



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Department of Health  
**NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL**  
Region IX – Zamboanga Peninsula  
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Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City



### **RNAHC RESOLUTION NO. 03, SERIES OF 2021**

#### **ADOPTING THE REGION IX (R9) COACHING, ASSISTING, AND REACHING ADVOCATES VIRTUALLY TO ADVANCE IN NUTRITION (CARAVAN) PROJECT AND ORGANIZE ITS TEAM MEMBERS**

- WHEREAS,** Presidential Decree No. 491 mandates the National Nutrition Council (NNC) as the country's highest policy-making and coordinating body on nutrition to provide technical assistance to the Local Government Units (LGUs) and program partners and implementers in addressing hunger and malnutrition of Filipinos, among others;
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic causes chaos to people's daily life such as, but not limited to, adverse impact to employment, mobility of people, basic goods and commodities, face-to-face learning activities and mass gatherings;
- WHEREAS,** the persisting health crisis aggravates food and nutrition insecurity, affects the capability of program implementers and public servants to perform their duties and functions, and limits the ability of the technical groups to provide capacity-building activities to target individuals;
- WHEREAS,** the advent of technological and digital advancements assisted the people to cope with the "new normal", such as conduct of webinars, facebook live, virtual trainings and meetings alongside with the exchange of communications using various social media applications, email, and mobile phones;
- WHEREAS,** the National Nutrition Council - IX also adapted to the "new normal" by making innovations in its approach to mentor, assist and extend technical assistance to the nutrition advocates and program implementers to continue to elevate the nutrition situation of Zamboanga Peninsula;
- WHEREAS,** coined from the word "CARAVAN" which literally means any group traveling in or as if in a caravan and using a specific mode of transportation, as pack of animals or motor vehicles, the NNC conceptualized the idea of using the term for its online project named as R9 Online CARAVAN (Coaching, Assisting and Reaching Advocates Virtually to Advance in Nutrition) Project to reach out to the local government units and program implementers and advocates. NNC shall take the lead in the realization and implementation of this project in the region.
- WHEREAS,** the R9 Online CARAVAN Project needs a team of focal and resource persons who shall provide technical assistance and shall be headed by the National Nutrition

Council with members coming from the partner agencies and Nutrition Focal Points of RNAHC member agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, That the Regional Nutrition and Anti-Hunger Committee adopt the R9 Online CARAVAN Project to continue to provide technical assistance to the nutrition advocates while adapting to the new normal in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that all members must be given a copy of the concept note on the R9 Online CARAVAN Project to ascertain their full support and commitment in the provision of assistance for the realization and implementation of the said project.

**DONE** during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting of Regional NAHC IX, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, conducted on September 17, 2021 via teleconference (Google Meet).

Certified Correct:

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