

Republic of the Philippines  
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

**SALT IODIZATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Resolution No. 1, Series of 2018**

**Approving the Strategic Plan of the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP), 2018-2022**

**WHEREAS**, iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) is a spectrum of abnormalities that results when the body does not get enough iodine;

**WHEREAS**, iodine status of women at reproductive age must be well-managed and maintained at the adequate level to prevent infertility and miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth during pregnancy;

**WHEREAS**, during pregnancy and lactation, iodine deficiency can severely compromise the thyroid function of the fetus and neonate, increase infant mortality, cause neurocognitive impairment, and irreversibly impair brain development;

**WHEREAS**, results of the 2013 National Nutrition Survey (NNS) of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) showed that while IDD is no longer a problem in the general population as indicated by the urinary iodine concentration (UIC) of the marker population group, i.e. school children aged 6-12 years old at 168 µg/L median UIC, it is still of public health significance among pregnant, lactating women, and even older persons;

**WHEREAS**, considering the magnitude and the grave consequences of IDD, efforts to eliminate the problem will be continually pursued in 2018-2022 as stated in the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022. Thus, the goal is to achieve universal salt iodization (USI) or 90% of households use adequately iodized salt by 2022;

**WHEREAS**, universal salt iodization continues to be recognized as the cheapest, safest, efficient and long-term intervention that would address IDD. Thus, various actions have been pursued to implement Republic Act 8172 that mandates the iodization of all salt for human and animal consumption;

**WHEREAS**, to further strengthen the management of the national salt iodization program, a technical working group (TWG) on the NSIP is organized and created on 23 March 2011;

**WHEREAS**, a strategic plan was formulated by the TWG-NSIP to guide the priority actions and activities of the salt iodization program to meet its goal and program objectives;

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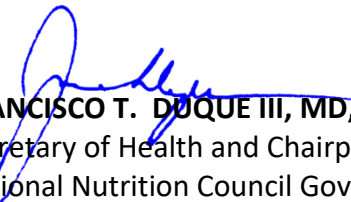
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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, in consideration of the above premises, we the Salt Iodization Advisory Board hereby approve the **Strategic Plan of the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP) for 2018-2022**, as per attached.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the NNC Technical Committee to monitor plan implementation in close coordination with the Technical Working Group of the National Salt Iodization Program;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the NNC Secretariat to ensure the wide dissemination of the plan and its accomplishments.

Approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

  
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