



12 September 2023 Summit Galleria Cebu Cebu City

#### Retooling of LGUs and Partners on the Use of WYD and Joint Regional and Local Bantay Asin Task Force Meeting



# Schedule of Activities

Day/Time	Schedule of Activities	
11 Sept 2023	Arrival and Check-in of Out-of-Town Participants	
12 Sept 2023		
9:00 AM	Registration	
9:30 AM	Opening Preliminaries Prayer Philippine National Anthem NNC Hymn	
10:00 AM	Welcome Remarks	Pas A
10:05 AM	Messages	
10:15 AM	Overview of the Salt Iodization Program	
10:25 AM	Updates on RA 8172	

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Day/Time	Schedule of Activities	
10:35 AM	Part I. Re-tooling of LGUs and RBATF 7 Members on the Use of WYDs	
12:00 NN	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM	Part II. Joint Regional and Local Bantay Asin Task Force	Me
1:00 PM	Call to Order	
1:05 PM	Approval of the Proposed Agenda	
1:10 PM	Presentation and Approval of the Highlights of the Previous Meeting	
1:25 PM	Regional Bantay Asin Task Force 7 and Organization of Local Bantay Asin Task Forces	
1:45 PM	Sharing of Salt Monitoring Results	
2:00 PM	Review of the 2023 Regional Bantay Asin Task Force Plan and Catch-Up Plan	
2:30 PM	Synthesis, Agreements and Next Steps	
2:45 PM	Closing Ceremonies Awarding of Certificates Evaluation Closing Message	

#### Ms. Ruselen Grace Angel Ellorda Chemist, DOST 7

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## Overview of the National Salt Iodization Program

**Ms. Christine April M. Lopez** DMO II, NNC 7



Universal Salt Iodization Program is a program that seeks to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD).

This is the cheapest, safest, most effective, and long-term solution to manage IDD.

Salt is widely consumed by virtually all population groups in all countries, with little seasonal variation in consumption patterns, and salt intake tends to be proportional to energy intake/requirements.





It is estimated that **1.88 billion people worldwide** are at risk of insufficient iodine intake and approximately one-third of the world's population lives in areas with some iodine deficiency.

Iodine deficiency can cause general functional health and reproductive impairment, as well as learning disabilities in children; severe iodine deficiency can cause stunting, goiter and irreversible brain damage in the fetus and infant, and retarded psychomotor development in children





WHO recommends that all food-grade salt used in households and food processing should be fortified with iodine as a safe and effective strategy for the prevention and control of IDD

Iodized salt is food-grade salt that contains the prescribed level of iodine.

Iodized salt that conforms to the standards set by the FDA to meet national nutritional needs shall be made available to consumers.





#### According to DOST-FNRI 2018-2019

#### 6 out of 10 (59.5%) Filipino households use lodized Salt.

#### 7 out of 10 (67.3%) Filipino households are aware of it.

#### **36.0%** of Filipino households utilize iodized salt properly.



The program aims to address the following IDD



#### CRETINISM

A disorder that has lasting consequences of mental impairment and limited growth, can damage newborns who are significantly iodine deficient.



#### GOITER

An abnormal enlargement of the thyroid gland, in individuals.



Effects of IDD for pregnant women

Stillbirths and spontaneous abortions can occur in pregnant women who don't get enough iodine for themselves and their unborn child.





The impact of Iodine deficient individual to the community Iodine deficiency is the most common cause of mental slowness and can significantly lower IQs of populations



Iodine deficit causes mental impairment that affects not only individuals but entire society by lowering GDP, productivity, and educational attainment.







Iodine is an essential mineral that is needed for proper physical and mental development among infants, young children, and pregnant and lactating women.

 Using adequately iodized salt when cooking at home is the cheapest and easiest way to prevent iodine deficiency.





 Some salt contains iodine but do not necessarily contain the right amount of iodine.

 Using iodized salt in meal preparations and other uses will prevent your family from having iodine deficiency.





The use of the "Saktong Iodine sa Asin" or SISA seal guarantees the iodine content of salt being sold in the market.

Which also promotes the use of iodized salt with an acceptable iodine content and its accessibility.





Not all iodized salt sold in the market has the right amount of iodine.

#### LOOK FOR THE SEAL!



#### LGU's Role in the National Salt Iodization Program

# **Salt iodization is required by law** therefore LGUs shall ensure its implementation.

Local Chief Executives (LCEs) need to understand the importance of addressing IDD prevalence in their community. LCEs should show their support for the NSIP initiatives.





#### LGU's role in the National Salt Iodization Program

Formulation of ordinances and information campaigns promoting the availability and use of iodized salt.

Provision of budget for health and nutrition programs.

Monitoring the quality of salt as provided by law through its respective health officers and nutritionist-dietitians or, in their absence, through the sanitary inspectors



### LGU's Role in the National Salt **Iodization Program**

Establishment and maintenance of a list of salt producers in their respective territorial jurisdiction. A list of registered salt producers in every province shall be submitted to the FDA within 6 months and shall be updated annually. The list shall reflect the following information per salt producer/manufacturer:

- 1) Name and address of company and/or owner
- Location of salt production site 2) (sitio/barangay)
- 3) Annual production capacity (in metric tons)
- Types of salt produced: 4)
  - food-grade (coarse or fine iodized salt i) - non-iodized salt
  - industrial salt ii)

5) Distribution channels, such as:

- region

- direct sale to consumers within the province - traders within the province

- traders from other provinces/regions

- food manufacturers within the province

- food manufacturers outside the province or



#### LGU's Role in the National Salt Iodization Program



Local Government Units (LGUs) to check and monitor the quality of food-grade salt being sold in their markets and retail stores to ensure its iodization through their Local Bantay Asin Task Force and regular conduct of monitoring activities.











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## Updates on RA 8172

#### **Dr. Alexander Michael G. Palma** Program Consultant, UNICEF Philippines





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Ms. Ruselen Grace Angel Ellorda, RCh Chemist, Department of Science in technology **Region VII** 

Re-tooling of LGUs and **RBATF 7 Members on** the use of WYDs





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Joint Regional and Local Bantay Asin Task Force Meeting



# Call to Order

#### Ms. Girlie Vera Cruz-Libato Chair, Regional Bantay Asin task Force 7 Past Vice-President, NDAP Cebu Chapter



# Approval of the Proposed Agenda



**Ms. Christine April M. Lopez** DMO II, NNC 7

Presentation and Approval of the Highlights of the **Previous Meeting** 



#### Concern



A. Updates on Salt Iodization Program

1. Lack of Training of LGUs on the use of WYD	<ul> <li>DOST 7 to train LGUs on the use of the WYD</li> <li>Include the procedure in using WYD in the RxBox USB</li> </ul>
2. Lack of solution for WYD kits	<ul> <li>NNC 7 to ask DOST 7 to help in preparation of the solutions</li> </ul>

#### Updates

- DOST 7 chemist was able to attend a training conducted by UNICEF.
- Retooling/training conducted on 12 Sept 2023 with RP from DOST 7 and funding support from UNICEF.
- Pax: LGUs with WYD, those with approved budget for the purchase of WYD salt testing kit.
- Letter of intent to be sent to DOST
  7 to request for Solution A and B.



#### Concern

#### Agreements

A. Updates on Salt Iodization Program

3. Lack of database for salt sample results	<ul> <li>RBATF 7 to check if a centralized database is possible</li> <li>Strategize in consideration of the data privacy law – focus on encouragement and not punishment</li> </ul>	Data basing of salt samples to be done, in consideration of the data privacy act of the source of salt samples.
4. Lack of recognition of establishments supportive of SIP	<ul> <li>For inclusion in the RBATF 7 workplan next year</li> <li>RBATF 7 Secretariat to prepare mechanics for giving of certificates</li> <li>Craft post facts or fake of Salt Iodization or question post</li> </ul>	RBATF 7 plans to be included in the overall RNC-TWG workplan for year 2024.
<ol> <li>5. Proliferation of fake news about iodized salt</li> </ol>	Prepare and upload facts on SIP iodized salt and SIP.	Still to be done.

#### Updates



## Regional Bantay Asin Task Force and Organization of Local Bantay Asis Task Forces

**Ms. Christine April M. Lopez** DMO II, NNC 7 The Regional Bantay Asin Task Force (RBATF) 7 is primary body responsible for coordinating the National Salt Iodization Program in Region 7. It regularly monitors the two major salt producers in Central Visayas and select food establishments and markets.







#### The RBATF 7 Members

#### **SUPPLY SIDE**

Artemis Salt Corporation	Food and
Bureau of Customs	Philippi
Cebu Port Authority	Sal
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Departme

Department of Science and Technology

d Drug Administration

oine National Police

alinas Food Inc.

nent of Trade Industry



#### The RBATF 7 Members

#### **DEMAND SIDE**

Department of Education	Nutr Associati
Department of Health	Philipp
Department of the Interior and Local Government	Philippine
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Scaling Up Nutrition-Academe Network

#### Local Government Units all 4 provinces and the 3 **Highly Urbanized Cities**

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- pine Association of Nutrition
- e Information Agency


## RA 8172 Mandates

The Republic Act No. 8172, entitled "An Act Promoting Salt Nationwide" (ASIN), mandates the Department of Health (DOH) as the lead agency in the implementation of said Act in cooperation with the other government agencies involved in the implementation of the law.





The Implementing Rules and Regulations of the law shall be construed in a manner that can achieve the objectives of R.A. 8172 namely:

- a) to contribute to the elimination of micronutrient malnutrition, particularly iodine deficiency disorders;
- b) to require salt producers/manufacturers to iodize the salt they manufacture, produce, distribute, trade and/or import; c) for the government agencies to undertake their roles and responsibilities in
- carrying out the provisions of this Act;
- d) for the food processing and the food service industries to use only iodized salt;
- e) to provide mechanisms and incentives for the salt industry; and
- to ensure the sustainability of the salt iodization program. f)

## **RA 8172 Mandates**



## The composition and roles of Local Bantay Asin Task Force

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## Proposed Activities for the Local Bantay Asin Task Force

- Quarterly meetings of the Task Force/ Inclusion in the agenda in every MNC meetings
- Monitor salt producers/manufacturers, food establishments, bakeries, sarisari stores, and markets.
- Information drive of the NSIP, group sessions, brgy. sessions
- Produce and distribute IEC materials on NSIP e.g. posters, streamers, komiks, etc. Use social media
- Provide verification to establishments that the salt that they are using are tested and passed the recommended iodine content
- Advocate to other stakeholders on the National Salt Iodization Program

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## **Activities of the RBATF 7**

The RBATF 7 conducts quarterly meetings together with the Regional Nutrition Committee-Technical Working Group, Nutrition Cluster, and ECCD meetings.







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## Advocacy Efforts for National Salt Iodination Program

Promotion of the National Salt Iodination Program through social media posts.



## **NSIP POST**

Iodine deficiency can cause a number of Health Issuas, such as:

Impaired brain development affecting difficulty in learning during childhood

#### Kahibaw ba mo?



Pregnant women can reduce their risk of stillbirth, premature delivery, and stunted baby growth by using iodized salt.



Regional survey were also posted and shared to LGUs for collective data on the LGU's status of Local Bantay Asin Task Force and WYD kits.

This was the basis of the invited participants in today's activity

Only 6 out of 136 LGUs in the region are reported to have functional WYD Kits

## Monitoring of LGU Implementation of the National Salt Iodization Program

#### **Regional WYD Salt Testing Kit** Survey

EYES HERE

Please scan the QR code for us to know on the latest update of LGUs on their WYD Salt Testing Kit





# Actions Requested form LGUs

Organize/Reorganize/Strengthen Local Bantay Asin Task Force in your LGUs.

Implement the in your LGUs.

Share the NNC 7's National Salt Iodination Program post in your Facebook pages.

Provinces to ensure WYD survey is answered by their LGUs.

Implement the Salt Iodization Program





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# Sharing of Salt **Monitoring Results** conducted by the **RBATF** 7



- Held on 3 February 2023.
- RBATF 7 Chair, Ms. Libato of NDAP-Cebu Chapter, the RBATF7 led the monitoring activity.
- The team visited the salt plants located in Metro Cebu: Bohol Lirio Marketing Corp and Arvin international Inc.
- Some members also collected salt samples from the markets, bakeries, sari-sari store in Cebu and Mandaue City.

## Salt Monitoring 1st sem 2023









## **RBATF 7 Salt Monitoring** 1st sem 2023

Team Composition: DILG 7, PAN Cebu Chapter, Cebu City Nutrition office staff, Cebu City Health Nutrition and Sanitary Officers, and Mandaue City Nutrition Staff.





Two team were fielded: one for the salt plants and one for the community.



## Salt Monitoring Results 1st sem 2023

- Two salt samples were collected from both salt plants, one direct from the machine while the other is the stored samples.
- Both samples collected directly from the machine passed the standard ppm content which is 30-70 ppm at production level.
- But the stored samples failed to meet the required ppm level, Bohol Lirio's salt after one week of storage had a dismal 3.4 ppm level and Arvin International Marketing Incorporation's salt after one month had a 31.9 ppm level.







## Salt Monitoring Results 1st sem 2023

- Seventeen (17) salt samples in all were gathered and sent for analysis for the first semester.
- Twelve (12) of the samples have levels of iodine that are over the World Health Organization's 15 ppm (mg/kg) threshold.
- Five (5) samples, including three (3) from the karenderia and the other two from a home and a sari-sari store, failed to meet the required iodine concentration.

- Twenty-six (26) salt samples were gathered during the Local Nutrition Action Plan workshop from the provinces of Cebu and Negros Oriental. Salt samples will be forwarded to DOST for analysis in addition to today's salt samples from the participants.







## **Conclusions and Implications**

65% or 11 of the samples shows a **High level** of iodine ppm

29% or 5 of the samples shows a Low level of iodine ppm

6% or 1 of the samples shows a **Moderate level** of iodine ppm

35% of salt consumed by the residents of Cebu City and Mandaue City are uniodized

Some salts coming from Cebu (sourced from Bohol Lirio) are not adequately iodized.







#### **IODINE DEFICIENCY**

People who becom dine deficient can suffe

Children born with odine deficiency co pecome afflicted b



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## Actions Requested

BATF of Mandaue City to closely monitor Bohol Lirio Local BATFs to create ASIN Check Points to monitor entry of uniodized salts in the local markets

**RBATF 7** and **LBATFs** members to conduct vigorous campaign for the public to use salt bearing SISA seal



Review of the 2023 **Regional Bantay Asin** Task Force Plan





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## RBATF 7 2023 Plans and Accomplishments

	Objective	Activity	
	1. Raise awareness on		Conductor Sent out celebrate
	Uploading of NSIP IEC Materials via NNC 7 FB Page	Weekly promotic seal and FB Page	
2. Strengthen RBATF 7 member agencies compliance to RA 8172 (ASIN Law)	Regular meetings of the RBATF 7	3 Meeti the RNC-	
	•	Re-dissemination of CV RNC resolution on RBATF 7 reconstitution	Dissemir visits to l Regional

#### Accomplishment

ted with select LGUs It advisory to encourage LGUs to te GAW

posting of materials on the on of iodized salt, patronizing SISA d related posts in the NNC 7 official

ings conducted simultaneous with TWG, Nutrition Cluster meetings

nated resolution during advocacy LCEs, MELLPI evaluation, and I ManCon



## 2023 Plans and Accomplishments

Objective	Activity	
3. Monitor implementation of the	Regular monitoring and salt testing of salt producers in CV (Bohol Lirio and Arvin Marketing International)	and sele
national salt iodization program in Central Visayas		<ul><li>17 salt</li><li>with res</li><li>26 salt s</li></ul>
4. Monitor status of LBATF and WYD kits of LGUS	Collate data on the active and organized LBATF	10 LGU

#### Accomplishment

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# Synthesis, Agreements and Next Steps

Ms. Mary Gessa A. Vergara Nutritionist Dietitian II, DOH CVCHD/NNC 7



- The program started at 9:10 AM with a prayer led by Sir Edwin Monceda of DILG 7 followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and NNC hymn
- Welcome Remarks by RBATF 7 Chair, Ms. Girlie Vera-Cruz Libato
- Inspirational Messages was given by Dr. Parolita A. Mission of NNC7 and Dr. Michael Palma of UNICEF
- Introduction of Participants facilitated by Ms. Nasudi Soluta, NNC 7

## Preliminaries

and the second se	Agenda	Issues/ Concerns	
DE	PART I		
	1. Overview of the Salt Iodization Program	Who is responsible in monitoring the iodized salt, especially salt manufacturers at the LGU level	<ul> <li>The Local I Dietitian o absence.</li> <li>Re-organiz through th</li> <li>CHO to ren establishm for the atta</li> </ul>
		If we require LGU to do salt testing, but we don't have testing kit, is there any agency that can test the salt?	<ul> <li>In the past by DOH, by measures WYD iodin</li> <li>RBATF 7 se</li> <li>NNC 7 to se</li> </ul>

Bantay Asin Task Force, or the Nutritionistor the Sanitation Inspector of his/her

ization of Local Bantay Asin Task Force the help of the C/MHO and SI. emind SI to get samples of salt from ments during renewal of permits to check tainment of ASIN law standards.

st, LGUs use Rapid Testing Kit (RTK) provided but they no longer procure RTK as it only availability of iodine in salt not the quality. ne checker is the recommended tool. Send samples to DOST 7 for testing. share to LGUs details WYD supplier.

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A DE	Agenda	Issues/ Concerns	
	2. Updates of RA 8172 ASIN Law	Are salt from the sea (solar salt) or locally produced salt included in ASIN law?	It is mandato animal consur Small scale ar manufacturers Salt used for the law. Producers ne mandated by
		Lead agency in the monitoring salt manufacturers	LGU can ask testing of salt, FDA is the a violators.

ory that all salt must for human and mption be iodized including Solar salt.

nd local producers can tie up with big rs to iodize the salt.

industrial purposes are excluded in

eed to comply with the standards value of a standards.

assistance from FDA to facilitate the t, as stated in the law.

agency mandated by law to act on



Agenda	Issues/ Concerns	
2. Updates of RA 8172 ASIN Law (continued)	Unsanitary practices of salt producers	Findings of housekeeping s Coordinate with compliance es permits of the b

<sup>t</sup> monitoring including poor shall be forwarded to FDA for action.

th sanitary inspectors to help enforce specially during renewal of sanitary businesses.

Id - REDI	Agenda	Issues/ Concerns	
195	3. Retooling of participants on the use of WYD	Authority of personnel who will conduct the salt testing	<ul> <li>Personne using WY</li> <li>Other pe samples.</li> <li>LGU per training d refresher</li> </ul>
		Results of the salt testing	Participants through text
			<ul> <li>LGU/ager check the and help</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>LGUs t</li> <li>findings</li> <li>legal and</li> </ul>

- el who are trained can do salt testing YD checker.
- ersonnel can assist in collecting salt

rsonnel can watch Salinas WYD demo in Salinas YouTube Channel for r on how to use WYD iodine checker.

s to share their results to the NNC 7 at or chat for data base.

ncies to review RA 8172 and ne roles of agencies, sanctions, etc. advocate and push of the law.

to endorse to FDA their during salt monitoring for their appropriate action



#### Agenda

#### **Action points**

#### PART II

Highlights of the previous meeting	<ul> <li>Training on how to use WYD co</li> <li>NNC7 secretariat to share cont</li> <li>solution supplier</li> </ul>
RBATF7 and Organization of LBATF	<ul> <li>Share to other LGUs the WYD answer</li> <li>Invite other agency to be part</li> </ul>
Sharing of Salt Monitoring Results	<ul> <li>BATF of Mandaue City to close</li> <li>Local BATFs to create ASIN Ch iodized salts in the local mark</li> <li>RBATF 7 and LBATFs members the public to use salt bearing</li> </ul>

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	PART II	
	Review of the 2023 RBATF7 Plan	The Task Force to send a le issuance of a memo for re functionalization of LBATF
		LGUs to use salt monitorin activity.
	Other matters	LGUs to visit NNCRVII Face monitoring forms, other u
		NNC7 to look into the stat in the country and share t

#### ion points

- letter to DILG requesting e-organization and Fs.
- ng forms in their monitoring
- cebook page for a copy of the updates and information.
- tistics on the importation of salt to LGUs.



## Next Steps

- and status of the organization and functionality of LBATF
- of WYD supplier for procurement
- DILG 7 to send memo to LGUs to
- ${\color{black}\bullet}$ modify them as needed
- official Facebook page at NNCRVII

LGUs to help disseminate the NNC 7initiated survey on the availability of WYD

NNC 7 to share to LGUs contact details

organize/reorganize and functionalize LBATF

LGUs to use the NSIP monitoring forms or

NNC will post presentation materials in NNC 7





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# Closing Ceremonies









# Awarding of Certificates

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

This certificate is awarded to

# **UNICEF** Philippines

in appreciation of their invaluable services and contributions to the Retooling of LGUs and Partners on the use of WYD. Your generosity and support have made a significant impact on the Salt Iodization Program in Central Visayas.

Given this 12th day of September 2023 at the Summit Galleria Hotel, Cebu City.

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Parolita A. Mission, DPA, RN **Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator** National Nutrition Council Region VII



#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

This certificate is awarded to

## Ruselen Grace Angel Ellorda

for sharing her valuable time and expertise as resource person during the Retooling of LGUs and Partners on the Use of WYD.

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## CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

## Lisa Marie Simpson

For attending the Retooling of LGUs and Partners on the use of WYD and The Local & Regional Bantay Asin Task Force held on 12 September 2023 at the Summit Galleria Cebu, Cebu City

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