

# REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

### **RDC RESOLUTION NO. IV-A-55-2021**

#### "ENDORSING THE CREATION OF CALABARZON TASK FORCE ON THE PHILIPPINE MILK CODE TO CONCERNED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORT"

- **WHEREAS,** the Executive Order (EO) No. 51 series of 1986 popularly known as the Philippine Milk Code imposes strict regulation on formula milk marketing and limiting the activities of companies that manufacture milk products;
- **WHEREAS,** the EO aims to contribute to the provision of safe and adequate nutrition for infants by protecting and promoting breastfeeding, and by ensuring the proper use of breastmilk substitutes and supplements when these are necessary;
- WHEREAS, the Sectoral Committee on Social Development/Social Protection during its third quarter meeting on August 10 endorsed to the RDC the creation of CALABARZON taskforce on Philippine Milk Code to monitor the compliance and implementation of the Milk Code in the region;
- WHEREAS, the creation of the task force is also in response to Region's low breastfeeding rates and reported milk code violations related to Taal Volcano eruption in 2020 and COVID-19 Pandemic such as donation of milk formula, breastmilk substitutes, feeding bottles and other products which undermine breastfeeding, and put infants and young children at risk to malnutrition;
- **WHEREAS,** the composition and functions of the Task Force are detailed in "Annex A", which forms part of this Resolution;
- NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to endorse the creation of CALABARZON Task Force on the Philippine Milk Code to concerned agencies and organizations for support;
- **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that all LGUs and RDC members to comply with the Milk Code in the region.
- **SIGNED,** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 via video conference.

Certified Correct:

**VALTER L. MORADA** RDC Secretary

Attested by:

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ANNEX A

## CALABARZON TASK FORCE ON PHILIPPINE MILK CODE

#### I. Composition

Chairperson:	Department of Health – Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) IV-A
Co-Chairperson:	Food and Drug Administration South Luzon Cluster
Secretariat:	National Nutrition Council IV-A

#### Members:

- DOH-CHD CALABARZON Nutrition and Breastfeeding Program
- DOH-CHD CALABARZON DRRM-H Unit
- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
- National Commission of Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- Office of the Civil Defense (OCD)
- International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
- Mother-Support Groups

### II. Functions

- 1. Monitor compliance as well as problems encountered in the implementation of the Milk Code.
- 2. Verify reports of violations of the Milk Code.
- 3. Monitor labels of products within the scope of the Code and marketing practices in various distribution centers.
- 4. Recommend sanctions and punitive actions for violations of the Milk Code to the Food and Drug Association and follow up action/resolution.
- 5. Monitor implementation of milk donations approved by the Inter-Agency Committee.
- 6. Provide technical assistance to LGUs, government and private hospitals, companies regarding EO 51.
- 7. Strengthen advocacy on EO 51 through dissemination of relevant information.
- 8. Submit reports on the status of the Milk Code implementation to the Mother and Baby Friendly Philippines through its website.
- 9. During emergencies and disasters, assist LGUs in the establishment of more sustainable interventions such as infant and young child feeding in emergencies by establishing mother-baby friendly spaces and community nutri-kitchen, and provision of lactation counseling by mother-support groups.

