



**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION**

Resolution No. 4, series. 2022

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR NUTRITION PROGRAM THROUGH INVESTING IN NUTRITION BY INTEGRATING NUTRITION PPAs IN THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NUTRITION OFFICE AT THE PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS AND HIRING OF A FULL-TIME NUTRITION PERSONNEL, AND INCLUSION OF THE SAME IN LGUS' DEVOLUTION TRANSITION PLAN

WHEREAS, maternal and child malnutrition continue to be of alarming levels in the Philippines as reported by the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute-Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST);

WHEREAS, the nutrition profile of Region XII indicated by the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT Plus) results reveal that the levels of stunting and wasting among under five-year old children and other forms of malnutrition in the region remain to be of serious public health concern;

WHEREAS, as of March 2022 only 15 out of the 53 LGUs in SOCCSKSARGEN Region has full time designated Nutrition Action Officers managing LGU nutrition programs and there is also scarcity in terms of functional local nutrition committee.

WHEREAS, the lack of personnel to oversee and manage nutrition programs at the local level has adversely affected nutrition service delivery, resulting in the persistence of child malnutrition in the Region;

WHEREAS, the DILG MC. 2018-42 on the Adoption and Implementation of the PPAN 2017-2022 states the roles and responsibilities of LGUs in ensuring the integration of the nutrition programs, projects, and activities in the Comprehensive Development Plan and in the annual budget/appropriations of the city/municipality and in all its barangays;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Mandanas Ruling provides an opportunity for the LGUs to strengthen their nutrition programs and to comply with the above DILG Policy by establishing nutrition offices with adequate staff complement to ensure the formulation and implementation of Nutrition Action Plans to include programs converge families of nutritionally vulnerable individuals;

WHEREAS, the creation of nutrition office with adequate nutrition staff will ensure that there are personnel who will coordinate nutrition actions or manage/oversee nutrition program implementation with multisectoral involvement from relevant LGU stakeholders, and see to it that the LGU will be able to carry out its critical role of ensuring human capital development through nutrition;

WHEREAS, the establishment of nutrition offices can be made part of the LGU Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) which LGUs are mandated to prepare pursuant to Executive Order No. 138 (s.2021);

WHEREAS, the DBM Local Budget Circular No. 137 dated July 13, 2021 highlighted plantilla positions that can be created at the Local Government Units level which includes positions for Nutrition Officers and Nutritionist-Dietitians specifying its Salary Grades and position titles;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them; and Article XV, Section 3 mandates the state to defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippine, further mandates local government units to exercise their powers and discharge their functions as necessary and appropriate for the effective provision of basic services including child welfare and nutrition services;

WHEREAS, RA 11148 – *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act* (First 1000 Days Act) emphasizes the need to institutionalize and scale up nutrition in the first 1000 days of life in the plans of the national level down to the local government units' investment plans to ensure the health and nutrition of children, especially those aged zero to two years and of the pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, SOCCSKSARGEN region recognizes that all nutrition interventions shall be anchored to the Philippine Government's commitment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), the



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AmBisyon Natin 2040, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), and the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN):

WHEREAS, RA 11223 – Universal Healthcare Law emphasized the integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, protected from hazards, guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk through a framework that fosters a whole-of-system-government-society approach in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health policies, programs, and plans:

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive nutrition program at the Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay level recognizing that nutrition is fundamental to achieving optimum health and well-being as well as in the overall development of all its constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this RNC Resolution supports the mobilization of local government units in the formulation Local Nutrition Action Plan and will be integrated in the Annual Investment Program and Local Development Plan with nutrition budget;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Local Government Units are mandated to formulate their Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay Nutrition Action plan aligned in Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2023-2028

RESOLVED FURTHER, the integration of the Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay Nutrition Action plan to development plans and budgets to operationalize the Local Nutrition Action Plan;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Local Government Units to establish a nutrition office manned by a Local Nutrition Action Officer with Nutrition Staff responsible in assisting the Local Nutrition Committee in coordination, supervision, management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of local nutrition programs;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to strengthen the coordination and monitoring mechanism among the members of the Local Nutrition Committee for the effective and efficient implementation of the Local Nutrition Action Plan;

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

Done this 24th day of March 2022 via online video conferencing.

Certified Correct:


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