



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
CARAGA REGION

Resolution No. 18, Series of 2023

**“ENDORISING THE REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE (RNC)
RESOLUTION NO. 06, SERIES OF 2022, ‘ENJOINING ALL LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS OF CARAGA REGION TO ORGANIZE,
REORGANIZE OR REVITALIZE LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE’”**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 491 or the Nutrition Act of the Philippines declares that nutrition is a government priority to be cohesively implemented by all branches of the government;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1995 devolves the responsibility of delivering basic social services, including nutrition services, to the local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular 2018-42 mandates the adoption of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), which outlines the roles of LGUs in the formulation and updating of local nutrition action plans (LNAP), and the organization and strengthening of Local Nutrition Committees (LNCs) at the provincial, city, municipality, and barangay levels with the local chief executive as chairperson;

WHEREAS, the LNC, as a mechanism for planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and coordination of LNAP, is tasked to formulate a nutrition plan complementary to and integrated with other local and higher-level plans; advocate the adoption and financing of the LNAP; and coordinate and monitor nutrition and nutrition-related activities of LNC member-agencies and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the LNCs are also tasked to mobilize resources to ensure that the LNAP is implemented; conduct periodic monitoring visits and coordination meetings; assess progress and plan implementation and recommend appropriate actions; hold regular quarterly meetings to assess plan implementation and related concerns; monitor performance of other nutrition programs; and introduce innovation in the management of nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, while the prevalence of underweight, stunting, and wasting among children under five have shown improvements, the *Oplan Timbang Plus 2022* revealed the following nutrition outcome concerns:

- a. Prevalence of stunting in the provinces of Surigao del Norte (16.03 percent) and Dinagat Islands (16.91 percent), and the cities of Bislig (10.92 percent) and Surigao (11.62 percent), are considered medium in magnitude and severity;
- b. Prevalence of stunting in Surigao del Sur increased from 8.26 percent in 2021 to 9.77 percent in 2022;



- c. Prevalence of wasting in Surigao City increased from 3.15 percent to 4.34 percent; and
- d. Increasing prevalence of underweight children in Surigao City and the provinces of Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and Dinagat Islands;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Caraga's semestral monitoring as of December 2022 revealed that only two (2) out of the five (5) provinces, and only 13 percent or nine (9) out of 73 LGUs (municipalities and cities) in the Region have fully functional LNCs, while the rest are either sub-functional (36 percent), partially functional (19 percent) or non-functional (32 percent);

WHEREAS, the operationalization of LNCs shall ensure efficient and effective planning, implementation, and monitoring of nutrition programs and projects, and help address the nutrition-related issues and concerns of the Region;

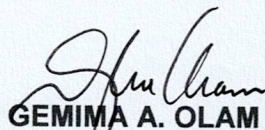
WHEREAS, the RDC-Social Development Committee (SDC) during its First Quarter meeting on 07 March 2023, passed Resolution No. 20, Series of 2023, *"Endorsing to the Caraga Regional Council the Caraga Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 06, Series of 2022, 'Enjoining All Local Government Units of Caraga Region to Organize, Reorganize or Revitalize Local Nutrition Committee'"*;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion of Dr. Pazfegurita M. Ojeda, Caraga RDC-SDC Co-Chairperson and Private Sector Representative for the Education Sector and duly seconded by Dr. Victor Emmanuel A. Ozarraga, RDC Co-Chairperson and PSR for Development Administrator Sector, to endorse the Caraga Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) Resolution No. 06, Series of 2022, *"Enjoining All Local Government Units of Caraga Region to Organize, Reorganize or Revitalize Local Nutrition Committee"*.

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

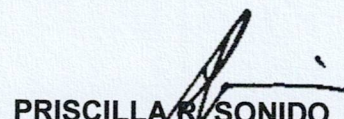
DONE, during the Joint Caraga RDC-AdCom Meeting held on 15 March 2023, at the NEDA Caraga Conference Hall, J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City.

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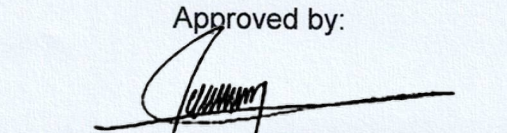
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