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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE

Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 3, Series of 2021

**ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN MIMAROPA
REGION TO CREATE NUTRITION OFFICES AND APPOINT PERMANENT
NUTRITION ACTION OFFICERS WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT STAFF TO
IMPLEMENT THE LOCAL NUTRITION ACTION PLANS AND PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, on May 2017, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 was launched to serve as the country's framework of actions for nutrition improvement, led by the National Nutrition Council, together with key national and local stakeholders;

WHEREAS, PPAN is anchored on the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 and the Duterte administration's 10-point socio-economic agenda, and is one of the country's contributions on the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2 which is to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture;

WHEREAS, PPAN 2017-2022 is a results-based plan designed to achieve reduction of target outcomes in different forms of malnutrition such as wasting, stunting, micronutrient deficiencies, and overweight/obesity;

WHEREAS, to operationalize the PPAN 2017-2022, it requires the formulation of national PPAN implementation plan, regional plan of action for nutrition, and local nutrition action plan.

WHEREAS, in addition to PPAN, various laws were issued to provide guidance to local government units (LGUs) in the implementation of nutrition programs such as RA No. 11148 (*Kalusugan at Nutrition ng Mag-Nanay Act* or the First 1000 Days Law), RA No. 11210 (Expanded Maternity Leave Law), RA No. 11037 (*Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act*), RA No. 10410 (Early Years Act), and RA No. 10028 (Expanded Breastfeeding and Promotion Act), to name a few;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2019, the Supreme Court affirmed its 2018 ruling in *Mandanas, et al. v. Executive Secretary, et al.* (G.R. Nos., 199802 and 208488) ("*Mandanas*") that all collections of national taxes, except those accruing to special purpose funds and special allotments for the utilization and development of the national wealth, should be included in the computation of the base of the just share of local government units;

WHEREAS, on June 01, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order (EO) No. 138, s. 2021 entitled "Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for Other Purposes" to ensure that the policy of decentralization stipulated in the Constitution and other relevant laws and the impacts of Mandanas Ruling will be carried out systematically and efficiently;

WHEREAS, beginning FY 2022, the projected increased in internal revenue allotment (IRA) of the local government units, now termed as National Tax Allotment (NTA), is estimated to

be at 27.61 percent based on Supreme Court Ruling in the Mandanas-Garcia, wherein the local government units would be able to implement the devolved function, services, and facilities including the nutrition programs, in its area of responsibility;

WHEREAS, all governors, city mayors, municipal mayors, and barangay chairpersons need to pursue their context-specific responses based on the local prevailing nutrition challenges relative to the strategies and result outcomes of the PPAN 2017-2022 and guided by different laws and issuances to ensure that constituents, especially the target groups, received the full benefits of an improved nutrition and health programs;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2.9 of the DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 82, Indicative FY 2022 National Tax Allotment (NTA) Shares of LGUs and Guidelines on the Preparation of the FY 2022 Annual Budgets of LGUs, states that, In accordance with DILG Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2018-42 dated March 26, 2018, all LGUs are enjoined to prioritize in the allocation of local funds the PPAs included in their respective local nutrition action plans, which shall be formulated in accordance with the PPAN 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, under the DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-42 on the adoption and implementation of PPAN 2017-2022, the LGUs shall designate a full-time nutrition action officer with corresponding staff support to coordinate the implementation of local nutrition action plans which contains nutrition specific and nutrition-sensitive programs;

WHEREAS, based on the data collected from all NNC Regional Offices, there are only 48% of provinces and cities with Nutrition Offices and only 4% have full time Nutrition Action Officers (NAOs) and 35% have full time Nutrition Program Coordinators;

WHEREAS, in the MIMAROPA Region, only two out of five, or 40% of the provinces and 14 out of 73, or 19% of the cities and municipalities have full time Provincial/City/Municipal NAOs; thus, majority of nutrition activities are performed by designated personnel on top of their regular functions;

WHEREAS, the creation of a Nutrition Office with adequate staff is critical to improve the local nutrition status and will ensure that the implementation of the above-cited policies, plans, and programs will benefit target groups and the planning and implementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs with multi-sectoral participation will contribute in the reduction of malnutrition and improved human capital development;

WHEREAS, Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) MIMAROPA, during its second meeting held on November 19, 2021, through video conference, approved to enjoin all local government units to create nutrition offices and appoint permanent Nutrition Action Officers (NAO) with adequate support staff to implement the local nutrition action plans and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to enjoin all local government units to create nutrition offices and appoint permanent Nutrition Action Officers with adequate support staff to implement local nutrition action plans and programs;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC of MIMAROPA requests the Department of the Interior and Local Government MIMAROPA to issue a memorandum addressed to all local chief executives to disseminate this resolution;


RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the National Nutrition Council MIMAROPA, being the secretariat of the RNC, to continue the provision of technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action in close coordination with the DILG MIMAROPA;


RESOLVED FURTHER, NNC MIMAROPA to provide reference material for the recommended nutrition office staffing pattern two months after the approval of the resolution.

RESOLVED FINALLY, the NNC MIMAROPA shall provide a copy of this resolution to all concerned entitles for information, reference, and dissemination.

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