

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
Caraga Region

RNC Resolution No. 01
Series of 2020

**MOBILIZATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE FORMULATION OF
LOCAL NUTRITION ACTION PLAN FOR INTEGRATION IN THE ANNUAL
INVESTMENT PLAN AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, maternal and child malnutrition continue to be of alarming levels in the Philippines as reported by the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute-Department of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST);

WHEREAS, the nutrition profile of Caraga Region indicated by the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT Plus) results reveal that the levels of stunting and wasting among under five-year old children and other forms of malnutrition in the region remain to be of serious public health concern;

WHEREAS, global studies show that children with severe nutritional deprivation in the early years have 40% less brain mass than well-nourished children. These affected children have poorly developed temporal lobe which is critical to memory, perception, comprehension, and language, negatively affecting the development and learning potentials of children in later years;

WHEREAS, the First 1000 Days of life is the critical window of opportunity for a child's growth and development taking off from three major stages namely: (1) pregnancy, (2) birth to 6 months, and (3) older stage of infancy and toddlerhood (6-24 months) to which proper nutrition during this period leads to a child having 10 times more likelihood to overcome the most life-threatening diseases, complete 4.6 more grades in school, leads to more productive lives as adults earning 21% more in wages, thereby ensuring their ability to secure the overall health and well-being of future families in Caraga Region;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic experienced by the country has further emphasized the need of the people to achieve good nutrition for optimum health, well-being, and immunity against non-communicable and infectious diseases and thereby compelling the local government to take proactive measures, both in normal and emergency situations, to secure food, optimum health-service delivery, and nutrition especially among women and children within the critical period of the first 1000 days of life;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them; and Article XV, Section 3 mandates the state to defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippine, further mandates local government units to exercise their powers and discharge their functions as necessary and appropriate for the effective provision of basic services including child welfare and nutrition services;

WHEREAS, RA 11148 – *Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act* (First 1000 Days Act) emphasizes the need to institutionalize and scale up nutrition in the first 1000 days of life in the plans of the national level down to the local government units' investment plans to ensure the health and nutrition of children, especially those aged zero to two years and of the pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, RA 11223 – Universal Healthcare Law emphasized the integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, protected from hazards, guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk through a framework that fosters a whole-of-system-government-society approach in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health policies, programs, and plans;

WHEREAS, Caraga region recognizes that all nutrition interventions shall be anchored to the Philippine Government's commitment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), the AmBisyon Natin 2040, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), and the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN);

WHEREAS, the DILG MC. 2018-42 on the Adoption and Implementation of the PPAN 2017-2022 states the roles and responsibilities of LGUs in ensuring the integration of the nutrition programs, projects, and activities in the Comprehensive Development Plan and in the annual budget/appropriations of the city/municipality and in all its barangays;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive nutrition program at the Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay level recognizing that nutrition is fundamental to achieving optimum health and well-being as well as in the overall development of all its constituents;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this RNC Resolution supports the mobilization of local government units in the formulation Local Nutrition Action Plan and will be integrated in the Annual Investment Program and Local Development Plan with nutrition budget;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the integration of the Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay Nutrition Action plan to development plans and budgets to operationalize the Local Nutrition Action Plan and to strengthen the coordination and monitoring mechanism among the members of the Local Nutrition Committee for the effective and efficient implementation of the Local Nutrition Action Plan;

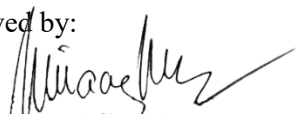
FINALLY RESOLVED, to request the Department of Interior and Local Government XIII to endorse and disseminate to respective Local Government Units the said RNC Resolution and monitor its compliance and implementation;

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 29th day of September 2020 in Butuan City.

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