



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
CARAGA REGION

Resolution No. 38-C, Series of 2023

**“ENJOINING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA)
IN COORDINATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs),
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd), DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL (NNC) CARAGA”**

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) presented the Regional Nutrition Situation of Caraga Region based on the results of the 2022 Oplan Timbang Plus (OTP), which showed continues improvement in terms of nutrition status among children aged 0-59 months from 2017 to 2022;

WHEREAS, the OPT showed further that the prevalence of underweight children in declined from 4.23 percent in 2021 to 4.08 percent in 2022, with the Province of Dinagat Islands (PDI) recording the highest underweight prevalence among provinces at 9.15 percent, Bislig City with the highest underweight prevalence among cities at 5.27 percent, and General Luna in Surigao del Norte (SDN) with the highest underweight prevalence among municipalities at 15.37 percent;

WHEREAS, while the prevalence of wasting among children likewise showed improvements from 2.5 percent in 2021 to 1.94 percent in 2022, there are still municipalities such as Tubajon in PDI and Placer in SDN which showed a wasting prevalence of 8.09 percent and 6.87 percent, respectively, which are considered as medium public health concern in terms of magnitude and severity based on World Health Organization (WHO) standards;

WHEREAS, the top 10 municipalities with the highest stunting prevalence are located in the provinces of SDN and PDI with an average of 22.91 percent prevalence, and as high as 28.93 percent stunting prevalence in Dapa, SDN, which are all regarded as high public health concern;

WHEREAS, Caraga’s high level of poverty, frequent exposure to natural calamities, and the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten the Region’s food security and nutrition situation;

WHEREAS, to ensure food security and sustain the gains of the nutrition sector, the Region pushes for the establishment of community gardens to be spearheaded by DA, in coordination with the LGUs, the DOLE to provide cash-for-work incentives to volunteers who will tend the community gardens through its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program, the NNC to provide technical assistance, and the DepEd to support the said initiative through its *Gulayan sa Paaralan* Program;



WHEREAS, the RDC-Social Development Committee (SDC) during its Second Quarter meeting on 15 June 2023, passed Resolution No. 25, Series of 2023, "*Endorsing to the Caraga Regional Council the Caraga RDC the establishment of community gardens spearheaded by the DA in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and National Nutrition Council (NNC) Caraga*";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion of Hon. Santiago B. Cane, Jr., Province of Agusan del Sur Governor and duly seconded by Datu Samuel B. Behing, Caraga RDC-DAC Chairperson and PSR for Indigenous Peoples Sector, to enjoin the establishment of community gardens under the DA in coordination with the LGUs, DepEd, DOLE, and NNC Caraga.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the DepEd, DOLE, NNC Caraga, and all provincial, city, and municipal local government units (LGUs), for consideration and appropriate action.

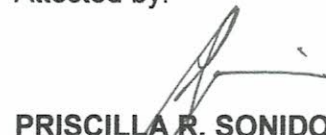
DONE, during the Caraga RDC Full Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023, at the D. O. Plaza Government Center Covered Court, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur.

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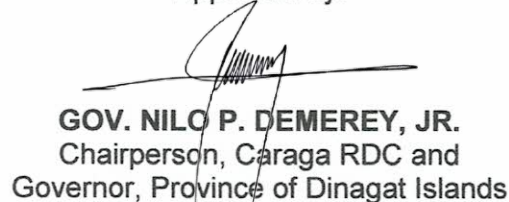
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Secretary, Caraga RDC and
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PRISCILLA R. SONIDO, CESO III
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Chairperson, Caraga RDC and
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