



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
CALABARZON



RSCN-SCSD Resolution No. 1, Series 2022

**ADOPTION OF THE NUTRITION CHAMPIONS PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE
LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES (LCEs) IN THE REGION TO IMPLEMENT AND
INVEST IN NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, malnutrition which comes in many forms continue to confront our country and is aggravated by the COVID19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, results of the 2015 National Nutrition Survey (NNS) conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute showed that 26.6% of pregnant and lactating women in CALABARZON are nutritionally at-risk. Among children 0-5 years old, stunting prevalence rate is 27.7%; wasting is at 7.6%; and overnutrition is at 5.0%. The results are considered of public health significance.

WHEREAS, Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 and the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN) 2019-2022 (the country's and the region's policy framework in addressing all forms of malnutrition) call for an enabling program on mobilization of local governments for effective nutrition program management;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Governing Board through Resolution No. 5 series of 2019, approved the **LGU Mobilization Plan/Strategy for PPAN 2017-2022**, to scale up efforts of mobilizing local government units in achieving desired nutrition outcomes in the remaining years of the PPAN implementation by increasing the number of LGUs that implement quality nutrition programs and interventions nationwide;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) mobilization strategy adopts a Three-pronged Peer Learning Approach proven effective in capacitating LGUs for improved nutrition program management, as documented in the Compendium of Action on Nutrition (CAN). The peer learning approach includes: 1) Learning Hub for Enhanced and Revitalized Nutrition (LHEARN) Program; 2) LGU Shepherding Program; and 3) Nutrition Champions Program;

WHEREAS, part of the local government mobilization strategy approved by the NNC Governing Board on April 24, 2019 is the establishment of a Nutrition Champions Program for local government mobilization planned for 2020-2022. The local government mobilization strategy consists of four components including:

Component 1: Formulation of local nutrition action plans and budgets for years 2020-2022 and integration in Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP), Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), Local Development Investment Program (LDIP);

Component 2: Interface/advocacy with local chief executives (LCEs) on investing in nutrition and in integrating nutrition in their local development and investment plans;

Component 3: Follow-up and provision of technical assistance LGUs; and

Component 4: Introduction of the Nutrition Leadership and Governance Program for PPAN 2017-2022.

WHEREAS, as a strategy to implement Component 2, the LGU mobilization strategy will entail the engagement of and management of nutrition champions from among well performing local chief executives. It was further revealed in the Compendium of Actions for Nutrition (CAN) published by the NNC in 2018 that most of the performing LGUs learned from coaching and mentoring of peer LCEs/LGUs.

WHEREAS, the NNC will organize a Nutrition Champions' Program to mobilize LCEs, who have proven exemplary performance in nutrition programs to influence their peers to invest in nutrition. Specifically, the program aims to:

1. Orient nutrition champions on coaching and mentoring peers to include field practicum;
2. Facilitate conduct of meetings either face-to-face, virtual or blended between the nutrition champions and LCEs with special focus on the Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster (HDPRC) areas, and as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19 virus and for wider reach or coverage;
3. Deploy the nutrition champions to group meetings of different associations of executives, legislators and planning officers in HDPRC and non-HDPRC areas; and
4. Produce a television program (or segments) that will focus on investing in nutrition programs.

WHEREAS, the nutrition champions program will cover all the LGUs in the country through the following platforms: 1) Face-to-face Meetings; 2) Group Interface through participation in Meetings of Leagues of LCEs, legislators and planning officers, 3) Nutrition Planning workshops; and 4) Media Advocacy.

WHEREAS, the NNC CALABARZON have identified nutrition champion LGUs namely the Province of Quezon; the cities of Santa Rosa, Bacoor, Biñan, and Tagaytay; and municipalities of Pagbilao and Sariaya. They will participate in the program for its expansion and provide technical assistance for the succeeding activities of the region;

WHEREAS, the NNC Calabarzon shall spearhead the formulation of guidelines or checklist for the coaching and mentoring of nutrition champions in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition Sectoral Committee on Social Development (RSCN-SCSD) in a meeting duly assembled and upon recommendation of the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) on Nutrition to adopt the **Nutrition Champions Program of the National Nutrition Council**;


RESOLVED FURTHER, to enjoin the local government units in the CALABARZON Region to support these peer-to-peer learning approaches pursuant to the processes and procedures stipulated in the Nutrition Champions Guidelines which will continue to be adapted and institutionalized according to the peculiar features and unique situations of CALABARZON and LGUs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that as members of the committee, we commit to fully support the implementation of the programs.


RESOLVED FINALLY, for the NNC CALABARZON as secretariat of the committee, to cause the widest dissemination of the programs by furnishing all the member agencies of the RSCN-SCSD, local government units, other regional partners and the National Nutrition Council Secretariat, a copy of this Resolution and ensure policy and advocacy support of the Regional Development Council CALABARZON.

APPROVED VIA A REFERENDUM AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2022.

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