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Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 5, Series of 2021

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO CREATE NUTRITION OFFICES AND HIRE PERMANENT NUTRITION ACTION OFFICERS WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT STAFF AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS WITH THE INCREASE IN LGU IRA SHARES FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON THE MANDANAS-GARCIA PETITIONS, WITH ARDENT REQUEST FOR THE LGUS WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO CREATE PERMANENT NAO PLANTILLA SUBJECT TO PS LIMITS

WHEREAS, the LGUs will be receiving substantial increases in the Internal Revenue Allotment beginning 2022 per Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Petitions with a projected increase in IRA allotment of LGUs by 27.61%;

WHEREAS, the increase of LGU IRA will be an opportunity for the LGUs in funding devolved programs including its human resources by virtue of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, one the roles of the LGUs as per DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-42 on the adoption and implementation of Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 is to designate a full-time nutrition action officer with corresponding staff support to coordinate nutrition actions and implement one or more components of the local nutrition action plans as may be needed;

WHEREAS, DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 82 on the indicative FY 2022 National Tax Allotment (NTA) Shares of LGUs and Guidelines on the Preparation of the FY 2022 Annual Budgets of LGUs reiterates under Section 2.2.9 reiterates that in accordance with DILG Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2018-42 dated March 26, 2018, all LGUs are enjoined to prioritize in the allocation of local funds the PPAs included in their respective local nutrition action plans, which shall be formulated in accordance with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, RDC Resolution No. 15, s. 2011 reiterates to concerned LGUs to consider the creation of Mandatory Nutrition Action Officers Position to Strengthen Nutrition Program Implementation;

WHEREAS, the RDC of Region I issued RDC Resolution 75, s. 2020 entitled "Enjoining all LGUs to finalize their Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP) and strengthen the integration of nutrition-related programs and projects in their 2021-2022 Annual Investment Program to address the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the health and nutrition situation";

WHEREAS, health and nutrition are among the devolved programs to the LGUs and funding support for nutrition is generally inadequate with 2 out of 4 or 50% of the provinces and 15 out of 125 or 88% of the cities and municipalities of Region I do not have full-time nutrition action officers and that nutrition functions are performed by designated personnel on top of their regular functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the

Regional Nutrition Committee of Region I in a meeting duly assembled, to enjoin all Local Government Units (LGUs) to create nutrition offices and hire permanent Nutrition Action Officers with adequate support staff and strengthen local nutrition programs with the increase in LGU IRA

shares from the implementation of the supreme court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Petitions, with ardent request for the LGUs with sufficient resources to create permanent NAO Plantilla subject to PS limits;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC of Region I to adopt the RNC-CAR's "Proposed options for strengthening the LGU Nutrition Program through the establishment of a nutrition office or hiring of LGU personnel for nutrition from the additional IRA resulting from the implementation of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas' Case as basis of the LGUs of Region I in complying to this resolution;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC of Region I to request DILG-Regional Office I to issue a memorandum addressed to all local chief executives on the dissemination of this resolution;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the National Nutrition Council- Regional Office I, being the Secretariat of the RNC in close coordination with the DILG-Regional Office I to continue provide technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action;

RESOLVED FINALLY, the NNC- Regional Office I to provide a copy of this resolution to all concerned entities for information, reference and dissemination;

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 29th day of June 2021 during the 1st virtual meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee held via Zoom.

Certified Correct:

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