

Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE**  
Caraga Region

**RNC Resolution No. 02**  
**Series of 2022**

**ENJOINING ALL REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES FOR MULTI-SECTORAL SUPPORT  
TO PRIORITIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH HIGH MALNUTRITION  
PREVALENCE IN CARAGA REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Constitution, Article XV, Section 3 states that “the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development”;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree 491 or the Nutrition Act of the Philippines declared that nutrition is a priority of the government to be implemented by all branches of the government in an integrated fashion;

**WHEREAS**, Rule 13 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 11148 provides for the role of the National Nutrition Council member agencies, other National Government Agencies (NGAs) and LGUs in implementing multisectoral programs to address malnutrition in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there are many forms of malnutrition and in the Philippines, common causes of malnutrition includes inadequate food consumption, improper feeding of infants and young children, poor nutritional status of pregnant women as well as low capacity and support of local government units on nutrition program management;

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2021 Operation Timbang Plus results, several municipalities in Caraga Region are with high to very high prevalence public health significance according to the World Health Organization cut-off values for public health significance;

**WHEREAS**, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, man-made or natural disasters, overpopulation, teenage pregnancy, poverty, armed conflict, and other factors, drives malnutrition to increase;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a multisectoral approach to address the causes and effects of malnutrition and prioritize local government units with high prevalence of malnutrition in Caraga Region;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon careful deliberation and consultation with the Regional Nutrition Technical Working Group and upon the motion of National Economic and Development Authority Caraga representative, Ms. Rhea Carampatana-Mendez, duly seconded by Department of Social Welfare and Development Caraga representative, Ms. Ma. Lea R. Alegarbes:

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Caraga Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) in a meeting duly assembled and upon recommendation of the Regional Nutrition Technical Working Group, to enjoin all regional line agencies for multi-sectoral support to prioritize local government units with high malnutrition prevalence in Caraga Region.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the National Nutrition Council Caraga, as the Regional Nutrition Committee's Secretariat, shall oversee the integration of nutrition policies and programs of all member agencies and instrumentalities charged with the implementation of existing laws, policies, rules, and regulations concerning nutrition in accordance to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 11148.


**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the Caraga RNC member agencies to ensure the prioritization of LGUs with high prevalence of malnutrition in implementation of their programs and projects;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the Caraga RNC member agencies to support the Nutrition Shepherding Project of the National Nutrition Council, to mentor, assist and coach local government units in the nutrition program implementation and management.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, for the National Nutrition Council Caraga to furnish copy of this resolution to all member agencies of the Regional Nutrition Committee and ensure policy support of the Caraga Regional Development Council – Social Development Committee and of the Caraga Regional Development Council – Full Council for advocacy and support.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, in Butuan City.

Certified true and correct:

  
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