenda, the provincial government focused on every aspect linked to nutrition to ensure every Novo Vizcayano's good health and nutrition status. One of the most notable programs of the province is the search for *Idol Kong Pamilya* where low-income families with no malnourished child or children, no vices, have a clean home and backyard are recognized and rewarded. To date, 200 families have won the title and given initial capital for a new livelihood project, funded by the provincial government. The search for *Idol Kong Pamilya* motivates other families to become persevering to have a better life.

On the health and nutrition front, lactation corners/areas were set up in the 275 barangays of the province to promote exclusive breastfeeding for 0-5 months and continued breastfeeding with appropriate food up to 2 years and beyond. Furthermore, Novo Vizcayanos from Kayapa, the farthest municipality of the province, were given access to a traditional health center that offers alternatives for maintaining good health.

Agriculture and food security is another aspect of nutrition emphasized through the PRAYERS N' FAITH agenda. In Dupax del Sur, farm-to-market roads to increase farm productivity were established and already benefitted

approximately 1,850 residents in the municipality. In addition, organic farming was introduced to 5,872 families through training and distribution of seeds, seedlings and planting materials. Furthermore, particular land areas were recently converted to ATI-accredited farm schools to inspire young individuals to take up agriculture.

The provincial government of Nueva Vizcaya also recognized the negative consequences of overweight and obesity in the province and conducts regularly *Bantay Timbang* in local offices. Recently, 154 units of beam balance weighing scales and 50 units of steel rules were provided to ensure proper and accurate monitoring of weight. Moreover, the provincial government also tied up with the Department of Education for the conduct of research on the determinants of overweight and obesity among school children in the province to better understand and address the issue.

Among the nutrition and related projects sustained by the provincial government through its nutrition committee is the *Bantay Asin* checkpoint. Located in the municipality of Sta Fe, the checkpoint confiscates non-iodized salt entering the provincial boundary, helping ensure that only iodized salt is made available in the province. Likewise, the *Batang Radyo* sa Nutrisyon, done in collaboration with NNC since 2013 continues to develop broadcasting skills of schoolchildren at the same time, promoting good nutrition to the public.

The progress of the province in its war against malnutrition can be seen in the continuous decline in the prevalence of underweight and severely underweight among preschool children from 4.0% to 3.6% and wasting among school children from 6.5% to 5.0%, for the period 2014-2016. Likewise, the proportion of overweight and obese preschool children decreased from 4.1% to 2.9% for the same period.

Indeed, effective nutrition program governance in the province paired with people participation will produce positive results and a 2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Award!



“One Step Closer to Achieving a Healthy, Vibrant and Progressive Community”





2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee

Alfonso Lista, Ifugao

Alfonso Lista, a 3rd class municipality located in the easternmost part of Ifugao, has quite a history with respect to the names by which it was previously known. The municipality was originally called "Mun-u-u-pag" by the early Ifugao settlers which means "bubbles of foam" referring to animals that abound in the place. The name was later changed to Potia derived from "Putiak", a phenomenon where plants in the area opened their pods as they dried. It was only in 1988 that the municipality was officially named Alfonso Lista in honor of its first mayor.

With a land area of 41,051 hectares of rolling terrain that are mostly agricultural and pastureland, the municipality is predominantly agricultural area. More than half of the area is devoted to corn production, earning the municipality's title as the Corn Granary of the Cordilleras.

Led by Mayor Glenn D. Prudenciano and nurtured with the vision of a progressive Alfonso Lista, the Municipal Nutrition Committee also called locally as *Saluad Salun-at* Council meaning "protection of health", earnestly pursued its mission of improving the health and nutritional status of its people. The Council spread awareness on environmental sanitation, good personal hygiene, proper nutrition, and empowered the people while providing material support to poor households

Community Livelihood Enhancement and Development Program (CLEDP). A program aimed at generating employment and building capacities of poor and vulnerable groups continued to provide livelihood assistance through skills training and material support. In 2016, over 300 farmers and fishpond owners were trained on aquaculture, while 317 women and out of school youths benefitted from the municipality's skills training on newspaper recycling and wine making. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and Office of the Municipal Agriculturist under the CLEDP conducted livelihood trainings on vegetable production, fruit processing, goat production and management, sweet potato production, cassava production and marketing, organic farming and small engine servicing, providing alternative sources of income to 114 farmers, 317 women, out of school youth and persons with disabilities. Soft loans were also provided to these beneficiaries as capital to jumpstart their livelihood.

Insentibo para sa kalusugan. An initiative conceptualized by the nutrition committee in 2012, families with malnourished children are motivated to actively participate in the community's collective effort of improving the nutritional status of their children. Families who have shown improvement in their health-seeking behavior are given a sack of rice and other food supplies.

Nutrition Sensitive Programs. To support the committee's goal of upholding the health and nutritional well-being of every family in the municipality, the *Saluad Salun-at* Council implemented a combination of programs that may not be directly related to nutrition, but are people-centered and people-oriented. The *Poso mo, Para sa Kalusugan Mo* provided households with access to safe water supply, particularly those that live in far-flung sitios. In 2016, the project successfully provided more than 100 households with water pumps. This project was further supported by the project *Kubeta para sa Masa*, which provided plastic toilet bowls to families without water-sealed toilets, reinforcing the importance of environmental sanitation, personal hygiene and even food safety to health and nutrition.

Komadrona sa Nayon, on the other hand, was implemented to ensure that pregnant women and children are well cared for, through the deployment of Rural Health Midwives in 12 barangays, increasing facility-based deliveries. Moreover, the well-being of children was given priority. The *Operation Ngiti*, provides oral care supplies to daycare and school children, while the *Wat-wat a Binnigat* which means "exercise everyday", provides arnis sticks to overweight and obese children in 20 elementary schools for their daily exercise.

No wonder, the *Saluad Salun-at* Council's efforts of addressing malnutrition focusing on addressing the root causes and using an integrated approach posted decline in the prevalence of underweight preschool children from 1.6% in 2014 to 1.1% in 2016.

They are indeed one step closer to achieving their vision of a healthy, vibrant and progressive community and a year away from the Nutrition Honor Award!



***“Where Settling for Less
is Never an Option”***





2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee **Sta. Rosa City, Laguna**

The City of Sta. Rosa is considered one of the most progressive cities, the center of business, commerce and industry not only in Laguna but also in the entire CALABARZON region. Progress is evident in the presence of various multinational companies particularly automotive and ICT-BPO companies, in the city's premier industrial estates.

Adding to the impressive development in Sta. Rosa is the quality of the health and nutrition services provided to its residents - holistic, comprehensive, specialized and individualized health care service delivery. The city government, through the City Nutrition Committee (CNC) chaired by City Mayor Danilo Ramon S. Fernandez, is committed and guided by the slogan, *Serbisyong Makatao, Lungsod na Makabago*.

Consistent with this vision, the City Nutrition Office envisions Santa Rosa to be a nutritionally-improved city whose people are well nourished, healthy, intelligent, socially, and economically productive with a high sense of human dignity. Its mission is to uphold the value of human life by improving the nutritional status of the populace through the promotion of household food security and reducing the prevalence of malnutrition.

Various nutrition programs and activities of the City of Santa Rosa are focused on achieving zero malnourished children. The City's supplementary feeding program for malnourished children between the ages of 6-71 months is one of them. It aims to: (1) feed children in LGU-managed day care centers using indigenous food and/or locally processed foods; (2) improve the knowledge, attitude and practices of children enrolled in day care centers, as well as of parents and caregivers, through intensified nutrition and health education; and (3) refer these children to the appropriate health unit for any health- and nutrition-related problems. In 2016, some 374 underweight and severely underweight preschoolers and 1,565 wasted and severely wasted school children were

covered by the city's Food Assistance Program. Moreover, a supplementary feeding program is being conducted by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the City Nutrition Office for children in the 32 day care centers of the city

The city through the Barangay Nutrition Scholars actively disseminates information on health and nutrition. In 2016, the *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon Program* provided 1,933 mothers of undernourished preschool and school children with additional information on the importance of good nutrition and food preparation tips for the family.

Newborn screening and maternal care services are offered for free in the community hospital and rural health units of the city. A total of 798 infants received free newborn screening in 2016 while 1,973 pregnant women were immunized with tetanus toxoid and 2,710 pregnant and lactating women were provided with vitamin A and iron supplementation. Along with maternal services, the community hospitals and health units conducted classes on responsible parenthood among 1,793 families and couples.

The city government also invested in nutrition-sensitive programs focused on promoting environmental health and sanitation. As of 2016, the city has provided 65,807 (94%) households with access to safe water, 64,775 households with sanitary toilets and complete basic sanitation facilities, and 68,100 households with sanitary garbage disposal services. It also operates an eco-waste center to convert biodegradable wastes to organic fertilizer. Without surprise then, the city of Sta. Rosa posted a reduction in the prevalence of underweight and severely underweight preschool children from 1.1% in 2014 to 0.8% in 2016 and reduction in stunting from 4.2% in 2014 to 3.2% in 2016, and further reduction in wasting from 1.5% in 2014 to 1.0% in 2016. Indeed, a remarkable achievement deserving an equally remarkable 2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Award!



***“People-centered strategies to
end malnutrition”***





2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Awardee **Malungon, Sarangani**

With valleys, rolling hills, and mountains on the northeastern part of Sarangani, the first class municipality of Malungon occupies an approximate 89,663 hectares composed of 31 barangays. It is home to over 103 thousand Malungonons, including the tribes of B'laan and Tagakaulo.

While farming is its main source of livelihood, Malungon is envisioned to be a "a progressive agro-industrialized municipality of God-fearing people with a positive outlook in life, better nutrition, healthy, and productive community". Led by Mayor Maria Theresa D. Constantino, the Municipal Nutrition Committee of Malungon believe that for this vision to be achieved, there must be constant collaboration among stakeholders, mobilization of the community and good governance in place.

The Gumné Gumifat Dad Ngá, which means Nutri Care Center for Children in B'laan, which was established in 2005, continued to capacitate families by rehabilitating severely underweight preschool children. Currently, the municipality provides in-house feeding and additional financial assistance to 21 families with malnourished preschool children. The municipality also sustained the Bahay Kalinga project, together with the Ursuline Sisters of Vincentian Missionaries Social Development Foundation, which provided food, medicines, clothing, and other basic needs to persons with disabilities, especially children with poor health conditions. In 2016, 28 children with special needs received food assistance from the said program.

The Restore Food for the Children (RFC) Mini-Nutri Farm, which started as a farming project at the back of Nutri-care centers, continued to generate funds and provide food for families with malnourished children. Since its conception in 2009, improvements such as expanded vegetable and fruit garden, poultry area, fishpond area, and mini kangkong and rice fields were established. Fruit trees were also planted along the road. At present, 31 community fruit and vegetable gardens/nurseries and one nutri-farm have been established. Seedlings were also distributed to 142 families with malnourished preschool children.

Underprivileged families from different barangays in Malungon were given access to basic social services by the local government. Ten offices from the local government of Malungon worked together for the *Lingap sa Barangay* program which aims to improve the situation of indigent families who have less access to basic services. At present, the *Lingap sa Barangay* has sustained its operation by regularly conducting service caravans in all barangays every two weeks.

To nurture the awareness of Malungon's children on nutrition and promote nutrition-positive behaviors, the *Kwentong Nutrisyon* project was created as a medium for nutrition education. Preschool and school children are not only educated about proper nutrition through storytelling, but are also trained to become story tellers and young educators of nutrition. Books were provided by the Save the Children Foundation and were translated into B'laan. In 2016, nutrition information and education materials have been distributed to 67 elementary schools in the municipality.

People-centered strategies are the secret elements of the success in the municipality of Malungon, as shown by the continuous decline of its malnutrition levels. The prevalence of underweight and severe underweight among its preschool children decreased from 1.6% in 2014 to 0.9% in 2016. The prevalence of wasting among school children also decreased from 2.5% in 2014 to 0.9% in 2016. The municipal government continues to explore partnerships and collaboration with NGOs and other stakeholders to empower the community and lead them to become nutritionally secure. Malungon is truly commendable and a deserving recipient of the 2nd Year CROWN Maintenance Award.



2016 National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar

Irene B. Neulid

*Barangay Maitim 2nd East
Tagaytay City*



BNS Irene B. Neulid is a nursing degree graduate under board. In 2015, when she was working in the community as a barangay health worker, the call to become a Barangay Nutrition Scholar beckoned her. BNS Irene is a young mother to 3 active kids, 2 in their teens and the youngest, nearly a year old.

Since her background is on health care and as a mother with a young child, the projects she initiated and participated in as a BNS reflects these considerations. She developed materials on the First 1000 days tagged as *Dulot ay Kaalaman sa Unang 1000 Araw* and *Gabay para kay Mommy at Kay Baby*. These are booklets on the first 1000 days of life that she produced and distributed to pregnant and lactating mothers. She also designed collaterals with *Pinggag Pinoy* or 10 Kumainments print, which she tagged as *Nutri-MCF* or *Nutri mug, clock, or fan*. BNS Irene has a small printing business which she offers to fellow BNSs at discounted price. The collaterals are given during nutrition events such as *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* class graduation, and during nutrition month celebration and culmination activities. A portion of the proceeds is used to purchase eggs as added ingredient for supplementary feeding of underweight children in the barangay. She develops new collaterals every month following the DOH theme, which she tagged as *Knowledge Power*, and distributes the materials during nutrition classes in her barangay.

BNS Irene was actively involved in the Search for Little Mr. and Ms. Nutrition with every purok identifying a pair of representatives to vie

for the title. The ingenuous twist in the contest is that costumes should be made from recycled materials. BNS Irene solicited scrap glass from a glass company that operates in the barangay to be fashioned into a trophy, while the members of the Maitim 2nd East Barangay Nutrition Committee and the health workers wove twisted paper into certificate holders. The pair who collects the most scrap material for their costumes wins the search.

With support from the barangay, each purok received a unit of blood pressure apparatus. Being a nurse herself, this allowed BNS Irene and the barangay health workers to regularly monitor the blood pressure of identified hypertensives in the barangay particularly its senior citizens.

As a breastfeeding mother, she presents herself as a model for successful infant and young child feeding. In most of her activities, she brings her son Sebastian along. Sebastian, who already shares food from the family pot, continues to breastfeed. She walks her talk by ensuring that she practices proper breastfeeding techniques and prepares age-appropriate food for her son.

Short as these may be, but the two years that BNS Irene devoted to the nutrition program resulted to the reduction in the number of underweight in the barangay, from 11 in 2015 to 3 in 2016. This reduction was achieved because members of the nutrition committee of Barangay Maitim 2nd East are equally serious about their responsibilities and believe "that it takes a village to raise a child". They ensure that there is adequate and functioning measuring equipment such as weighing scale and height board in every purok and assist in the regular conduct of growth monitoring as members of the OPT Team.

BNS Irene may not have had the opportunity to be a nurse in a health institution or facility. Nevertheless, she showed that initiative, persistence and tender, loving service to children and her kabarangays can go a long way, in fact, to be declared as the 2016 National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar of the country.



Pavawhen u kapakasi kanu Malnutrisyon.. Panmuhen as kaparin ta sia u..
MAVID SA UNUTAN DU IPAYPAPIA NU NUTRISYON NU MADAY DU PILIPINO!

	1. Tatadken u kanen a kararaw tapyan mahap sa u matatarek a sustansya a nisisita nu karakuhan		6. Kasigurahun u kanamunamu nu kanen kanu inumen ta tapyan mapavawa u kapaytatatchi kanu kadwan pasa a ganit
	2. Pasusuhon u kavayahan a makayapu du kawara na a mamanda du anem a ka vuhan, patungtungun ya as katuruh tan a sia su machinahu kan mayanung na a kanen makarahan u anem ka vuhan a mamanda du karapit na su dadwa ka kawan an mana maypangay pa tapyan mawawa u karakuhan kan pangtuktwan.		7. Manyirbi su iodized salt anmana kuman su mian su iodine tapyan mapavawa u Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) akma su kayan nu mabhu a IQ kanu kapay goiter.
	3. Kararaw am karakurakuhen u kanen a rakarakanen kanu frutas tapyan mahap sa u vitamins, minerals kanu fiber ta niya sa u manidung du kapay payet kanu kapay papyu su karakuhan.		8. Pavawhen u manghavas a kakan su mapayit, mahaneng kanu munawnas tapyan mapavawa u kayan nu ganyit du tawul.
	4. Kuman su mapaluvu kanu mapakapya su tissues nu karakuhan ta akma su among, karni, manuk, uchuy, agayap, anmana mani.		9. Mayanung kapay exercise kanu kakan su mahustu tapyan mahap u machinahu a rahmet kanu tava nu karakuhan.
	5. Minum su lichi, kanu kuman su mian su calcium akma su dilis kanu kadwan pasa a dedekey a amung tapyan mahnyi u tuhatuhang kanu nyipen.		10. Tapyan mapavawa u Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) am kawayakan ta ava u kapay-exercise, kakan su machinahu kanu kapavawa su kaynen su palek, kapay baku, kanu kadwan pasa a di mayanung du karakuhan.



2016 National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar 1st Runner-up

Concepcion Vanessa A. Cabugao

Barangay Radiwan

Ivana, Batanes



BNS Concepcion Vanessa Cabugao or BNS Ness to her ka-barangays holds a double-college degree in Commerce and Elementary Education. BNS Ness is a licensed teacher passing the licensure exams in 2016. She earned her units in education in 2012 while tending her store and looking after her preschool child. She was deployed as BNS in the last quarter of 2015 to replace the BNS who resigned to study in Manila. In 2016, BNS Ness divided her time between doing her function as a BNS, and as a job order at the Ivatan Nutrition Office from May to December and at the same time working at the seaweed processing area of the municipality from November to December. She tried practicing her profession when she accepted a teaching job as substitute Kindergarten teacher for 2 months. She found more sense of fulfillment however, working as a BNS. Thus, she decided to make a career out of being one.

BNS Ness initiated the translation of the 10 Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos into Ivatan to make it more interesting to the community. She participated in the posting of 10 Kumainments stickers in homes and establishments, the materials coming from anonymous donors and from barangay funds. She also developed information materials for the Katuwang Nyo Kami, a breastfeeding support group composed of family members, the Barangay Radiwan Nutrition Committee, senior citizens and members of the community who assisted the implementation of the barangay nutrition program. The Katuwang Nyo Kami acts as the service delivery network providing breastfeeding advice and support to mothers when they go home upon discharge from the hospital.

BNS Ness, previously challenged with inverted nipples, used her experience to show that successful breastfeeding experience can be achieved with the presence of support groups. She once extended her help to a mother who had twin premature babies by collecting breastmilk from breastfeeding angels, freezing the milk and bringing it to the father to be given to the babies. The father and grandmother of said twins were taught how to do kangaroo mother care while the mother was at the hospital for 15 days after giving birth.

Farming whether on land or at sea is a way of life in Batanes and resilience is the key to food security. BNS Ness participates in the promotion of pot vegetable gardening in coastal areas. She participated in the establishment of the IYCF garden which is maintained by 33 mothers with preschool children. Pregnant and lactating mothers, mothers with infants and mothers of the Breastfeeding Support Group can buy harvests from the garden at half the price. The proceeds are used to maintain the garden (water bills and garden hose), contributed to the Piso para sa Nutrisyon can, and used to buy oral hygiene kits for children enrolled in Ivana Elementary School.

As a result of her training on seaweed chips production, BNS Ness pushed for the conduct of seaweed production in her barangay. With the assistance of MNAO Cabuco for the initial capital, she was instrumental in the approval by Ivana Mayor Hostallero, the free use of the Ivana Municipal Food Terminal as processing center for the chips. To date, BNS Ness works at the seaweed processing center that produces chips sold in the pasalubong center and welcome packs in some hotels in the island. The municipality has applied for financial support to the DSWD through its self employment assistance program.

BNS Ness continues to help raise funds for the barangay by actively participating in income-generating activities such as the "Nutri-hike for a Cause" to raise funds to buy infantometer to be used in the barangay nutrition office as well as to promote clean environment.

BNS Ness enjoys the support of the Barangay Radiwan Nutrition Committee (BNC) led by Punong Barangay Tirso Bongay and the local government of Ivana which helped her maintain zero prevalence of underweight children in her barangay. And this high regard and support, she returns by performing well beyond her function as a BNS, that earned her the title of the 2016 National Outstanding BNS 1st Runner-up.



2016 National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar 2nd Runner-up

BNS Medy T. Repollo

*Barangay Sudapin
Kidapawan City*



BNS Medy T. Repollo is a teacher by profession but a BNS by destiny. Due to a problem with her name in the records of board exam passers, she was available and willing to be designated as BNS when the former BNS resigned. She was officially deployed as BNS in 2004 and trained under the former City Nutrition Action Officer Marilou Capilitan. At first, it was difficult for BNS Medy to fulfill her role as BNS, being a wife and mother to her first child, who was then 5 years old. Her husband would get mad because she would arrive home late especially during the time of Operation Timbang, but eventually understood her work and now helps her during the conduct of OPT.

BNS Medy worked in one of the most populated barangays of Kidapawan where the resettlement site for displaced IPs was located. This posed a challenge to BNS Medy. Persevering that she is, this did not deter her to do her role of BNS with the help of her "co-BNS". She focused most of her energies on the needs of the IP families in the resettlement site in coordination with an organized women's group.

She brought her Pabasa sa Nutrisyon sessions in the resettlement site of Puroks 6B and 7B instead of conducting the sessions in the poblacion to ensure that her target audience,

consisting of mothers with underweight children, housewives and laborers, will be able to attend. She conducted her Pabasa sa Nutrisyon sessions in a makeshift hut at the entrance of the site with the help of the organized Breastfeeding Support Group. She also organized supervised neighborhood play for 10-15 children in Purok 7B funded by the city government.

BNS Medy also helped establish communal gardens or Gulayan sa Barangay, one of which is in Purok 7B that is maintained by community members for home consumption. The produce of the Gulayan sa Barangay situated in the poblacion area on the other hand, was sold. 30% of the proceeds were used to buy commodities for the feeding program and 70% was allotted for the maintenance of the garden.

Cognizant also of the need to provide livelihood to families with malnourished children for them to increase income to enable them to buy food, BNS Medy with the members of the Barangay Sudapin Nutrition Committee led by Punong Barangay Jon Karl Sibug facilitated the conduct of training for selected income generating projects. Together with 30 mothers from the community, BNS Medy was involved in the production of the very popular and saleable cement flower pots and rugs. The flower pots sold for Php50 per piece while the rugs fetched Php 100 for 3 pieces.

The overall result of the combined food production, nutrition education and livelihood activities of BNS Medy resulted in the continuous decline in the prevalence of malnourished children in the puroks she handles, from 9.5% in 2015 to 7.6% in 2016.

BNS Medy's failure to practice her profession in a formal classroom opened opportunities for her to teach in a bigger classroom, reaching more than what she expected, and her reward is the 2nd Runner Up to the 2016 National Outstanding BNS award.



National Nutrition Council Vision-Mission Statement

Vision

By 2020, NNC is the leader for improved nutrition of all Filipinos and championing nutrition in the ASEAN.

Mission

We formulate nutrition policies and coordinate responsive, comprehensive and multi-sectoral plans and programs of national and local governments, non-government entities for improved nutrition of all Filipinos.

National Nutrition Council

Core Values

Integrity

We conduct our work and relate with our various stakeholders and partners with deep sense of honesty and openness

Zeal

We serve with enthusiasm and dedication characterized by versatility and dynamism, discipline and strict adherence to work ethics

Excellence

We provide high quality and timely service characterized by a unified, innovative and competent performance

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We respond to the needs of our employees and various publics with love and respect and recognize the valuable contribution of each member of the organization

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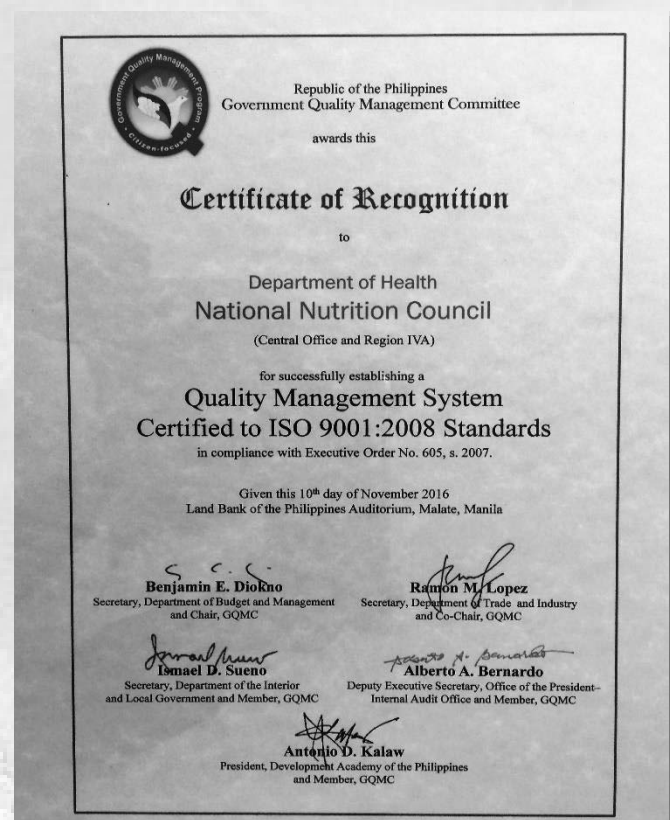
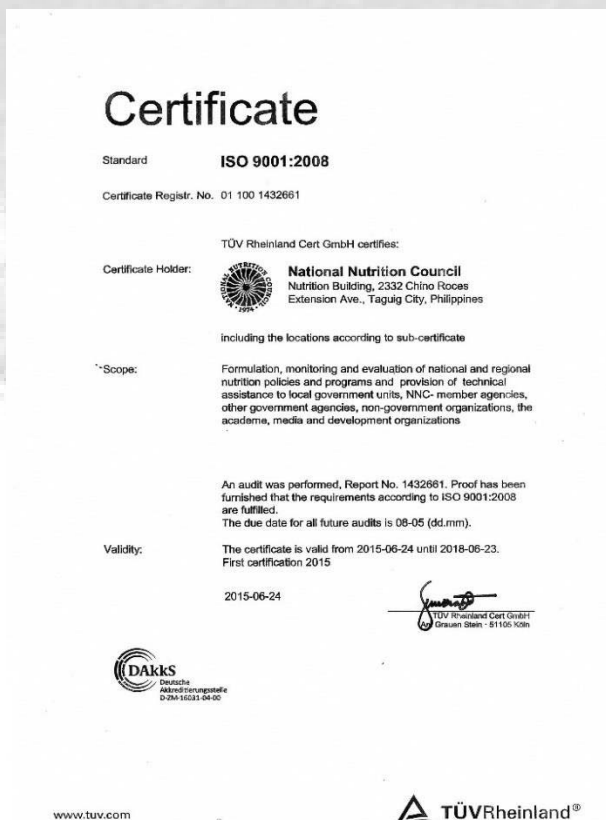
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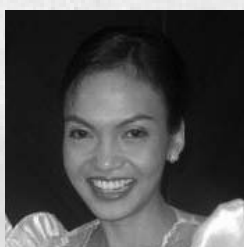


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Concepcion Vanessa A. Cabugao

30 years old, 2 years in service
Barangay Radiwan, Ivana, Batanes
Region II



Thelma S. Esteban

44 years old, 7 years in service
Barangay Bugtong na Buli, Talavera, Nueva Ecija
Region III



Nilda A. Aguilar

60 years old, 19 years in service
Barangay Manggahan, Pasig City
National Capital Region



Gloria A. Kudera

45 years old, 3 years in service
Barangay Tuboran, Mawab, Compostela Valley
Region XI



Imelda C. Dagupon

50 years old, 3 years in service
Barangay Imelda Village, Baguio City
Cordillera Administrative Region



Irene B. Neulid

35 years old, 2 years in service
Barangay Maitim 2nd East, Tagaytay City
CALABARZON



Angelie B. Mamentod

29 years old, 3 years in service
Barangay Milagrosa, Alicia, Zamboanga Sibugay
Region IX



Medy T. Repollo

51 years old, 13 years in service
Barangay Sudapin, Kidapawan City
Region XII

Nutrition Honor Awardees

CYs 1998-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
1997	II III NCR V	Solana, Cagayan Cabanatuan City Makati Naga City	1998
1998	CAR CARAGA	Kapangan, Benguet Butuan City	1999
1999	V	Irosin, Sorsogon	2000
2000	II CALABARZON CALABARZON VII	Echague, Isabela Los Baños, Laguna Trece Martirez City Calape, Bohol	2001
2001	I CALABARZON NCR VII VII X XII	San Gabriel, La Union Province of Laguna Pateros Province of Aklan Danao City Don Carlos, Bukidnon Koronadal City	2002
2002	I II CAR III NCR	Province of La Union Province of Isabela Kiangnan, Ifugao Sta. Maria, Bulacan Las Piñas City	2003
2003	II CALABARZON VI VII	Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya Tagaytay City Kalibo, Aklan Talibon, Bohol	2004
2004	X	Malaybalay City Quezon, Bukidnon Province of Bukidnon	2005
2005	II	Tuguegarao City	2006
2006	III CALABARZON VII	Pulilan, Bulacan Cabuyao, Laguna Inabanga, Bohol	2007
2007	II CALABARZON X	Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya Calamba City Libona, Bukidnon	2008

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CYs 1998-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
2008	II VI IX XI	Province of Cagayan Talisay City Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay Nabunturan, Compostela Valley	2009
2009	III	Plaridel, Bulacan	2010
2010	VIII X	Limasawa, Southern Leyte Kadingilan, Bukidnon	2011
2011	II IX	Province of Batanes Santiago City Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay	2012
2012	VII X	Tubigon, Bohol Ozamiz City	2013
2013	II CAR VIII	Lal-lo, Cagayan Province of Ifugao Maasin City	2014
2014	II	Province of Quirino	2015
2015	II NCR X	Cauayan City Mandaluyong City Valencia City	2016

Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition Awardees CYs 1995-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
1994	II II CAR III III NCR V X	Solana, Cagayan Province of Cagayan Baguio City Province of Bulacan Cabanatuan City Makati City Naga City Province of Bukidnon	1995
1995	CAR CAR IV NCR VII VIII IX X CARAGA	Kapangan, Benguet Province of Benguet Province of Marinduque Caloocan City Dumaguete City Ormoc City Zamboanga City Quezon, Bukidnon Butuan City	1996
1996	V IX IX CARAGA	Irosin, Sorsogon Katipunan, Zamboanga del Norte Zamboanga del Norte San Francisco, Agusan del Norte	1997
1997	II III III IV IV VI VI VII VII XII XII	Echague, Isabela San Jose City Province of Nueva Ecija Trece Martires City Los Baños, Laguna Malinao, Aklan Bago City Calape, Bohol Province of Negros Oriental Province of Cotabato Province of South Cotabato	1998
1998	I CALABARZON V VII X XI NCR	San Gabriel. La Union Province of Laguna Province of Aklan Danao City Don Carlos, Bukidnon Koronadal, South Cotabato Pateros	1999
1999	I II CAR III V NCR	Province of La Union Province of Isabela Kiangnan, Ifugao Sta. Maria, Bulacan Legazpi City Las Piñas City	2000

Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition Awardees CYs 1995-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
2000	II CAR CALABARZON VI VII VII	Dupax del Sur, N. Vizcaya Baguio City Tagaytay City Kalibo, Aklan Talibon Bohol Province of Bohol	2001
2001	V V VI X X X	Province of Sorsogon Sta. Magdalena, Sorsogon Province of Negros Occidental Province of Bukidnon Quezon, Bukidnon Malaybalay City	2002
2002	I II II NCR MIMAROPA VI VII VIII VIII VIII XI XI CARAGA	Pozzorubio, Pangasinan Tuguegarao City Province of Nueva Vizcaya Manila City Province of Romblon La Carlota City Tagbilaran City Province of Leyte Hindang, Leyte Tacloban City Province of Davao del Norte Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte Bunawan, Agusan del Sur	2003
2003	III III NCR CALABARZON V VI VII XI XII XII XII	Province of Bulacan Pulilan, Bulacan San Juan Cabuyao, Laguna Sorsogon City Calatrava, Negros Occidental Inabanga, Bohol Panabo City Province of South Cotabato Banga, South Cotabato Kidapawan City	2004
2004	II CAR CALABARZON V V VII IX X X CARAGA	Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya Province of Ifugao Calamba City Uson, Masbate Province of Catanduanes Province of Negros Oriental Dipolog City Libona, Bukidnon Ozamiz City Bislig City	2005

Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition Awardees CYs 1995-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
2005	I	Supiden, La Union	2006
	II	Province of Cagayan	
	CALABARZON	Province of Quezon	
	IV-B	Province of Marinduque	
	IV-B	Boac, Marinduque	
	VI	Talisay City	
	VII	Mandaue City	
	VIII	Maasin City	
	IX	Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay	
	IX	Zamboanga Sibugay	
	XI	Compostela Valley	
	XI	Nabunturan, Compostela Valley	
2006	CAR	Asipulo, Ifugao	2007
	NCR	Pasig City	
	III	Plaridel, Bulacan	
	CALABARZON	Atimonan, Quezon	
	VI	Nabas, Aklan	
	XI	Davao City	
	CARAGA	Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	
2007	II	Mahatao, Batanes	2008
	VIII	Limasawa, Southern Leyte	
	VIII	Southern Leyte	
	X	Kadingilan, Bukidnon	
	X	Misamis Oriental	
	XII	Malungon, Sarangani	
2008	I	Province of Ilocos Sur	2009
	II	Province of Batanes	
	II	Santiago City	
	III	Gapan City	
	MIMAROPA	Roxas, Oriental Mindoro	
	V	Gubat, Sorsogon	
	VI	Province of Guimaras	
	VI	Bacolod City	
	VII	Bohol Province	
	VII	Lapu-lapu City	
	IX	Pagadian City	
	IX	Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay	
	XI	Province of Davao del Norte	
	XI	Pantukan, Compostela Valley	
2009	III	Province of Bulacan	2010
	CALABARZON	Sta. Rosa City	
	CALABARZON	Pagsanjan, Laguna	
	NCR	Taguig City	
	VI	Numancia, Aklan	
	VII	Tubigon, Bohol	
	X	Ozamiz City	
	XII	Province of South Cotabato	

Consistent Regional Outstanding Winner in Nutrition Awardees CYs 1995-2015

Year Evaluated	Region	Area	Year Awarded
2010	CAR II VIII IX X XI XII	Province of Ifugao Lal-Lo, Cagayan Maasin City Zamboanga Sibugay Opol, Misamis Oriental Tagum City Kidapawan City	2011
2011	I II III VII IX IX	Vigan City Province of Quirino Tarlac City Toledo City Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte Zamboanga City	2012
2012	II III MIMAROPA V NCR VI VII X X XI XI CARAGA	Cauayan City Paombong, Bulacan Mogpog, Marinduque Gubat, Sorsogon Mandaluyong City Jordan, Guimaras Jagna, Bohol Misamis Oriental Valencia City Davao del Norte New Corella, Davao del Norte Bislig City	2013
2013	I V X XI	Bangui, Ilocos Norte Iriga City Maramag, Bukidnon Island Garden City of Samal	2014
2014	II CAR CALABARZON IX XII CARAGA	Ivana, Batanes Province of Nueva Vizcaya Alfonso Lista, Ifugao Sta. Rosa City Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte Malungon, Sarangani Province of Agusan del Sur	2015
2015	II CAR CAR III NCR VI VII IX IX X XII	Ilagan City Baguio City Province of Benguet Province of Bulacan Taguig City Numancia, Aklan Pamplona, Negros Oriental Zamboanga City Province of Zamboanga Sibugay Gingoog City Province of South Cotabato	2016

**CROWN award is given to a municipality, city or province that has been adjudged by the interagency regional nutrition evaluation team as outstanding in the region for three (3) consecutive years.*

National Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars CYs 1996-2015

Year Evaluated	Award	Name	Area
1996	NOBNS	Ms. Jacqueline P. Miras	Brgy. Ginatilan, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Celsa A. Autentico	Brgy Poblacion, Don Carlos, Bukidnon (Region X)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Esperanza J. Guevarra	Brgy. Don Galo, Parañaque, MM (NCR)
1997	NOBNS	Ms. Eden E. Barbara	Brgy. Pacol, Naga City (Region V)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Amorlita B. Bayot	Brgy. Maitim II West, Tagaytay City (Region IV)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Lolita M. Padilla	Brgy. Aguada, Ozamiz City (Region X)
1998	NOBNS	Ms. Federica N. Labrador	Brgy. Amas, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Lilia S. Enaldo	Brgy. Bonuan Boquig, Dagupan City (Region I)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Josefina Canuto	Brgy. Upper Dagsian, Baguio City (CAR)
1999	NOBNS	Ms. Generosa B. Sarigumba	Brgy. Junction, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Cecilia S. Barbadillo	Brgy. Laturan, Libona, Bukidnon (Region X)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Rosavilla D. Marcial	Brgy. Poblacion, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur (CARAGA)
2000	NOBNS	Ms. Norma Monforte	Brgy. Pinamanculan, Butuan City (CARAGA)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Mercedes DC. Cara	Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Benito Soliven, Isabela (Region II)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Filomena P. Arances	Brgy. Macebolig, Kidapawan City (Region XI)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Ma. Fe A. Magdoza	Brgy. Abucayan Sur, Calape, Bohol (Region VII)

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Year Evaluated	Award	Name	Area
2001	NOBNS	Ms. Irene B. Ordinario	Brgy. Quinapon-an, Antequera, Bohol (Region VII)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Carmelita V. Parantar	Brgy. Tacunan, Davao City (Region XI)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Teresa T. Tanguilan	Brgy. Cagumitan, Tuao, Cagayan (Region II)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Milagros R. Manansala	Brgy. Pulanglupa I, Las Piñas City (NCR)
2002	NOBNS	Ms. Marilou B. Barnuevo	Brgy. Zone III, Koronadal City (Region XII)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Virginia C. Akhtar	Brgy. Taliptip, Bulacan, Bulacan (Region III)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Ophelia P. Labiano	Brgy. 12 Tandang Sora, Butuan City (CARAGA)
2003	NOBNS	Ms. Metchel P. Malapad	Brgy. Kalasungay, Malaybalay City (Region X)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Judith C. Mañacap	Brgy. Manongol, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Susan H. Inson	Brgy. New Daus, Nabunturan, Compostela Valley (Region XI)
2004	NOBNS	Ms. Jo Ann B. Alvez	Brgy. Salud Mitra, Baguio City (CAR)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Medarda A. Isabida	Brgy. Kalasuyan, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Maria Riza Joy A. Cortez	Brgy. Poblacion 2, Malaybalay City (Region X)
2005	NOBNS	Ms. Mary Grace Abad Roblon	Brgy. Sangay Diot, Ozamiz City (Region X)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Ann DM. Mirasol	Brgy. San Antonio, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque (MIMAROPA)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Nery T. Libuna	Brgy. San Ignacio, San Pablo City (CALABARZON)

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Year Evaluated	Award	Name	Area
2006	NOBNS	Ms. Adelina C. Indapan	Brgy. Casisang, Malaybalay City (Region X)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Edna R. Agora	Brgy. Bagong Silang, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque (MIMAROPA)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Rebecca U. Aguilar	Brgy. Gayola, Kidapawan City (Region XII)
2007	NOBNS	Ms. Edna R. Agora	Brgy. Bagong Silang, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque (MIMAROPA)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Ma. Enone G. dela Cueva	Brgy. A.O. Floirendo, Panabo City (Region XI)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Christy L. Madayag	Brgy. 3, Malaybalay City (Region X)
2008	NOBNS	Ms. Aurora G. Gancayco	Brgy. Cabezas, Trece Martirez City (CALABARZON)
	NOBNS	Ms. Numerita C. Ducos	Brgy. Mibantang, Quezon, Bukidnon (Region X)
	NOBNS	Ms. Ma. Enone G. dela Cueva	Brgy. A.O. Floirendo, Panabo City (Region XI)
	1 st Runner-up	Mr. Eddie L. Ancheta	Brgy. Villa Fuerte, San Mateo, Isabela (Region II)
2009	NOBNS	Mr. Angelito A. Conde (RIP)	Brgy. Busaon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte (Region XI)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Karen C. dela Peña	Brgy. Asisan, Tagaytay City (CALABARZON)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Alfonsa P. Hingpit	Brgy. St. Peter, Malaybalay City (Region X)
2010	NOBNS	Ms. Marilou P. Cañete	Brgy. Concepcion Grande, Naga City (Region V)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Lina C. Guerrero	Brgy. Concepcion, Kabalasan, Zamboanga Sibugay (Region IX)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Marites G. Padilla	Brgy. Buenavista, Maddela, Quirino (Region II)

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Year Evaluated	Award	Name	Area
2011	NOBNS	Ms. Lina C. Guerrero	Brgy. Concepcion, Kabalasan, Zamboanga Sibugay (Region IX)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Monica N. Sicat	Brgy. City Camp Proper, Baguio City (Cordillera Administrative Region)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Ma. Digna D. Tayong	Brgy. Mainit, Nabunturan, Compostela Valley (Region XI)
2012	NOBNS	Ms. Felisa J. Guilingan <i>(RIP)</i>	Brgy. Guinles, Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte (Region IX)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Dorothy P. Felipe	Brgy. North Poblacion, Maramag, Bukidnon (Region X)
	2 nd Runner-up	Mr. Sherwin C. Abellaniza	Brgy. Magugpo East, Tagum City (Region XI)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Josephine R. Balingit	Brgy. Devilla, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque (MIMAROPA)
2013	NOBNS	Ms. Efigenia G. Javier	Brgy. Maharlika East, Tagaytay City (CALABARZON)
	1 st Runner-up	Ms. Ronely S. Marania	Brgy. Canan, Cabatuan, Isabela (Isabela)
	2 nd Runner-up	Ms. Aurora H. Sedorifa	Brgy. Lawang Bato, Valenzuela City (National Capital region)
2014	NOBNS	Mary Grace P. Tamayo	Brgy. Pag-asa, Mandaluyong City (National Capital Region)
	1 st Runner-up	Etchelle L. Matiga	Brgy. Alegria, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur (CARAGA)
	2 nd Runner-up	Regina T. Celso	Brgy. Pansol, Calamba City, Laguna (CALABARZON)
2015	NOBNS	Danilo N. Posion	Brgy. Iruhin Central, Tagaytay City (CALABARZON)

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