

REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
Region XI

Resolution No. 02 Series of 2020

**ADOPTING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE
FIRST 1000 DAYS PROGRAM TO ADDRESS STUNTING IN DAVAO REGION**

WHEREAS, malnutrition remains a significant public health concern in the Philippines being one of the ten countries with the highest prevalence of stunted children under-five years old in the world;

WHEREAS, three out of ten children aged 0-59 months (31.7%) are stunted in Davao Region according to the 2018 Expanded National Nutrition Survey (ENNS) conducted by DOST- Food and Nutrition Research Institute;

WHEREAS, stunting and its subsequent adverse effect to a child's physical and cognitive development is permanent and irreversible, resulting to poor educational performance, higher risk of illness and poor economic productivity in later life;

WHEREAS, stunting can only be prevented by ensuring the health and nutritional well-being of both the mother and infant during its first 1,000 days of life, from the time of conception to the child's two years of life, or otherwise known as the "window of opportunity" in ensuring optimum growth of a child;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) 11148 or the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Magnanay Act" provides nutrition interventions through a strengthened integrated strategy for maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition in the first 1,000 days of life;

WHEREAS, the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN 2017-2022) provides the necessary focus on the First 1000 days of a child's life given its huge potential in addressing the major nutritional issues in Davao Region and the country;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) XI deemed it necessary to support and adopt the early childhood care and development for the first 1,000 days program as provided in the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Magnanay Act" or RA 11148;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that RNC XI shall support and adopt the Early Childhood Care and Development for the First 1000 Days Program and its implementing rules and guidelines as provided by the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Magnanay Act" or RA 11148.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all the Regional Nutrition Committee members for its dissemination to NGAs, LGUs, and other stakeholders for their information and appropriate action.

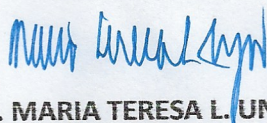
2. Ensure the availability of needed resources, by among others, including related budgetary requirements in the agency budget proposal.
3. Ensure reporting of related physical and financial accomplishments and nutrition statistics as applicable.
4. Advocate for nutrition to be a perspective and component of our policies, plans and programs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council – Davao Region to ensure that the plan is disseminated as widely as possible to enable stakeholders to align their efforts along the priority concerns;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council – Davao Region to monitor and ensure full implementation of this resolution.

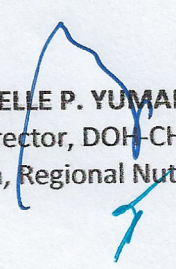
Issued this 14th day of December, Two Thousand Twenty.

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