

## Republika ng Pilipinas KAGAWARAN NG KALUSUGAN PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON (NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL) Regional Office I City of San Fernando, La Union, Telefax # (072) 607-6594 / 607-6294



## Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021

## REQUESTING THE RDC THROUGH THE RSDC TO ENCOURAGE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN REGION 1 TO CONSIDER INCLUSION OF READY-TO-USE COMPLEMENTARY FOODS IN THE FOOD PACKS DURING EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS FOR FAMILIES WITH 6-23 MONTHS OLD CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the RA 11148 or the "Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act" mandates to ensure the timely introduction of safe, appropriate, and nutrient-dense quality complementary food from six (6) months up to two (2) years of age;

WHEREAS, the RA 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 mandates the LGUs to provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster;

WHEREAS, the National Government has declared the COVID-19 pandemic as a Public Health Emergency throughout the country;

WHEREAS, calamities, disasters and public health emergencies affect the food supply and nutrition of individuals due to limited access and availability of nutritious foods;

WHEREAS, nutritional status of vulnerable groups - infants, children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, elderly and indigenous peoples, are at risk in time of emergencies;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council through its Nutrition Cluster aims to prevent worsening or deteriorating the nutritional status of affected population especially infants and young children;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Cluster Advisory No. 1, s. 2020 entitled "Nutrition Cluster Guidelines on LGU Nutrition Actions Relative to COVID-19" and Advisory No. 2, s. 2020 entitled "Nutrition Cluster Recommendations on Healthful and Nutritious Family Food Packs and Sustainable Food Sources" encourages the LGUs and other partners to include complementary food in food packs for families with 6-23 months old children;

WHEREAS, based on the 2020 OPT Plus results showed that the prevalence of combined underweight and severely underweight children and combined wasted and severely wasted 6-23 months old children are at 4.34 and 6.09, respectively;

WHEREAS, the rapid increase of undernutrition as per annual OPT results generally occurs during 6-23 months old and provision of recommended and adequate complementary foods in addition to breastfeeding in this age group will help in improving and maintaining their normal nutritional status during calamities;

WHEREAS, DOST- Food and Nutrition Research Institute technology adopters in the country and in the region are producing ready-to-use complementary foods and other food products for emergencies and feeding programs;

NOW THEREFORE AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE PREMISES, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Nutrition Committee of Region I in its meeting duly assembled to request the Regional Development Council (RDC) of Region 1 through the Regional Social Development Council (RSDC) to encourage all Local Government Units in Region 1 to consider inclusion of ready-to-use complementary foods in the food packs during emergencies and disasters for families with 6-23 months old children;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the Provincial, City, and Municipal Nutrition Action Officers to coordinate with their respective local nutrition clusters the significance of including complementary food in the food packs for families with 6-23 months old children secure Vitamin A supplies in their Rural Health Units;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that identified acute malnourished children will be referred to health facilities for immediate care;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the LGUs to adopt the resolution and pass local issuances or ordinances in support to the policy through appropriate coordination and funding;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** to request the National Nutrition Council-Regional Office I (NNC-ROI), being the Secretariat of the RNC in close coordination with the DILG-Regional Office I, RDRRMC1, Quad Cluster for Health and Food Cluster to continue provide technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to forward this resolution to the RDC of Region 1 through the RSDC for their favorable action;

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**, this 29th day of June 2021 during the First Virtual Meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee held via Zoom.

Certified Correct:

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