

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
National Nutrition Council

**Regional Nutrition Committee  
Region 02**

**Resolution No. 1, s. 2020**

**REORGANIZATION AND STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER**

**WHEREAS**, on 10 May 2007, the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC), through NDCC Circular No. 05, s. 2007, mandates the institutionalization of the Cluster Approach in the Philippine Disaster Management System, Designation of Cluster Leads and their Terms of Reference at the National, Regional and Provincial Level;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health issued Department Order No. 2007-2492 creating the Health Cluster with sub-clusters on Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation and Hygiene, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Services;

**WHEREAS**, on 23 March 2007, the Department of Health issued Department Order No. 2007-2492-A designating the National Nutrition Council as the Chairperson of Nutrition Cluster;

**WHEREAS**, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board Resolution No. 1, s. 2009 – “Adopting the National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters” – stipulates that the local nutrition committees of each Local Government Unit shall function as the local nutrition cluster;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Nutrition Committee Region 02 approved RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2014 – “Creation of the Regional Nutrition Cluster in Emergencies Region 02” on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to update the composition, and roles and functions of the regional nutrition cluster members due to recent developments in the implementation of cluster approach, as part of the lessons learned in some of the recent disasters that hit Region 02;

**WHEREAS**, Region 02 is still exposed to different kinds of hazards and emergencies and is still experiencing disasters until now with the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, these situations may pose threat to the nutritional status of affected individuals including vulnerable groups such as infants, children, pregnant and lactating women, and elderly persons;

**WHEREAS**, these may hinder in the achievement of nutrition-related targets of the Philippine Development Plan, Sustainable Development Goals, and Ambisyon Natin 2040;

**WHEREAS**, Nutrition Cluster aims to ensure that the nutrition status of affected population especially the most vulnerable groups: infants, children, pregnant and lactating mothers, older persons, persons with disabilities, and people living in debilitating conditions, will not worsen or deteriorate due to the

impact of emergency or disaster through linking with other clusters and sector groups, and establishing capacities at all levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** in consideration of the threats and emergencies and disasters to the vulnerable groups, the benefits of the cluster approach in disaster risk reduction and management, and updates on the current system, to reorganize and strengthen the Regional Nutrition Cluster Region 02 to include the following agencies and sectors:

1. National Nutrition Council
2. Department of Health – Center for Health Development
3. Department of Social Welfare and Development
4. Department of Agriculture
5. Department of Agrarian Reform
6. Department of the Interior and Local Government
7. Department of Trade and Industry
8. Department of Education
9. Department of Science and Technology
10. Philippine Information Agency
11. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
12. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
13. Academe
14. Non-government Organizations

**RESOLVED FURTHER,**

1. The Regional Nutrition Cluster Region 02 aims for the following:
  - A. Ensure that the nutritional status of affected population especially the most vulnerable groups will not worsen or deteriorate due to the impact of emergency and disaster through linking with other cluster/sector groups and establishing capacities at all levels.
  - B. Conduct timely rapid nutrition assessment in the affected areas;
  - C. Ensure the timely and appropriate delivery of quality package of nutrition interventions to affected population particularly on the promotion and protection of infant and young child feeding, micronutrient supplementation, dietary supplementation, integrated management of acute malnutrition and others;
  - D. Ensure that the food provided and distributed are nutritionally adequate especially for the vulnerable groups;
  - E. Conduct trainings and other capacity building related to nutrition;
  - F. Provide nutrition counseling to affected populations;
  - G. Establish and promote coordination, networking, planning, social mobilization, advocacy, surveillance, monitoring, evaluation, and good reporting mechanism within the nutrition cluster.

2. The Cluster Member Agency's Representatives shall assume the following duties/responsibilities:
  - A. Supports in fulfilling the cluster's mission, namely to:
    - Participate in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities;
    - Maintain coordination and partnership to prevent and reduce mortality;
    - Implement standard and evidence-based interventions;
    - Develop and adopt gap-filling and need-prioritization strategies; and
    - Perform with accountability predictable, timely and effective emergency response activities.
  - B. Assist in building capabilities among inter- and intra-cluster members to:
    - Participate in the establishment and maintenance of appropriate coordination mechanisms;
    - Establish an effective information management system;
    - Support convergence of enhancing competencies; and
    - Set arrangement for resource mapping, sharing and mobilization.
  - C. Identifies and promotes core advocacy concerns namely to:
    - Advocate cluster's preparedness, response and recovery activities to donors and stakeholders;
    - Generate support in promoting transfer of skills to local cluster members;
    - Promote strict adherence to cluster policies, guidelines, and standards;
    - Facilitate the application of the technical standards collectively agreed within the cluster; and
    - Uphold flexibility in the delivery of cluster's service packages.
3. That the Nutrition Program Coordinator of the National Nutrition Council Region 02 shall be the Regional Nutrition Cluster Coordinator.


**AND RESOLVED FURTHER,**

1. National Nutrition Council Region 02 shall be the secretariat of the Regional Nutrition Cluster;
2. National Nutrition Council Region 02 to facilitate and ensure creation of local nutrition clusters at the different levels of local government units;
3. National Nutrition Council Region 02 to conduct the training on Nutrition in Emergencies- Information Management for the local government units; and
4. National Nutrition Council Region 02 to monitor and ensure full implementation of this resolution.


Unanimously approved, 13th day of June 2020.

Certified Correct:

Conforme:




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