

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
National Nutrition Council Region VII

CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

RNC Resolution No. 022-03 (s 2022)

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Online Meeting held
on 15 July 2022 in Cebu City, Philippines

**“AMMENDMENT OF RNC RESOLUTION NO. 020-03 TO RENAME THE RNC
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE FUNCTIONALITY
TO REGIONAL NUTRITION SHEPHERDING TEAM AND ADOPTION
OF THE GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL
NUTRITION COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD”**

WHEREAS, in order to effectively address all forms of malnutrition, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017–2022 was formulated and it calls for an enabling program that activates local governments through the LGU Mobilization Strategy;

WHEREAS, the PPAN LGU Mobilization Strategy's Peer Learning Approach is a set of technical support modalities designed to improve local nutrition governance with Nutrition Shepherd Project as one of the approach's three primary elements;

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Shepherd Project is a framework that incorporates a regional nutrition shepherding team advising and mentoring underperforming LGUs to improve their capacities to manage nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, in Central Visayas, Nutrition Shepherd is not a new concept as the Regional Nutrition Committee - Technical Working Group and the HRH for Nutrition had been conducting LGU mentoring activities since 2016;

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Shepherd Project, however, gives a better structure to these mentoring activities and thus the RNC-TWG during the project orientation held on 22-23 March 2022, propose to marry this project with the RNC Sub Committee for LNC functionality, a sub-committee formed by RNC in 2020 via Resolution No. 020-03 entitled Organizing the RNC Subcommittee on Local Nutrition Committee Functionality and rename it as Regional Nutrition Shepherd Team (RNST);

WHEREAS, the RNST shall perform the following roles and functions:

- a. Shepherd priority LGUs on effective nutrition program management with a focus on (1) nutrition policies, (2) nutrition planning and budgeting, and (3) local nutrition structures and human resource,
- b. Identify the priority LGUs for shepherding using a set of criteria subject to the approval of the RNC,

- c. Review of the nutrition situation of priority LGUs and determine gaps in nutrition program implementation and management,
- d. Assist the priority LGUs in identifying solutions to address identified gaps,
- e. Share knowledge, skills, experiences, and proven strategies that may contribute to finding solutions to the identified implementation gaps as applicable and suitable to the priority LGUs,
- f. Disseminate updated nutrition information and technologies, including new ways of promoting gender equity and social inclusion,
- g. Assist in the development of the priority LGU's re-entry plan after the shepherding sessions,
- h. Monitor the progress of implementing the action points or re-entry plan of the priority LGUs and provide supportive supervision,
- i. Provide reports to RNC on the progress of project implementation and raise policy issues to be addressed at the RNC level, and
- j. Advocate for the integration of nutrition in local policies, local development plans and budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Nutrition Committee in a meeting duly assembled and upon recommendation of the Regional Nutrition Committee-Technical Working Group, amend the RNC Resolution No. 020-03 and rename it to Regional Nutrition Shepherding Team (RSNT).

RESOLVED FURTHER, adoption of the guidelines on Capacitating and Mobilizing Shepherding LGUs to Mentor Fellow LGUs on Effective Nutrition Program Management hereto attached, in addition to the roles and functions of the RNST as defined by RNC Res. 020-03;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that as members of the Regional Nutrition Committee Central Visayas, we support the Nutrition Shepherding Project to be implemented by the interagency RNST and adopt the guidelines;

RESOLVED FINALLY, for the National Nutrition Council Region VII as Secretariat of the RNC to cause the widest dissemination of the **Nutrition Shepherding Project** by furnishing all the member agencies of the RNC, the local government units, other regional partners, and the National Nutrition Council Central Office a copy of this Resolution and request the Central Visayas Regional Development Council Central Visayas for policy and advocacy support.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July 2022.

Certified Correct:


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