

Republic of the Philippines National Nutrition Council XII Regional Nutrition Committee XII



## REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

Resolution No. 07, series. 2022

## ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AT THE PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVEL TO INCLUDE THEIR RESPECTIVE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FEDERATION AS MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, 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, The local nutrition committee is composed of representatives from different local departments such as health, agriculture, and social welfare and development, development planning and budgeting as well as national government agencies such as DepEd and non-government organizations and are responsible for implementing and managing the nutrition program in the Local Government Units;

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2018 National Nutrition Survey Overweight among adolescents is a growing problem at 11.6%, majority of the females aged 10-17 were insufficiently physically active, with reported smokers at the age of 18 and below, anemia considered a mild public health significance;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2017 National Demographic Health Survey, Region 12 is placed at rank 3 on teenage pregnancy with a prevalence rate of 14.5%;

**WHEREAS**, based on the Department of Health-Field Health Service Information System (DOH-FHSIS) of 2020, the Adolescent Birth Rate or live births to mothers ages 10-19 years old in the region is at 20.25% or a total cases of 9,957 adolescents;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2021 Regional Nutrition Situation 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 serious public health concern;

WHEREAS, children born to very young mothers are at increased risk of morbidity which includes stunting, wasting, micronutrient deficiency, and even mortality. Teenage mothers are more likely to experience adverse pregnancy outcomes and to be constrained in their ability to pursue educational opportunities than young women who delay childbearing thus might affect the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Kabataan serves as the highest policy-making body that decides on matters affecting the youth in the barangay and whose primary objective is to enhance the social, political, economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical development of the youth in the country;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Kabataan initiates and implements, in coordination with any national government agency and/or any private or nongovernment institution, programs and projects promoting the general welfare, development, and empowerment of the youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** this RNC Resolution enjoins all the Local Government Units in the Region to include their respective Sangguniang Kabataan Federation as members of their respective local nutrition committees.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** Sangguniang Kabataan as a representative of the youth sector is perceived to be an instrument in promoting good nutrition not only among youth but in the whole



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community. Youth can be of great help in pushing or promoting quality nutrition programs in the local government units and thereby affecting the nutrition status of all individuals in the society.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** the Local Government Units to reorganize their Local Nutrition Committees in accordance with the proclamation of new local chief executives and include Sangguniang Kabataan Federation.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** for 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.

**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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