



CENTRAL LUZON REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

Central Luzon Regional Nutrition Committee Resolution No. 1 Series of 2020

CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO PREVENT CHILD STUNTING IN CENTRAL LUZON

- WHEREAS,** child stunting is one of the common forms of malnutrition in Central Luzon affecting 23.1 percent or an estimated 1,248,000 children under-five years old based on the 2015 National Nutrition Survey of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology;
- WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization stated that childhood stunting is one of the most significant impediments to human development, globally affecting approximately 162 million children under the age of five years. Stunting is largely an irreversible outcome of inadequate nutrition and repeated bouts of infection during the first 1,000 days of child's life;
- WHEREAS,** stunting, if not prevented during the first one thousand (1,000) days of life would have grave consequences on individuals and societies both at the short and long-term such as reduced intellectual capacity, poor school performance, more prone to developing non-communicable diseases later in life, loss in economic productivity for the country, among others;
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of this alarming state of malnutrition in the country, national plans and legislations such as the Republic Act 11148 or "*Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act*" and Republic Act 11223 or "*Kalusugang Pangkalahatan (KP) Act*" declare as a national policy the importance of investing in nutrition and the need for all sectors at all levels to work together in addressing all forms of malnutrition in the country particularly stunting during the first 1,000 days of life;
- WHEREAS,** one of the objectives of RA 11148 is to institutionalize and scale up nutrition in the first 1,000 days in the national plan on nutrition, the early childhood care and development intervention packages developed by the National Nutrition Council, the Philippine Development Plan, the National Plan of Action for Children, the regional development plans and local government units investment plans for health and nutrition;
- WHEREAS,** Section 4 of RA 11148 provides for the Department of Health, the National Nutrition Council, the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with other National Government Agencies, the Local Government Units, the Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive and sustainable strategy for the first 1,000 days of life to address the health, nutrition,

and developmental problems affecting infants, young women, adolescent females and pregnant and lactating women.

WHEREAS, the Central Luzon Regional Nutrition Committee (CL RNC) recognizes its role in addressing hunger and malnutrition in the region agreed to support and adopt the provisions stipulated in RA 11148 and RA 11223 and the need for advocacy for stronger enforcement and compliance monitoring of Executive Order No. 51, RA 10028 or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act and the Mother-Baby Friendly Initiative;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing, we the Central Luzon Regional Nutrition Committee deemed as necessary to establish a functional mechanism for coordination and monitoring the progress of interventions and activities on the first 1,000 days of life in addressing stunting in the region.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that

The Central Luzon Regional Nutrition Committee shall create an inter-agency task force to prevent child stunting in Central Luzon. The task force shall be called *Task Force Kontra Stunting* and will be composed of key agencies to do the following tasks:

1. **Department of Health Central Luzon Center for Health Development**, together with the **National Economic and Development Authority-Regional Office III** and the **National Nutrition Council-Region III (NNC-Region III)** shall lead in the formulation of the Strategic Plan for the first 1,000 days of life based on the provisions of RA 11148 and the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition, 2017-2020, in the context of COVID-19. The Strategic Plan shall include monitoring and evaluation components, incentives and awards system for well-performing LGUs and local implementers;
2. **Department of the Interior and Local Government**, together with the **Central Luzon Association of Nutrition Action Officers (CLANAO)**, **Association of Central Luzon District/City Nutrition Program Coordinators (ACL-DCNPCs)** and **Central Luzon Association of Barangay Nutrition Scholars, Inc. (CLABI)**, shall ensure that all seven (7) provinces, 14 cities, 116 municipalities and 1,802 barangays have functional local nutrition committees (LNC) and integrated maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition programs in the local nutrition action plans and investment plans for health;
3. **Department of Agriculture (DA)** shall ensure the provision of seeds, seedlings, small animals and technical assistance in the establishment of home gardens to ensure food security among households;
4. **Department of Science and Technology**, together with the **DA** and the **Department of Trade and Industry** shall develop a Plan for Regional Complementary Food Production and Marketing;
5. **Philippine Information Agency**, together with the **Central Luzon Advocates and Regional Nutrition Information Network or CLARINET** shall ensure that the resolution is disseminated as widely as possible to the general public. The PIA and CLARINET shall lead in the development of a communication support for F1K days. These two entities shall document

and disseminate good practices and actions on nutrition and F1K as a tool for LGU mobilization;

6. **Department of Social Welfare and Development** shall lead in the supplementary feeding in the Child Development Centers and Supervised Neighborhood Plays;
7. **Department of Labor and Employment**, together with the **DOH CL CHD**, the **Civil Service Commission** and the **nutrition federated groups**, shall ensure the establishment of functional lactation stations in the workplace as well as in informal sectors to promote, protect and support breastfeeding;
8. **Commission on Population** shall continue to implement its learning package for parent education on adolescent health and development, particularly in areas with high prevalence of teenage pregnancy. PopCom shall also continue to establish and manage teen centers and adolescent-friendly health facility.
9. **Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources** shall continue with its Aquatic Production Services and Post-harvest Services to families and households of fisher folk with children 0-59 months old;
10. **Department of Agrarian Reform** shall continue to implement nutrition-sensitive programs such as Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Project, Village Level Farm-Focused Enterprise Development, Agrarian Reform Community Economic Support Services, *Tulay ng Pangulo para sa Kaunlarang Agraryo* Project, *Gulayan sa Kalusugan*, and Food Processing for Livelihood, among others. The department shall target families and households that are at-risk to malnutrition.
11. **Office of the Civil Defense**, together with the **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Health of the DOH** shall lead in Building and Strengthening Capacities for Nutrition in Emergencies.
12. **NNC-Region III** shall lead in the conduct of Local Nutrition Plan Workshop on Integrating Nutrition in the Annual Investment Plans and Budgets of the LGUs, and in partnership of relevant members of the Task Force *Kontra Stunting*, shall build the capacities of local chief executives and LNCs of all provinces, cities and municipalities in the management of quality nutrition programs particularly on the first 1,000 days and in providing leadership to scale-up nutrition action.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED, be it

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED.

That as members of the Central Luzon Regional Nutrition Committee, we shall initiate efforts to implement the resolution within our respective agencies and include in our plans, budget for its implementation in 2020 and onwards.

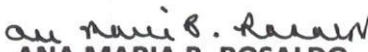
For the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to coordinate and monitor the actions leading to the implementation of this resolution and provide status report to the CL RNC members during its quarterly meeting and to its NNC Central Office.

RESOLVED FINALLY. That copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Done this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty during the CL RNC meeting through zoom teleconference at the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.


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