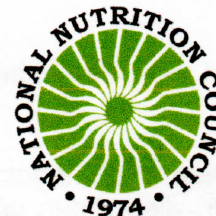




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**Regional Nutrition Committee VIII**

**RNC VIII Resolution No. 1, Series of 2021**

**ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN EASTERN VISAYAS TO IMPLEMENT THE TUTOK KAINAN – DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (TK-DSP)**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 7160, section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states the key role of the local governments in the delivery of efficient and effective provision of programs and projects on nutrition and other basic services;

**WHEREAS**, Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 is the country's blueprint in nutrition and an integral part of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. The goal of which is to improve the nutrition situation of the country as a contribution to the achievement of "*Ambisyon Natin 2040*" by improving the quality of human resource base of the country, reducing inequality in human development, and reducing maternal and child mortality;

**WHEREAS**, PPAN 2017-2022 has identified the National Dietary Supplementation Program (NDSP) as one of the interventions to address the immediate cause of undernutrition, inadequate food and nutrient intake and undesirable poor feeding practices;

**WHEREAS**, the National Dietary Supplementation Program (NDSP) aims to supplement the diets of nutritionally vulnerable groups, particularly pregnant women and infants and young children 6-23 months old in food-insecure households, 3 years old to 5 years old children, and severely wasted/wasted Kinder to Grade 6 school children, especially those from very poor households;

**WHEREAS**, dietary supplementation of pregnant women as well as of children in food-insecure households has been identified in several frameworks cited in the Lancet Framework and the World Health Organization (WHO) Essential Nutrition Actions, and the WHO Guidelines for Antenatal to achieve optimum fetal, and child nutrition and development;

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2018 Fill the Nutrition Gap Philippines Report, there are four million children below 5 years old in the Philippines who are malnourished; unlikely to reach their full mental and physical potential, and with the threat of Covid-19, the number could possibly increase;

**WHEREAS**, the National Nutrition Council as the highest policy-making and coordinating body on nutrition advocates the Tutok Kainan - Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) in response to addressing nutrition problems in the midst of Covid-19 situation;

**WHEREAS**, the Tutok Kaninan - Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) covers dietary supplementation in the first 1000 days of life or the period of pregnancy to the first two years of life to contribute to the prevention of stunting among infant and young children 0-23 months old by improving the quality and quantity of food and nutrient intakes and utilization of related ECCD F1KD services among nutritionally at-risk pregnant women and infant and



young children 6-23 months old birth outcomes and complementary feeding practices in the target program areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) in its 2 October 2020 meeting supported and endorsed the Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) for nutritionally-at-risk (NAR) pregnant women and children from 6 to 23 months old, who will receive cash or food packs as part of the said program;

**WHEREAS**, the resolution was approved to help the vulnerable beneficiaries cope with nutritional challenges as the country continues adjust from the Covid-19 pandemic situation;

**WHEREAS**, Local Government units (LGUs) are recommended to ensure mobilization of resources to effectively implement the Dietary Supplementation Program among those who are identified to be nutritionally vulnerable, namely; (a) pregnant and lactating women, (b) infant and young children 6-23 months old, (c) 2.1-5 years old children in child CDCs, home-based and SNP groups; and, (d) 5-12 years old kindergarten to Grade 6 school children, aligned in PPAN to address malnutrition problems at the local level;

**WHEREAS**, the full budgetary support for the program from LGUs will commence on 2024 towards conclusion of the Devolution Transition Plan (DTP);

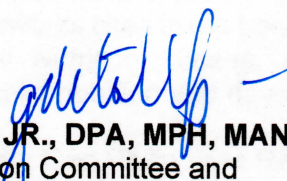
**WHEREAS**, upon the motion of Ma. Victoria C. Cuayzon of the National Economic and Development Authority, duly seconded by Prof. Faustito A. Aure of Eastern Visayas State University.

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin all local government units in Eastern Visayas to implement the Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) by providing budgetary support effective 2024;

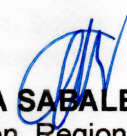
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, a copy of this resolution to be furnish to the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) 8 for wide dissemination, likewise to member agencies;

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 during the First Quarter Meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at The Oriental Leyte, Palo.

Certified true and correct:

  
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