



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

RDC Resolution No. 45 (S. 2021)

**"STRONGLY URGING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INCLUDE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF NUTRITION OFFICES IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE DEVOLUTION TRANSITION PLANS"**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), which is translated into the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN) at the sub-national level, serves as the country's blueprint for nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) through Memorandum Circular No. 2018-42 entitled, Adoption and Implementation of the PPAN, 2017-2022, requires the LGUs to designate Nutrition Action Officers for their respective localities to support the implementation of PPAN/ RPAN;

WHEREAS, as of June 2021 only 49 out of the 136 LGUs in Central Visayas have dedicated staff to oversee and manage LGU nutrition programs and only 7 have full-time Nutrition Action Officers;

WHEREAS, the lack of personnel to oversee and manage nutrition programs at the local level has adversely affected nutrition service delivery, resulting in the persistence of child malnutrition in Central Visayas;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Mandanas Ruling provides an opportunity for the LGUs to strengthen their nutrition programs and to comply with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-42 by establishing nutrition offices with adequate staff complement;

WHEREAS, the establishment of nutrition offices can be made part of the LGU Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) which LGUs are mandated to prepare pursuant to Executive Order No. 138 (s.2021);

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee VII (RNC VII), through Resolution No. 021-03 (s.2021), sought the endorsement of the Regional Development Council (RDC) of its request to the Central Visayas LGUs for

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the inclusion of the establishment of nutrition offices with adequate staff complement in their respective DTPs;

WHEREAS, the RDC Social Development Committee (SDC), during its 3rd quarter meeting on 27 August 2021, recommended to the RDC Full Council to consider the request of the RNC VII, and to further request the LGUs to adopt the staffing pattern for the nutrition offices as determined by the National Nutrition Council VII (NNC VII);

WHEREAS, the Central Visayas RDC finds the proposal supportive of the region's strategy for improving access to quality social services as advocated in Chapter 10 of the Central Visayas Regional Development Plan 2017-2022;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to strongly urge the Central Visayas local government units to include the establishment of nutrition offices in their respective Devolution Transition Plans; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the concerned LGUs to adopt the staffing pattern for nutrition offices as determined by the NNC VII, a copy of which is hereto attached and made an integral part of this resolution.

Certified Correct:


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Attested:


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RDC Vice Chairperson

Approved:


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RDC Chairperson