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**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE  
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION**

Resolution No. 5, Series 2022

**ENJOINING LGUS OF REGION XII TO STRENGTHEN THE BARANGAY  
NUTRITION SCHOLAR PROGRAM BY CREATING LOCAL POLICIES FOR BNSs  
SECURITY OF TENURE AND PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS,  
RECRUITMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND GRANTING OF BENEFITS AND  
INCENTIVES**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree 1569 was decreed to mandate the deployment of Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay and to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program to deliver nutrition and nutrition-related services in the communities;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2021 Regional Nutrition Situation Report stunting rates at the LGU level is ranging from 10-25% classified as medium to high public health significance. Moreover, the regional coverage of EOPT Plus is at 78% which indicates low coverage.

**WHEREAS**, the BNS Program is one of the human resource development strategies of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition and is adopted by the Regional Nutrition Committee. Strengthening the BNS program and empowering the BNS shall improve as well the reporting and accomplishment of LGUs on nutrition program

**WHEREAS**, BNS are volunteers and are considered frontliners, especially during the pandemic, and were mobilized by LGUs to assist the medical frontliners in the delivery of services must be protected and recognized as well thereby providing benefits to compensate the services rendered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Regional Nutrition Committee XII in a meeting duly assembled and upon recommendation of the RNC Technical Working Group, enjoins all Local Government Unit to strengthen their Barangay Nutrition Scholars Program.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that majority of the reports of the BNSs require basic computer knowledge and technical skills, the Regional Nutrition Committee recommends for the LGUs to set qualifications for recruitment of new BNSs as follows to ensure efficient and effective implementation of barangay nutrition programs particularly in producing quality reports and outputs.

1. Be atleast eighteen (18) years of age but not more than sixty (60) years old.
2. Bonafide resident of the Barangay for at least four (4) years, with the ability to speak the local dialect



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3. Be at least high school graduate with basic knowledge on Microsoft Applications or willing to be trained on basic computer applications.
4. Possess leadership potentials as evidenced by membership and leadership in community organization
5. Physically and mentally fit to perform all its duties and responsibilities

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for all Barangay Nutrition Scholars to produce quality reports and outputs, and be able to deliver quality nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive services at the barangay level as counselors and advocates, the RNC recommends for LGUs to conduct regular capacity building activities for the BNSs such as but not limited to the following;

1. Basic Course for Barangay Nutrition Scholars
2. Growth Monitoring Promotion and Operation Timbang Plus
3. Maternal, Infant and Young Child Feeding
4. First 1000 days of Life Orientation
5. Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition
6. Nutrition in Emergencies and Information Management
7. Nutrition Program Management

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that strengthening and empowering the Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall not be limited to capacity building, hence the RNC recommends for LGUs to include the provision of financial support, incentives and benefits such as but not limited to the following;

1. Monthly Honorarium – BNS to be provided with the monthly honorarium as volunteers in the LGUs preferably minimum of one thousand pesos (P1000) or more for the barangay, and much higher for the Municipal, City, and Provincial level.
2. Medical Assistance – A one-time per year medical assistance during the confinement due to illness or medical condition in line or out of duty.
3. Mortuary Aid - Assistance given to direct family to augment expenses for the death of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar
4. Other incentives may be identified

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that to sustain nutrition programs in the LGU and to avoid waste of resources for untimely re-training for BNS, RNC recommends for LGU to set guidelines for the protection against undue termination of service among BNSs and implement the due processes in recruitment/hiring and termination of BNSs.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the Department of Interior and Local Government XII to endorse and disseminate to respective Local Government Units the said RNC Resolution and monitor its compliance and implementation.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to all members for information and appropriate action. NNC being the secretariat shall elevate the same to the



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Regional Social Development Committee and Regional Development Council XII for advocacy and support.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 at Villa Amor Hotel, Koronadal City during the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting

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