



# REGIONAL NUTRITION AWARDING CEREMONY 2023

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# THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

## VISION

**By 2028, NNC is the authority in steering stakeholders for sustainable nutrition for all Filipinos.**

## MISSION

**We formulate, coordinate and monitor nutrition policies and programs for integrated multi-sectoral action towards sustainable nutrition.**

## NNC'S TAGLINE

***"Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat"***

# CORE VALUES

- A.** Accountability- an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions
- S.** Sensitivity- respond to the needs of our various publics and employees in the spirit of inclusiveness, with love and respect
- P.** Passion- serving with enthusiasm and dedication; enjoy work while giving delight and satisfaction to clients and to meet challenges with creativity and optimism and nurture each other's ideas to strive for excellence
- I.** Integrity - conduct our work with a deep sense of honesty and consistent application of government regulations and standards
- R.** Resiliency- ability to recover quickly from difficulties, to cope up with challenging situations and with stand adversity and bounce back from difficult life events.
- E.** Excellence- provide high quality and timely service through teamwork, innovation, versatility and dynamism.



# ABOUT NNC

## WHAT WE DO

The NNC, as mandated by law, is the country's highest policy- making and coordinating body on nutrition.

## QUALITY POLICY STATEMENT

NNC is committed to ensure improved access to quality nutrition and related interventions through formulation and coordination of policies and programs with excellence, integrity and transparency.

We shall endeavor to continually improve the quality management system to satisfy the needs and expectations of our clients with strict adherence to existing laws, rules and regulations.

## THE NNC CARAGA

**16K+**  
**Facebook**  
**FOLLOWERS**

**3-time**  
**Webby Awardee**  
**(2019, 2020, 2021)**

**53**  
**CPD Programs**  
**Applied in 2022**



## NNC LOGO:

The “spoons” that conquer malnutrition: Addressing malnutrition requires collective efforts among government offices, non-government organizations, private sectors, and other stakeholders.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

### 19TH CONGRESS, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES

Blessed greetings to all the officials and personnel of the National Nutrition Council in CARAGA!

As we gather to celebrate the annual awarding ceremony for nutrition, we stand together as champions in the battle against malnutrition. In CARAGA, and indeed across our great nation, the fight against malnutrition remains one of our most vital challenges. It is a battle that directly impacts the well-being of our people, particularly our children.

Malnutrition, in all its forms, robs our children of the opportunity to grow and thrive. It hampers their physical and cognitive development, hindering their potential to become the future leaders, innovators, and builders of our nation. The numbers are clear, and they are sobering. In the Philippines, millions of our children suffer from undernutrition, and the consequences are far-reaching.

As we gather here today, we must remember that our efforts to combat malnutrition are not just about numbers; they are about lives, dreams, and aspirations. The National Nutrition Council in CARAGA plays a pivotal role in this noble endeavor. Through your unwavering commitment, dedication, and tireless work, you are not only addressing the immediate needs of our children but also laying the foundation for a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous future.

I commend your relentless efforts to provide education, support, and nutrition interventions that empower families and communities to make informed choices about their health. You have shown that together, we can overcome the complex challenges of malnutrition.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to this cause. Let us also rekindle our determination to continue this vital journey. Let us carry forward the torch of hope, knowing that our collective efforts can transform the lives of our children and lead our nation toward a brighter and healthier future.

Mabuhay po kayong lahat!





## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

# GOV. NILO P. DEMEREY JR.

CHAIRPERSON, CARAGA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
GOVERNOR, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS

Dear Honorees, Participants, and Esteemed Guests,

As the Chairperson of the Caraga Regional Development Council and the Governor of the Province of Dinagat Islands, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations and unwavering support to the 2023 Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony, to be held on September 21, 2023, at the Almont Inland Resort, Butuan City.

This prestigious event, celebrating the achievements and contributions in the field of nutrition, is a testament to our collective commitment and dedication to enhancing the health and well-being of our communities. I am immensely proud of the strides we have made and the successes we have achieved in improving nutrition across our region.

The individuals and organizations honored during this ceremony represent the pinnacle of dedication, hard work, and ingenuity in ensuring everyone in our region has access to nutritious food and a healthy lifestyle. Your efforts are not just transforming lives today; they are shaping a healthier, stronger future for the generations to come.

I am also grateful for this event's opportunity to highlight and share best practices, innovative strategies, and inspiring success stories.

Let it catalyze further collaboration, sparking new ideas and partnerships that will continue to drive our progress toward better nutrition and health for all.

In these challenging times, the importance of good nutrition has never been more apparent. It is essential for our physical health, mental well-being, and resilience. Let us continue to work together, support each other, and strive to make our region a beacon of health and nutrition.

I commend the organizers of the Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony for their tireless efforts in making this event a reality. Your dedication and passion are an inspiration to us all.

As we look forward to this upcoming event, let us remember that our journey toward better nutrition is continuous. Our collective responsibility is to ensure that our efforts in food reach every corner of our region, from the bustling cities to the remote islands.

I appreciate your commitment to this crucial cause. I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our nutrition champions and embarking on the next chapter of our shared journey towards better health and nutrition.



## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

### HON. JUDY CHIN-AMANTE

CHAIRPERSON, RDC-SDC AND  
MAYOR, CITY OF CABADBARAN

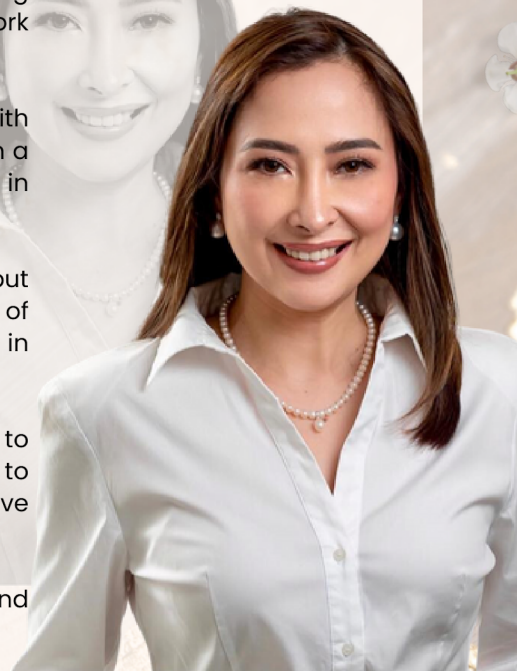
The challenge to fully combat and eradicate malnutrition, especially among children has remained to be among the social issues that we all must work together in order to really realize our vision of sustainable development.

It is vital that our investments for sustainable development must start with ensuring that our children have access to opportunities where they can grow in a healthy and conducive environment and foster their skills, talents, and abilities in order to become productive and highly functional future nation builders.

As Chairperson of the Social Development Committee, I have always been all put with my support to programs and projects that fully support the promotion of children's welfare and rights. Investing in our children is equivalent to investing in the future.

We must continue to forge partnerships with all the vital stakeholders in order to have a highly feasible and sustainable nutrition program that will be the key to the full realization of our vision of a healthy citizenry for the progressive Philippines.

Thank you and more power to all those on the frontlines of promoting and advancing our nutrition programs and advocacies.





## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

# DR. CESAR C. CASSION, MD, MPH, CESO III

CHAIRPERSON, REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE AND  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-CENTER  
FOR HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT XIII

My warmest greetings and congratulations to all Nutrition Champions whom we celebrate in this Annual Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony led and organized by the National Nutrition Council - Caraga.

Ensuring the nutrition of all people is fundamental to fostering an empowered, productive, and healthy functioning society.

We have seen from our experience with the COVID-19 pandemic the paramount importance of proper nutrition in cultivating immunity, protection against illness and infection, and supporting recovery.

This grand moment is an opportunity to recognize the actions, achievements, and dedicated efforts geared towards robust health and nutrition services that strive to address gaps and promote good nutrition.

I commend our proactive local government units, local nutrition champions, and various stakeholders for their significant work and contributions to sustaining and accelerating high-quality programs dedicated to improving nutrition. These efforts to expand initiatives, step up activities, support and intensify actions, and scale up services have led us closer to our vision of a world free from the throes of hunger and all forms of malnutrition.

These vital works in health and nutrition catalyze our post-pandemic efforts to build a better new normal. Further, your commitment to continually improving nutrition programs and interventions in your respective localities and spheres of influence to be more resilient, innovative, and responsive to the nutritional needs of our communities is a testament to the positive change you are affecting in the lives of people and generations to come. Beyond this, overcoming the complexity of malnutrition and its ilk requires unprecedented cooperation across all sectors and communities.

Improving access to nutrition and related services and advocating for positive nutrition behaviors and practices demand equally bold actions, ideas, commitment, and leadership.

These crucial times remind us of the paramount importance of undertaking challenges through a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach, as well as our utmost duty to act and create a path toward greater collaboration rooted in solidarity.

We stand as one with the National Nutrition Council - Caraga and all local government units, partners, and stakeholders in this crusade for optimal health and nutrition outcomes. The actions and initiatives recognized on this pivotal day allow us to take lengthened strides toward eradicating hunger and improving overall nutrition.

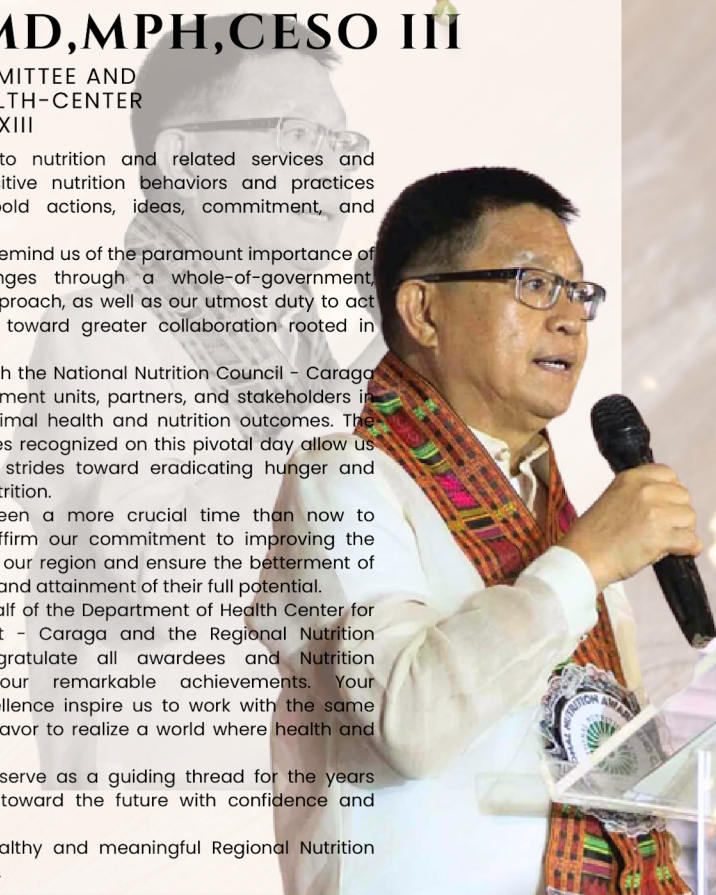
There has never been a more crucial time than now to strengthen and reaffirm our commitment to improving the nutrition situation of our region and ensure the betterment of our children's future and attainment of their full potential.

Once again, on behalf of the Department of Health Center for Health Development - Caraga and the Regional Nutrition Committee, I congratulate all awardees and Nutrition Champions for your remarkable achievements. Your successes and excellence inspire us to work with the same passion as we endeavor to realize a world where health and nutrition can thrive.

May this milestone serve as a guiding thread for the years ahead as we look toward the future with confidence and enthusiasm.

I wish you all a healthy and meaningful Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony.

Thank you.



## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

# DIR. MARIA LOISELLA E. LUCINO, CESO V

VICE CHAIRPERSON, REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE &  
DIRECTOR IV, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT XIII

Today we come together to celebrate the Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony, as an occasion that highlights the extraordinary commitment and dedication of those at the forefront of our battle against malnutrition in the Philippines. On behalf of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), I extend my warmest congratulations and express our unwavering support to all the awardees, including the Local Government Units (LGUs), and the invaluable program handlers - the Local Nutrition Program Coordinators and the Local Nutrition Focal Points such as the Provincial Nutrition Action Officers (PNAOS) City/Municipal Nutrition Action Officers (C/MNAOs), and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS).

This celebration is a testament to the unrelenting efforts of LGUs, as well as the PNAO, C/MNAOS, and BNS, who have dedicated their time, energy, and expertise to promote and sustain nutrition programs. These initiatives are specifically designed to address the severe malnutrition problems that persist in our communities.

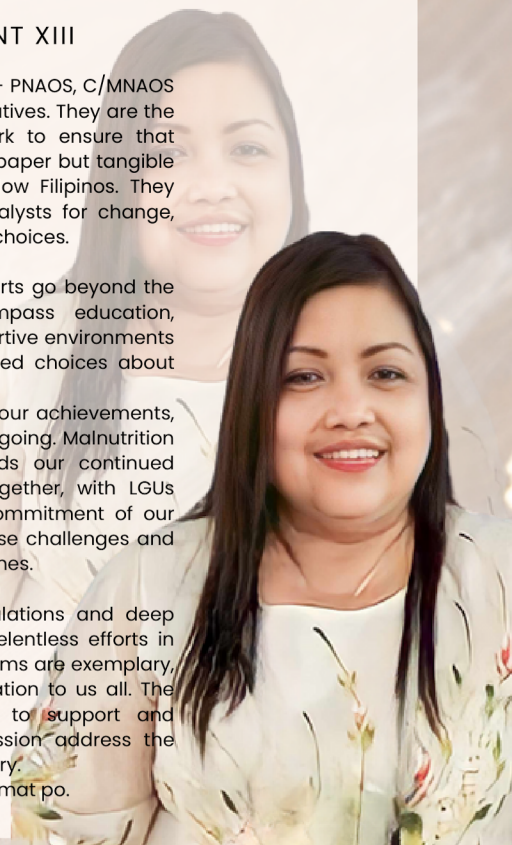
The LGUs play a pivotal role in orchestrating and supporting these programs at the local level. They are the driving force behind the implementation of policies and strategies aimed at improving the nutritional well-being of our citizens. Your unwavering commitment to these initiatives demonstrates that, at the grassroots level, real change is possible. You are the true agents of transformation within your communities.

On the other hand, our program handlers- PNAOS, C/MNAOS and BNS - are the heartbeat of these initiatives. They are the dedicated individuals who tirelessly work to ensure that nutrition programs are not just words on paper but tangible actions that impact the lives of our fellow Filipinos. They serve as educators, advocates, and catalysts for change, promoting healthier lifestyles and dietary choices.

It is essential to recognize that these efforts go beyond the mere provision of food. They encompass education, empowerment, and the creation of supportive environments that enable our citizens to make informed choices about their nutrition and well-being.

While we gather here today to applaud your achievements, we must remember that our journey is ongoing. Malnutrition remains a pressing issue that demands our continued dedication and innovative solutions. Together, with LGUs leading the way and the unwavering commitment of our program handlers, we can overcome these challenges and build a healthier, more prosperous Philippines.

In closing, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation to all the awardees. Your relentless efforts in promoting and sustaining nutrition programs are exemplary, and your dedication serves as an inspiration to us all. The DILG stan firmly by your side, ready to support and collaborate with you in our shared mission address the malnutrition problems besetting our country. Mabuhay kayong lahat, at maraming salamat po.





## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

### ENGR. RICARDO M. OÑATE, JR.

VICE CHAIRPERSON, REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE,  
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE XIII

Congratulations to the Department of Health – National Nutrition Council Caraga for the Annual Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony!

With the leadership of the Council, the unwavering commitment and dedication of the local nutrition focal persons to improving and strengthening the health and nutrition of all Filipinos are highly commendable and call for due recognition.

As partners in promoting health and nutrition among Caraganons, we, at the Department of Agriculture – Caraga gladly join you in celebrating this momentous annual event.

The Department also continues to express our profound support for the programs, activities, and projects of the council and assures that our partnership in serving the Caraganons remains steadfast.

Daghang salamat po!

Larga Caraga, Larga!



## MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

### **ASEC. AZUCENA M. DAYANGHIRANG, MD,MCH,CESO III**

ASSISTANT SECRETARY & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

Greetings from the National Nutrition Council! Today marks another momentous event celebrating the feats of the Caraga region in producing a new set of local nutrition focal points and Local Government Units (LGU) with outstanding performance in nutrition. It is my pleasure to join the Caraga 2023 Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony and confer awards to the nutrition movers and LGUs with excellent performance in nutrition program management.

Allow me to congratulate the Regional Local Nutrition Focal Point Awardees for 2022 including the Regional Outstanding Provincial Nutrition Action Officer, Regional Outstanding City/Municipal Nutrition Action Officer, Regional Outstanding City/Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinator, and Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholars. Let me congratulate the 23 LGU recipients of the Green Banner Seal of Compliance Award. These LGUs made a significant impact on the improvement of the nutritional situation in their areas. May these awards serve both as an inspiration and a challenge to our local nutrition committees, public servants, and volunteers to continue delivering the best nutrition service to Filipinos.

Caraga has greatly progressed in mobilizing its LGUs and increasing the functionality and capacity of local nutrition committees. A strong testament to this notable accomplishment is how Caraga continues to produce national contenders for PNAO, CNPC, NAO, BNS, and CROWN.

Likewise, the region was able to sustain its Dietary Supplementation Program Nutripaks – Always Yes to First 1,000 Days Program (AY1K) in the province of Surigao del Sur. Your achievements in nutrition serve as inspiration to others to aspire for a future where efficient and effective delivery of services are provided by capable and dedicated LNC members.

With food security and proper nutrition identified as priorities of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, I call upon our Local Chief Executives, nutrition partners, government agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to be steadfast and eager in prioritizing nutrition to achieve positive outcome. Our battle against hunger and malnutrition requires everyone's commitment to step forward and elevate their participation to create opportunities for communities to access more affordable and nutritious food, and increase the functionality of local nutrition implementers and committees in their area. Uniting our efforts can bring a large impact on improving the present and future state of health and nutrition in the Caraga region.

Congratulations to the awardees and Caraga Region. Mabuhay ang mga Nutrition Champions! Daghang Salamat sa inyong tanan!





## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

### NIÑO ARCHIE S. LABORDO, PhD, MRD, RN, LPT

REGIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR, NNC CARAGA

Greetings from the National Nutrition Council Caraga!

We take great satisfaction and pleasure in commemorating the Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony and would like to express our utmost gratitude to this year's awardees. This momentous event serves as a genuine celebration wherein we bestow rightful recognition upon the commendable endeavors of our nutrition champions, who persevered in the face of substantial obstacles for the betterment of their fellow Caraganons.

The Caraga Region experienced the impact of Typhoon Odette in 2021 and is currently undergoing the process of post-disaster recovery. Nevertheless, in spite of the challenges faced, we successfully managed to overcome them and effectively engage numerous Local Government Units (LGUs) in our efforts. These LGUs actively contributed by sharing valuable perspectives and fostering collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, thereby facilitating the advancement of nutrition-related initiatives within our region.

In the current year, the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2023–2028 is underway. All relevant entities involved in nutrition, including national and sub-national stakeholders, local government units, non-government organizations, and private sectors, are encouraged to actively participate in achieving the desired nutritional outcomes, specifically the improvement of nutritional status across all age groups.

I would like to utilize this opportunity to express my recognition and admiration for all the individuals who have been nominated, considered as contenders, and recognized as nutrition champions who have convened at this present gathering. The individual's dedication to the field of nutrition, as well as their persistent endeavors to advocate for healthier lifestyles, have not only had a profound impact on individuals' well-being but have also played a significant role in influencing the trajectory of future generations. May you persist in inspiring other Local Government Units and nutrition stakeholders in the pursuit of eliminating malnutrition and hunger in our region. Additionally, may you continue to serve with fervor in uplifting the life of every Filipino through the implementation of nutrition programs characterized by excellence and actual results.

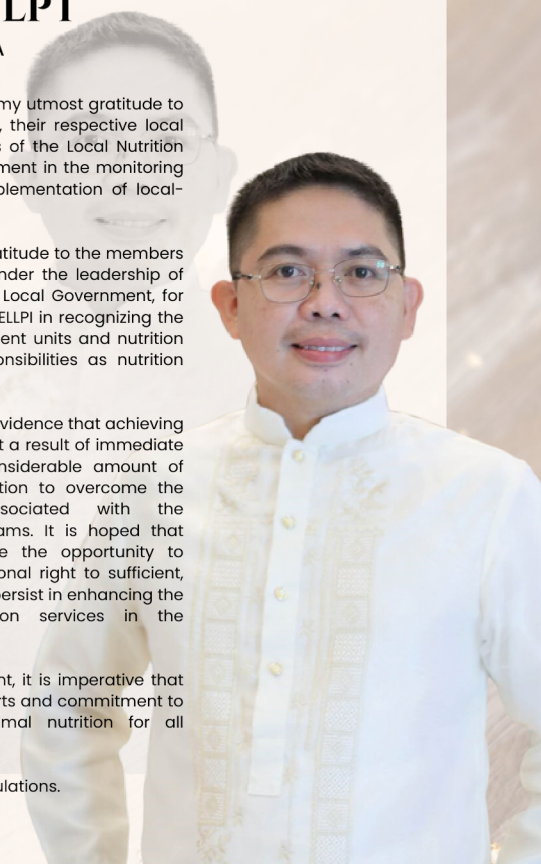
Furthermore, I would like to express my utmost gratitude to the Local Government Units (LGUs), their respective local chief executives, and the members of the Local Nutrition Committees for their active involvement in the monitoring and evaluation process of the implementation of local-level plans.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Regional Evaluation team, under the leadership of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, for their dedicated efforts during the MELLPI in recognizing the exceptional works of local government units and nutrition focal points in fulfilling their responsibilities as nutrition workers.

This awarding ceremony serves as evidence that achieving success in the field of nutrition is not a result of immediate actions, but rather requires a considerable amount of patience, tenacity, and determination to overcome the obstacles and difficulties associated with the implementation of nutrition programs. It is hoped that forthcoming generations will have the opportunity to completely exercise their constitutional right to sufficient, secure, and nourishing food, as we persist in enhancing the provision of high-quality nutrition services in the foreseeable future.

Given the aforementioned statement, it is imperative that we collectively persevere in our efforts and commitment to ensure the achievement of optimal nutrition for all Caraganons.

To all, I extend my sincerest congratulations.



# REGIONAL NUTRITION AWARDING CEREMONY 2023

## Program Flow

21 September 2023 | Balanghail Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

ENTRANCE OF COLORS

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM, INVOCATION AND NNC HYMN

PRODUCTION NUMBER

WELCOME MESSAGE

**NIÑO ARCHIE S. LABORDO, PhD, MRD, RN, LPT**

Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator, NNC Caraga

INTERMISSION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF REGIONAL NUTRITION  
COMMITTEE

**CESAR C. CASSION, MD, MPH, CESO III**

Chairperson, Regional Nutrition Committee & Regional Director  
Department of Health-Center for Health Development- Caraga

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

**AZUCENA M. DAYANGHIRANG, MD, MCH, CESO III**

Assistant Secretary and Executive Director IV  
National Nutrition Council

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

SPECIAL CITATION/ RECOGNITION

PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION

**LOCAL NUTRITION FOCAL POINTS**



## **RESPONSE FROM THE AWARDEES**

### **LANIEBELLE T. ANGCHANGCO**

Regional Outstanding Provincial Nutrition Action Officer  
Agusan del Sur

### **REYVEEN JOHN B. GELI, RN, DPA**

Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Action Officer  
Tandag City

### **MARY JOY A. GALOLO, RND**

Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Program Coordinator  
Tandag City

### **SHIELLA D. HAVANA**

Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar  
Brgy. Violanta, Loreto, Agusan del Sur

## **INTERMISSION**

## **GREEN BANNER AWARD**

## **CROWN AWARD**

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

## **CLOSING MESSAGE**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**

## **TANDAG CITY, SURIGAO DEL SUR**

### **HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ**

Speaker of the House of Representatives

### **ENGR. RICARDO M. OÑATE, JR.**

Vice-Chairperson, Regional Nutrition Committee &  
Regional Executive Director, Department of Agriculture Caraga

# *The Regional Nutrition Awards*

## **REGIONAL OUTSTANDING BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR AWARD**

The Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Program is a human resource development strategy of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition, which involves the recruitment, training, deployment, and supervision of volunteer workers or Barangay Nutrition Scholars. In the country, one BNS is deployed to monitor the nutritional status of children and/or link communities with nutrition and related service providers as mandated in Presidential Decree No. 1569. The NNC gives due recognition to the highest-ranking Barangay Nutrition Scholar in the region with an overall rating of at least 90% and exemplify outstanding performance.

## **REGIONAL OUTSTANDING NUTRITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR AWARD**

District/City/Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinators assist the Nutrition Action Officers in coordinating nutrition program, they provide staff support for the BNS program and other functions to improve and provide strong implementation of nutrition programs in their area. NNC gives due recognition to the highest-ranking District/City/Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinator with an overall rating of at least 90%.