

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL REGION VII

RNC Resolution No. 020-01 (s. 2020)

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting held on 06 February 2020 at the Harolds Hotel Cebu, C. Rosal St., Cebu City

“ENJOINING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO ENDORSE TO REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE NUTRITION-SENSITIVE PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THEIR WORK AND FINANCIAL PLANS”

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 491 otherwise known as the Nutrition Act of the Philippines identifies the multi-sectoral approach towards providing interventions to address malnutrition and has included coordination and calling on government instrumentalities for assistance in support of nutrition as a core function of the Regional Nutrition Committee at the sub national level;

WHEREAS, Letter of Instruction 441 signed in 31 July 1976 has outlined roles and responsibilities of the different NNC Governing Board member agencies in contribution to the country’s nutrition program implementation;

WHEREAS, the 2017-2022 Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), the country’s blueprint for nutrition program implementation, specifies the need for a variety of nutrition and nutrition-sensitive services to address nutrition-related issues in the country by 2022;

WHEREAS, nutrition-sensitive programs are defined as “programs that might help accelerate progress in improving nutrition by enhancing household and community environment in which children develop and grow, and by increasing the effectiveness, coverage and scale of nutrition-specific intervention” (Lancet, 2013);

WHEREAS, despite decrease in prevalence rates, the malnutrition rate of children below five years of age remains high in magnitude in Central Visayas, particularly; 75,535 (10.25%) are chronically malnourished or stunted, 29,742 (3.97%) are underweight, 20,536 (2.77%) are overweight/obese and 18,949 (2.56%) are acutely malnourished wasted (OPT Plus, 2020). Above results indicates regional issues in lifestyle, food security, health and nutrition education and service delivery;

WHEREAS, there are a lot of potentially nutrition-sensitive programs/projects/activities (PPA) implemented by regional line agencies and non-government organizations in Central Visayas that need only minimal tweaking to affect nutrition;

WHEREAS, nutrition-tweaks are minimum modifications in targeting, planning, implementing of programs to benefit the most at-risk for the nutrition programs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to request the Regional Development Council to enjoin regional line agencies and non-government organizations include nutrition-sensitive programs, projects and activities in their respective work and financial plans such adjustments may include but are not limited to:

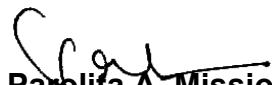
1. Priority targeting of households with pregnant and under two years old children amongst their target population.
2. Prioritization of high malnutrition areas as target PPA location.
3. Coordinating with the local nutrition committees in identification of needed nutrition-sensitive services.

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the RNC Technical Working Group to compile possible tweaking mechanisms to be used as guide for other agencies;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, for the National Nutrition Council Region VII, as secretariat to the RNC, to provide updates on priority areas for nutrition, provide technical assistance to other line agencies as the need arise;

RESOLVED FINALLY, for members of the RNC and its Technical Working Group to monitor implementation of nutrition sensitive PPAs within a year after this resolution is passed.

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