

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

RNC Resolution No. 020-02 (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

“EXPANDING THE REGIONAL MELLPI PRO COVERAGE AND ENJOINING LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEES TO ADOPT THE MELLPI PRO”

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022 aims to address the country’s malnutrition issues by providing an outline of basic nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programs to be implemented across the Philippines within said time period;

WHEREAS, the conduct of monitoring activities is specified as an indicator for nutrition functionality in DILG Memorandum Circular 2015-19 “Accomplishment and Submission of the Checklist on Functionality of the Provincial/City/Municipality Nutrition Committees” and re-enforced in Memorandum Circular 2018-42 “Adoption and Implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022”;

WHEREAS, in response to the monitoring requirements of the PPAN 2017-2022, the project “Development of the Updated Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol” was conceptualized in 2015 to come up with the updated M&E framework and system for the nutrition sector covering assessment of nationwide initiative along policy and legislation, nutrition service delivery, and capacity building;

WHEREAS, the development of the new protocol, also collectively referred to as MELLPI-Pro emphasizes the following: a. assessment of LGU’s progress towards compliance to quality standards; b. evidence-based validation, and c. mentoring through joint discussion for learning and action discussion with the LGU or nutrition workers assessed;

WHEREAS, the Local Nutrition Evaluation Teams (LNET), is a sub-group of the Local Nutrition Committee tasked to conduct the local MELLPI annually;

WHEREAS, the MELLPI Pro guidelines stipulate that the Regional NET is to cover only provinces and highly urbanized cities in the region with the assumption that provinces conduct annual MELLPI in all their municipalities and municipalities conduct MELLPI in all their barangays;

WHEREAS, MELLPI results show a need for technical assistance at the municipal and barangay levels where local nutrition committees are yet to be organized or activated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Regional Nutrition Committee shall expand the MELLPI Pro coverage in Central Visayas to include all 4 provinces, all 16 cities and 3 sample municipalities per province, as well as 3 sample barangays in all cities and municipalities visited to widen provision of technical assistance to LGUs in region. Likewise, the RNET shall visit Nutrition Action Officers,

District/City Nutrition Program Coordinators and Barangay Nutrition Scholars according to the MELLPI Pro guidelines;

RESOLVED, for the RNET shall continue to conduct validation weighing of nineteen (19) sample preschool children based on the Lot Quality Assurance Sampling or LQAS and shall continue to award Outstanding Barangays using the previous year's criteria;

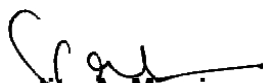
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the RNC request all its member agencies, members of the academe and civic organizations with a bias to the nutrition program to participate in the annual MELLPI Pro activity scheduled in March to May and provide budget for travel and per diem for their representatives;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, for local nutrition committees to adopt the MELLPI Pro, include it in their annual work and financial plan and utilize results for re-planning of their respective nutrition action plans and enjoin LGUs to follow the prescribed schedule as follows:


Schedule	Activity	Agency in Charge
January-February	Barangay Evaluations with BNS Evaluation	City/Municipal Nutrition Evaluation Teams
February-March	Municipal Evaluations with Nutrition Action Officers and D/C/M Nutrition Program Coordinators Evaluations	Provincial Nutrition Evaluation Teams
First Friday or April	Submission of Nominees for Outstanding BNSs/NAO/LNPCs	Provincial and City Nutrition Evaluation Teams
April-May	Regional MELLPI with BNS, NAO and D/C/MNPC nominee evaluations	Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team
2 nd week June	Deliberation of MELLPI Results	Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team
2 nd week July	Approval of Outstanding LNCs/Nutrition Workers	Regional Nutrition Committee
2 nd Friday of August	Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony	Regional Nutrition Committee and its Technical Working Group

RESOLVED FINALLY, to request the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region VII to disseminate this resolution and campaign for its compliance in all LGUs in the region by 2021.

Certified Correct:


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