

Resolution No. 051 Series of 2020 June 18, 2020

ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED COVERAGE RATE OF OPERATION TIMBANG PLUS OF AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT

- WHEREAS, Operation Timbang (OPT) Plus is an annual weighing and height measurement of children aged 0-59 months to identify and locate the malnourished children in the community;
- WHEREAS, the OPT Plus Team is led by a midwife with Barangay Nutrition Scholar, Barangay Health Worker, parent-leaders, purok leader, Barangay Kagawad on health and a representative from a civic organization as members;
- **WHEREAS**, data generated from the OPT Plus are used in community nutrition assessment, nutrition program planning and monitoring and evaluation of local nutrition programs which allow for timely provision of nutrition service interventions;
- WHEREAS, results of the OPT Plus are processed by the National Nutrition Council (NNC) to determine the nutritionally-at-risk communities;
- WHEREAS, NNC Memorandum Number 2017-03 provided that that OPT Plus and other nutrition surveys involving 0-51 months old children should have a coverage rate of at least 80%;
- WHEREAS, results of OPT Plus in 2019 in Zamboanga Peninsula showed that there were local government units which did not meet the recommended coverage rate;
- WHEREAS, low coverage yielded an uncertain picture of the status of malnutrition among children in a locality;
- WHEREAS, the local chief executive, as the chairperson of the local nutrition committee, can direct local nutrition workers to meet the OPT Plus coverage rate in the succeeding conduct of the said activity;
- WHEREAS, Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) IX passed Resolution No. 014, series of 2020, entitled "Endorsing to Regional Development Council IX to Enjoin Local Government Units to Meet the Recommended Coverage Rate of Operation Timbang Plus of at least of Eighty Percent."



NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Mr. Nestor R. Carbonera, Chairperson of Regional Social Development Committee IX and duly seconded by Mr. Alfredo L. Jamora, Private Sector Representative of Zamboanga Sibugay and Engr. Romel Duran of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, That Regional Development Council IX enjoin local government units to meet the recommended coverage rate of Operation Timbang Plus of at least eighty percent.

- **RESOLVED FURTHER,** that RDC IX request Department of the Interior and Local Government IX to enjoin the support of local government units in Zamboanga Peninsula;
- **DONE** during the 169th Regular Meeting of Regional Development Council IX, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, conducted on 18 June 2020 via video conference.

Certified Correct:

SUSAN C. VALERIO Acting Secretary

Attested:

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Approved: