

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
CARAGA REGION

RNC Resolution No. 03, Series of 2022

**ADOPTION OF THE PHILIPPINE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE
MALNUTRITION (PIMAM) PROTOCOL AND REFERRAL SYSTEM
IN CARAGA REGION**

WHEREAS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Bank Group joint malnutrition estimates showed that in 2020, wasting continued to threaten the lives of an estimated 6.7% or 45.4 million children under 5 globally;

WHEREAS, the National Guidelines on the Management of Moderate and Severe Acute Malnutrition defined acute malnutrition as a sudden loss or wasting and/or bilateral edema that results due to any or combination of the following: insufficient food intake, concurrent or repeated bouts of infection, inappropriate child practices;

WHEREAS, global deaths in children younger than 5 years attributed to nutritional disorder particularly wasting is at 11.5% and severe wasting at 7.8% (Black, RE et al 2013);

WHEREAS, the 2015 Department of Science and Technology- Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) Updating Survey showed that prevalence of wasting in Caraga Region is at 7.8%;

WHEREAS, at the local government units, the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) growth monitoring is used in nutrition program management, in which data on weight-for-length or height (WFL/H) is an indicator of and allows trending of the seasonality of food shortages and certain illnesses, promotion was adopted by the Philippines to generate timely, accurate and important nutrition information about children 0-59 months old to facilitate nutrition planning and implementation;

WHEREAS, the 2020 and 2021 OPT+ results showed 3.15% and 2.5% acute malnutrition cases in Caraga region, respectively;

WHEREAS, Typhoon Odette devastated the provinces of Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands, nutrition assessment using Mid-Upper Arm Circumference for 6-59 months old children, and height or length and weight taking for 0-59 months old children, covering as of May 11, 2022, 12,020 children which resulted to the detection of 134 severe acute malnourished children and 365 moderate acute malnourished children, indicating that there are 4 acutely malnourished children in every 100 children;

WHEREAS, the DOH issued Administrative Order 2015-0055 or the National Guidelines of Acute Malnutrition for children under five years old and which provides standardized protocol for prevention, identification, management, and referral of children under five years old with acute malnutrition;

WHEREAS, PIMAM is a component of the Strategic Framework for Comprehensive Nutrition Implementation Plan of 2014-2025 and focuses on the management of moderate and acute

malnutrition; it describes the four principles which include the (1) maximum coverage and access; (2) timeliness; (3) appropriate care; (4) care when and where it is needed;

WHEREAS, the PIMAM protocol is a major step taken by DOH in ensuring that children who are most vulnerable to death due to malnutrition receive appropriate cost effective, evidence-based life-saving treatment;

WHEREAS, considering the transition plan and the sustainability of the present activities implemented by the Regional Nutrition Cluster, there is a need to adopt a referral protocol for the treatment and management of severe acute malnutrition cases by local government units and hospitals;

WHEREAS, the adoption of an effective referral system for the management and treatment of acute malnutrition cases supports the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aims to end all forms of hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

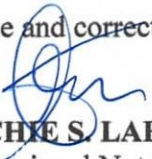
NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Ms. Maida Lynn N. Jaguit of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Caraga Focal Person for Nutrition, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky F. Namion, Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) Caraga Focal Person for Nutrition;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to adopt the Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (PIMAM) Protocol and Referral System in Caraga Region.


RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of the resolution be furnished to the Department of Health Caraga as lead program implementer and members of the RNC and be endorsed to the Regional Development Council – Social Development Committee for consideration and appropriate support.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 11th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, in Butuan City.

Certified true and correct:


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