

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



Regional Nutrition Committee VIII

RNC Resolution No. 1, Series of 2020

ADOPTION OF THE NUTRITION CLUSTER ADVISORY NO. 1 GUIDELINES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT NUTRITION ACTIONS RELATIVE TO COVID 19

WHEREAS, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 on 8 March 2020, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines", due to the confirmed local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID 19, the Office of the President on 16 March 2020, issued a memorandum entitled "Community Quarantine over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation";

WHEREAS, further to Proclamation No. 922, the National Nutrition Cluster released Cluster Advisory No. 1 dated 23 March 2020, entitled "Nutrition Cluster Guidelines on LGU Nutrition Actions Relative to COVID-19" for all local government units, non-government organizations, business companies and other civic-oriented organizations providing nutrition services to all COVID19-affected populations;

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Cluster advisory recommended to a) promote good nutrition, in providing assistance, prioritize cities/municipalities and barangays with high rates of undernutrition; b) promote, protect and support exclusive breastfeeding; c) family food packs should contain age- and culturally-appropriate, clean and nutritious food items, nutritionally adequate, safe foods for complementary feeding of infants 6 months and above; and d) avoid or minimize purchase and consumption of processed foods. Community Kitchens maybe established and supervised by trained and medically-cleared personnel and volunteers, consider the use of local pasteurized dairy milk, availability of mother and baby-friendly safe spaces, conduct an inventory of prepositioned nutrition commodities such as nutrient and micronutrient supplements and among others (attached as Annex 1 Nutrition Cluster Advisory 1);

WHEREAS, on 30 April 2020, the Regional Nutrition Cluster in its First Cluster Meeting recommended for all local government units and concerned entities to adopt Nutrition Cluster Advisory No. 1.

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NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Dr. Dominador O. Aguirre, Jr., of Eastern Visayas State University duly seconded by Ms. Ma. Victoria C. Cuayzon of the National Economic and Development Authority, be it;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to adopt the Nutrition Cluster Advisory No. 1, Guidelines on Local Government Unit Nutrition Actions Relative to COVID 19".

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) VIII for wide dissemination.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, this 6th day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty in Palo, Leyte.

Certified true and correct:

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