

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

NNC GOVERNING BOARD
Resolution No. 2, Series of 2019

**Adopting the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and the
Local Nutrition Early Warning System for Food and Nutrition Security (LNEWS-FNS)
as one of the Food Security Assessment Tools in Aid of PPAN and related Sectoral Plans**

WHEREAS, the country has committed to pursue the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the goal on ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022 aims to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the goal on ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture;

WHEREAS, a common understanding on the magnitude, severity and nature of food insecurity is needed to address the data requirements for evidence-based planning and decision-making along selection of interventions and designs of programs to address food insecurity;

WHEREAS, in 2004 the Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping System (FIVIMS) introduced by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations facilitated the identification of food insecure and vulnerable areas in the country. The system classified the provinces by level of vulnerability using 12 indicators including economic, nutrition, health and sanitation, and education aspects, results of which were used in the prioritization of areas for the Accelerated Hunger Mitigation Program during the 2001-2010 Philippine Administration;

WHEREAS, a re-classification of the provinces was not conducted due to lack of provincial level data from national surveys for three adjacent years;

WHEREAS, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is considered a globally accepted food security analysis protocol endorsed by global partners including the Food Security Cluster, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Food Programme, Care International, Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS-NET), European Commission, Oxfam, Save the Children to provide a common way of classifying food security situations across countries and over time;

WHEREAS, in 2010 after the NNC and a number of government agencies and NGOs were introduced to IPC, NNC with assistance from the World Food Programme started implementation and conducted a field trial in the province of Lanao del Norte and its four (4) municipalities;

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WHEREAS, following the successful initial implementation, NNC continued the use of IPC protocol, in collaboration with the interagency IPC Analysts Group, using initially the acute food insecurity protocol particularly in assessing the effects of Typhoons Bopha and Yolanda, and later using the chronic food insecurity protocol, which allowed the food insecurity classification of 71 provinces of the country, and now providing better understanding of the nature of food insecurity and malnutrition including in the Priority 1,2, 3 areas of the Philippine Development Plan and 31 of the PPAN Focus Provinces for a more context-based but standardized situation analysis;

WHEREAS, complementary to the IPC, the Local Nutrition Early Warning System (LNEWS), also known as the Early Warning System for Food and Nutrition Security (EWS-FNS) was adopted by FAO and NNC under the MDGF-2030 as a food and nutrition security information system to provide City and Municipal Nutrition Committees warning of impending crisis that may affect food security using secondary and primary data, and since then has expanded to 58 cities/municipalities in 17 regions nationwide;

WHEREAS, the LNEWS describes the food and nutrition security situation at city or municipal levels every quarter while IPC analysis (chronic) describes to provinces, regions and national government, the provincial food security situation at least every five years upon availability of data from national surveys such as the National Nutrition Survey of the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), National Demographic and Health Survey and Family Income and Expenditure Survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

WHEREAS, both IPC and LNEWS optimizes use of available multisectoral food and nutrition security and related-data, encourages engagement and ownership of multisectoral experts and organizations while adopting international cut-offs and standards;

WHEREAS, both IPC and LNEWS complement each other in determining the magnitude, severity, and causes of food insecurity at subnational level and provide decision-makers useful and relevant evidence for food and nutrition security policy and action planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing, that the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification and the Local Nutrition Early Warning System be adopted as multi-sectoral food and nutrition security assessment tools for use in better understanding multi-level food and nutrition security situations;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the national government agencies, regional, provincial and city/municipal line agencies and their partners, to utilize the results when available as an input to evidence-based situational analysis and development planning in the selection of interventions, design of programs and prioritization of clients;

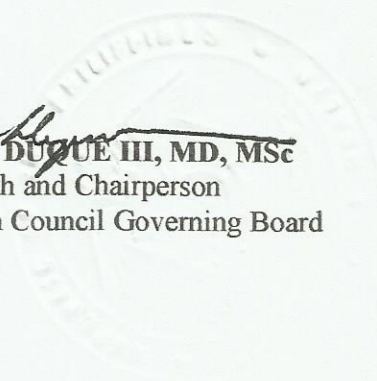
RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to ensure that this policy is disseminated as widely as possible and adopted accordingly, and to monitor implementation and review of the resolution after five (5) years.


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RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the national Government Agencies for consideration and dissemination to their regional, provincial and city/municipal line agencies.

Approved this 15th day of February 2019.




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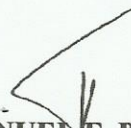
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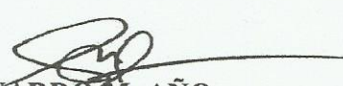

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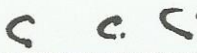
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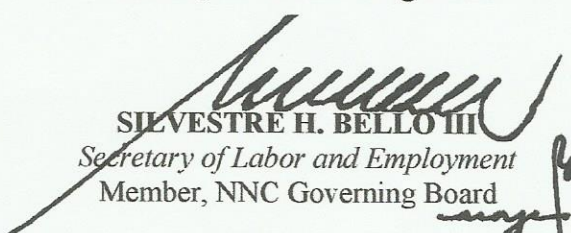

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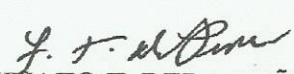

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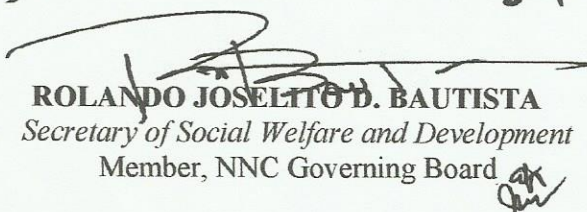

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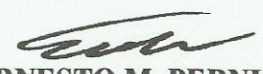


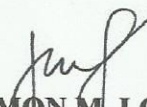

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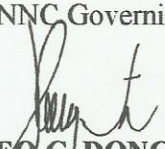

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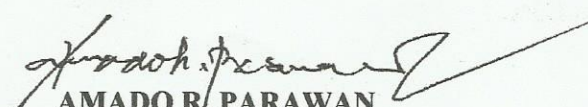

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