



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. 05, SERIES OF 2021**

### **CREATING THE REGIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER IN ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA**

- WHEREAS,** the Philippines ranked second in terms of risks associated with natural disasters according to the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Alliance Development Works/Bündnis Entwicklung Hilft (ADW) in 2018;
- WHEREAS,** the country is more vulnerable to humanitarian crises due to population increase, a geography consisting of islands and poor infrastructure;
- WHEREAS,** situated in the northwest Pacific Ocean just below the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone, the country is the most tropical cyclone-affected country in the world with an average of 20 typhoons annually, 6 of which are classified as destructive and is located along the Pacific Ocean's Ring of Fire which exposes the country to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions , as well;
- WHEREAS,** Region IX continues to be threatened by natural and human-induced emergencies that compromise the health and nutritional status of the most vulnerable groups: infant, children, pregnant and lactating women, and the elderly;
- WHEREAS,** on 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2007, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) issued Circular No. 5 entitled "Institutionalization of the Cluster Approach in the Philippine Disaster Management System Designation of Cluster Leads and their Terms of Reference at the National, Regional and Provincial Level" to strengthen the predictability, response capacity, coordination and accountability by strengthening the partnership in key sectors of humanitarian response;
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Health issued a Department Personnel Order No. 2007-2492-A for the creation of Health Cluster with four sub-clusters on Health namely, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation (WASH), Medical and Public Health, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Services and Support (MHPSS) with the National Nutrition Council as the cluster lead on nutrition;
- WHEREAS,** the National Nutrition Council released a Governing Board Resolution (NNC-GB) No. 1 series 2009, adopting the National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters that provides that the nutrition committee of each Local Government Unit shall function as the local nutrition cluster that

will undertake the nutrition management in the course of emergencies and disasters;

**WHEREAS,** RNAHC shall also function as the Regional Nutrition Cluster of Zamboanga Peninsula which will be activated in times of disasters and emergencies with the addition of the following members:

- a) Dir. Manuel Luis M. Ochotorena - OCD Reg'l Director & RDRRMC IX Chair
- b) Mr. Maxel G. Bermas – Nurse V / DOH 9 RHEMS Coordinator

the Nutrition Program Coordinator of the National Nutrition Council – Region IX shall be the Regional Nutrition Cluster Coordinator and the National Nutrition Council IX as the secretariat shall also prepare and submit reports to concerned entities and shall provide funds in the conduct of regular meetings

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that RNAHC IX creates the Regional Nutrition Cluster in Zamboanga Peninsula;

**RESOLVED FINALLY,** that RNAHC shall ensure the conduct of regular meetings of the Regional Nutrition Cluster that includes updates on the preparedness concerns, and incorporation of the Nutrition in Emergencies Plan in the overall Regional Disaster and Risk Reduction Plan to ascertain its functionality and sustainability.

**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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Approved:

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