



**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION**

Resolution No. 6, Series 2022

**ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LOCAL
NUTRITION OFFICE STRUCTURE AT THE PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL
LEVEL**

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, based on 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 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 consequently 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 RA 7160 Local Government Code states the autonomy of the Local Government Units to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and effective partners in the attainment of national goals through a more responsive and accountable local government structures.

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, 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, there is a need to institutionalize the nutrition office structure at the LGU to 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this RNC Resolution enjoins all the Local Government Units in the Region to Strengthen their Local Nutrition Office Structures.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Local Government Units to establish a nutrition office manned by a full time Local Nutrition Action Officer with Nutrition Staff responsible for assisting the Local



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Nutrition Committee in coordination, supervision, management, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of local nutrition programs;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Local Government Units to maintain the recommended structure and functions at the Provincial/City/Municipal Level as shown on Annex A.

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.

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

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