

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X Northern Mindanao

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL-X Resolution No. 46 (s. 2021)

SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING THE *TUTOK KAINAN* DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES IN REGION X

- WHEREAS, in October 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) recommended a feeding program for malnourished pregnant women and 6-23 months old stunted children, minimizing the impact of the pandemic on the nutrition of vulnerable groups;
- WHEREAS, the IATF on Zero Hunger, chaired by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, and the National Nutrition Council responded to this recommendation through the implementation of the *Tutok Kainan* Dietary Supplementation Program (TK DSP);
- WHEREAS, the TK DSP is a platform of the National Dietary Supplementation Program of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022;
- WHEREAS, the program operationalizes Republic Act (RA) 11148 or the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act* by zeroing in on one of the needed services indicated in the law that has not been given attention, especially the Dietary Supplementation Program for pregnant women and young children 6-23 months old;
- WHEREAS, the TK DSP aims to: a) determine the situation with reference to care of pregnant women, infant, and young child feeding; b) provide supplemental food to pregnant women for 90 calendar days and complementary food for children 6-23 months for 180 calendar days with priority to those who are nutritionally-at-risk or undernourished; c) implement, monitor, and evaluate an integrated nutrition program that helps ensure delivery of complementary early childhood care and development services in the first 1,000 days pursuant to RA 11148; and d) document program experiences and strategies for replication of other local government units (LGUs);
- WHEREAS, the province of Bukidnon is one of the target areas for the TK DSP as it is included under the priority provinces of the Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cabinet (HDPRC) Cluster due to its high prevalence of stunting, teenage pregnancy, and poverty incidence;
- WHEREAS, the following eight areas in Bukidnon are identified as program recipients: municipalities of Kadingilan, Kibawe, Libona, Manolo Fortich, Quezon, and Sumilao and cities of Malaybalay and Valencia;

- WHEREAS, the priority groups for program implementation are pregnant women who are: a) nutritionally-at-risk in their third trimester; b) in their third trimester; and c) nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women regardless of gestational age; and stunted and wasted 6-23 months old children;
- WHEREAS, dietary supplements under the TK DSP include the enhanced *nutribun* (*eNutribun*), a technology of the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI);
- WHEREAS, the e*Nutribun* is enriched with micronutrients, particularly iron, vitamin A, and zinc and has improved calcium, potassium, and protein in the formulation, on top of the carbohydrates;
- WHEREAS, local technology adaptors are present in the region, which produce the eNutribun;
- WHEREAS, the TK DSP for pregnant women started on 8 March 2021 and will continue for 90 days;
- WHEREAS, aside from food commodities, pregnant women beneficiaries will also receive *Nutri-text*, a nutrition education initiative via SMS to improve nutrition knowledge of beneficiaries by sharing key messages on maternal and infant nutrition and support services, and encourage their participation and completion of the program;
- WHEREAS, to improve the health of malnourished pregnant women and stunted and wasted children in the region, regional initiatives on the promotion of health and nutrition will also be strengthened and intensified, especially in Bukidnon as one of the priority provinces under the HDPRC Cluster;
- WHEREAS, during its Second Quarter Meeting on 9 June 2021, the RDC-X Social Development Committee (SDC) sought the RDC-X's support and advocacy of the TK DSP among the LGUs and regional line agencies in Region X.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on a motion by Mr. Arsenio L. Sebastian III, Co-Chairperson of the RDC-X Macro and Development Administration Committee and seconded by Regional Director Raul C. Alvarez, Jr., CESO III of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office No. X (CHED-X) and Vice-Chairperson (RLA) of the RDC-X SDC, to support and advocate the TK DSP among the LGUs and regional line agencies in Region X;

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the National Nutrition Council-Regional Office X and LGUs and regional line agencies in Region X for support and consideration.

Approved, 24 June 2021 126th RDC-X Full Council Meeting Via Zoom

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