

Republic of the Philippines Department of Health NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL Region VIII



## **Regional Nutrition Committee VIII**

RNC VIII Resolution No. 2, Series of 2018

## APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION (RPAN) 2019-2022

WHEREAS, double burden of malnutrition continues to be a problem in Eastern Visayas Region as reported by the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI, 2015);

WHEREAS, Eastern Visayas continues to be one of the laggard regions in the country that stood as 3<sup>rd</sup> poorest region with 38.7% poverty incidence among population (PSA, 2016);

WHEREAS, aside from the economic and social costs to the region these nutritional problems deprive the people of Eastern Visayas of their right to food and good nutrition;

WHEREAS, the region has committed to pursue the development vision of Eastern Visayas in 2040: A resilient and prosperous region where people enjoy equitable socioeconomic opportunities for and benefits of sustainable human development and the medium term regional goals of robust and sustained economic growth and reduce poverty and inequality in all dimensions;

WHEREAS, the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN), an integral part of the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022 was formulated, a guide for all involved in nutrition action, it lays out targets, directions, and priority actions;

WHEREAS, the goal of RPAN is to improve the nutrition situation of the region as a contribution to the achievement of development vision of Eastern Visayas in 2040;

WHEREAS, the RPAN consists of nutrition-specific programs that address the immediate causes of undernutrition most of which are in the health sector, nutrition-sensitive programs that likewise address underlying causes but have been tweaked to contribute to nutritional outcomes and enabling support programs which will ensure wider participation in delivering nutritional outcomes;

WHEREAS, the attainment of nutritional well-being is a main responsibility of families but duty bearers like government agencies, local government units, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and development partners should help the families especially the marginalized, to be able to provide for their own nutritional needs;

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WHEREAS, the RPAN was designed with a strong emphasis on the following strategic thrust; (1) Focus on the First 1000 Days of life; (2) Complementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition sensitive programs; (3) Intensified mobilization of local government units; (4) reaching geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) and communities of indigenous people; and (5) complementation of actions of national and local governments.

**NOW THEREFORE,** upon the motion of Dr. Hilaria L Bustamante of Eastern Visayas State University, duly seconded by Mgr. Roy Soledad of Plan International;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve and adopt the updated** Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition 2019-2022, by the aforementioned government and nongovernment instrumentalities.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Eighteen in Palo, Leyte.

**APPROVED FURTHER,** that a copy of this resolution shall be furnished to the concerned agencies.

Certified true and correct:

DR. CATALINO P. DOTOLLO, JR. Secretary, Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator National Nutrition Council VIII

Approved:

**DR. MINERVA P. MOLON** Chairperson, Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Director, Department of Health VIII

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