

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

**RNC Resolution No. 021-01 (s. 2021)**

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting held on 18  
February 2021 via zoom video conference

**“ENJOINING CENTRAL VISAYAS LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, LEAGUE OF CITIES,  
PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS LEAGUE, VICE MAYORS’ LEAGUE, AND COUNCILORS  
LEAGUE TO SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION”**

**WHEREAS**, PD 491 otherwise known as the “Nutrition Act of the Philippines” states that the nutrition is a “vital and integral part” of social and economic development;

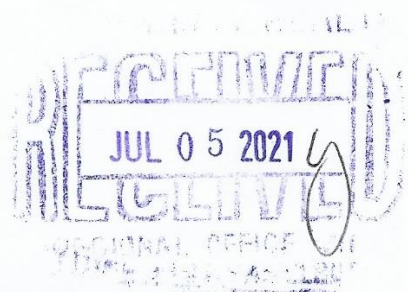
**WHEREAS**, The Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN) 2019-2022, the region’s blueprint for nutrition program implementation, specifies the need for a variety of nutrition and nutrition-sensitive services to address nutrition-related issues in Central Visayas by 2022;

**WHEREAS**, despite decrease in prevalence rates, the malnutrition rate of children below five years of age remains high in magnitude, 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**, DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-42 cites guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of LGUs in the implementation of the PPAN 2017-2022 AND RPAN 2019-2022;

**WHEREAS**, Local Nutrition Committees (LNC), composed of key local government personnel and community partners, are central entities that ensure the continued implementation of quality nutrition programs, projects and activities;

**WHEREAS**, Local Chief Executives serve as chair of LNCs and are tasked to lead the committee in providing nutrition services for the community, setting an enabling environment for sustainable nutrition implementation through policy formulation, resource appropriation and evaluation;



**WHEREAS**, the Vice Mayors who presides the sessions and the members of the local Sanggunian plays a significant role in passing enabling local nutrition and related policies and endorsement of local nutrition budgets;

**WHEREAS**, the nutrition program is in need of localized policies, well thought of plans and programs, resources and leadership;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, for the Central Visayas Regional Nutrition Committee to enjoin the regional League of Municipalities, League of Cities, Provincial Board Members' League, Vice Mayor League and League of Councilors to support the nutrition program by lobbying the following action points to their members:

- a.) Passing policies to adopt programs of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition,
- b.) Facilitate resource allocation for the implementation of the nutrition program, and
- c.) Ensure that local nutrition action plans are acted upon.

**RESOLVE FURTHER**, for the RNC Technical Working Group to conduct advocacy activities in 2021-2022 with members of the league with the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region VII taking lead;

**RESOLVE FURTHER**, for the National Nutrition Council Region VII, as secretariat to the RNC, to provide advocacy materials and identify other priority action points for mayors, vice-mayors, board members and councilors in support of the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition;

**RESOLVE FURTHERMORE**, for members of the RNC and its Technical Working Group to assess the success of this resolution using the following indicators:


- a.) Increased passage of nutrition related policies,
- b.) Increased budget for nutrition; and
- c.) Increased nutrition implementation accomplishment

**RESOLVE FINALLY**, to forward copy of this resolution to DILG 7, Leagues of Municipalities, League of Cities, Provincial Board Members Leagues, Vice Mayor's League and Councilors Leagues.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021 in Cebu City.

Certified Correct:

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