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NUTRITION CLUSTER JOINT MEETING, S. 2022 HELD ON 6 JUNE 2022
AT THE GREAT EASTERN HOTEL, QUEZON CITY

Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 2, s. 2022

**ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN MIMAROPA REGION TO ADOPT
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIRST 1000 DAYS
(ECCD F1K) PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREOF**

WHEREAS, Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) is the holistic development of children including physical, cognitive, language, social and emotional development from conception to eight (8) years old which allow them to communicate learn and develop, and if these capacities are not recognized and supported, they will not reach their full development potential;

WHEREAS, the ECCD program is supported by Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8980 or "*An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy and National System for ECCD*" and R.A. 10410 or "*An Act Recognizing the Age from Zero (0) to Eight (8) Years as the First Crucial Stage of Educational Development and Strengthening the Early Childhood Care and Development System, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes*" or also known as the Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013;

WHEREAS, the first 1000 days refers to the period from conception to a child's first two years of life and is considered the "golden" window of opportunity for the child to achieve his or her full potential in the different aspects of development;

WHEREAS, during the first 1000 days of life, rapid brain growth and development occurs and when neglect happens during this critical period, children's survival suffers and they succumb to illnesses and diseases, lose their full and inherent capacity to grow, and become a productive member of the community in the future;

WHEREAS, good nutrition is important for growth and brain development and poor nutrition can have irreversible effects on the physical and mental development of the child, consequences of which are felt way into adulthood;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the 2019 Expanded National Nutrition Survey (ENNS) conducted by the Department of Science and Technology – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), 21.9% of children less than 2 years old are stunted;

WHEREAS, the Republic Act No. 11148 or the *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act* scales up the nutrition intervention programs in the first 1000 days of a child's life and allocates resources in a sustainable manner to improve the nutritional status and to address the malnutrition of infants and young children from zero (0) to two (2) years old, adolescent females, pregnant and lactating women, as well as to ensure growth and development of infant and young children.

WHEREAS, Section 2, Rule 13 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 11148 defines the roles of the Department of Health, the National Nutrition Council and its member agencies, and local government units with support from the civil society organizations and other

stakeholders to responsibly ensure the integration of health and nutrition concerns in their respective policies and plans and the implementation of nutrition programs and projects.

WHEREAS, the Early Childhood Care and Development for the First 1000 Days (ECCD F1K) Program was developed by the National Nutrition Council to strengthen existing health and nutrition services in the community and contribute to the full development of the child through the integrated delivery of services on health, nutrition, psychosocial stimulation, early education, and social services for pregnant women and children below two years old;

WHEREAS, the ECCD F1K Program contains a comprehensive package of nutrition specific, sensitive and enabling interventions to reduce morbidity, mortality, and stunting and wasting prevalence among children 0-23 months old, and is expected to improve the quality of the country's human resource base, thereby contributing to poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, the NNC has issued the Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days Program Document and Implementing Guidelines in 2018 which provides guidance on the implementation of ECCD F1K Program to achieve better and most cost-effective results from the program;

WHEREAS, the target users of the guidelines are program managers or equivalent personalities at the national and regional offices of the Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Early Childhood Care and Development Council, and the National Nutrition Council, local chief executives, nutrition action officers and members of the local nutrition committees and other local government functionaries in the program areas. The guidelines can also be used by the LGUs not covered by the program but are interested in implementing a program similar to ECCD F1K Program as well as by non-government organizations (NGOs);

WHEREAS, the province of Occidental Mindoro, having high Malnutrition Prevalence Rate (MPR) based from the 2013 and 2015 ENNS in the region, was one of the selected areas for the ECCD F1K Program which started implementation in 2019, aimed to bolster efforts to alleviate malnutrition through prioritizing the first 1000 days of life;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the two-year implementation of the ECCD F1K Program from 2019-2021 in Occidental Mindoro, an improvement in the MPR was achieved through the convergence of key health, nutrition, and early learning interventions, an outcome of the strengthening of existing health, nutrition, social services, and early learning in the community, and as such all LGUs in the MIMAROPA region are encouraged to implement the ECCD F1K Program;

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Ruling on Mandanas-Garcia Case creates greater amount of resources available to LGUs, thus, LGUs are enjoined to include in their respective Annual Investment Program and prioritize in the allocation of local funds the programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) for ECCD-F1K Program, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Regional Nutrition Committee of MIMAROPA in a meeting duly assembled to enjoins all local government units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA to adopt the ECCD-F1K Program through the inclusion of relevant components of the ECCD F1K Program in the three-year local nutrition action plan (LNAP) and integrating their LNAP in the development of local plans such as the Annual Investment Program (AIP), Local Development Investment Program (LDIP), and Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the regional offices of the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Trade and Industry, National Economic Development Authority, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority be requested to perform the roles stipulated in the IRR of RA 11148 attached in this resolution.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC member agencies be requested to provide technical support and deliberately include the ECCD FIK projects and activities in their work and financial plans, as applicable;

RESOLVED FINALLY, for the NNC MIMAROPA being the RNC secretariat to:



1. Furnish the NNC Central Office, all RNC members, and all local government units in the region a copy of this resolution;
2. Disseminate the copy of the ECCD FIK Program Document Guidelines to RNC members and LGUs;
3. Continue to provide technical assistance to LGUs regarding the ECCD FIK Program;
4. Coordinate and monitor LGUs' compliance to this resolution;
5. Report the status of implementation to the RNC; and
6. Review the effectiveness of the implementation of this resolution after three (3) years of its implementation

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED, this 6th of June 2022 during the Regional Nutrition Committee and Nutrition Cluster Joint Meeting held at Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City.

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