

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

**RNC Resolution No. 04**  
Series of 2021

**REORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE REGIONAL BANTAY ASIN  
TASK FORCE (RBATF) IN CARAGA REGION**

**WHEREAS**, RA 8172 otherwise known as “*An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes*”, or commonly called “*ASIN Law*” is a major step to end Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) through the cost-effective preventive measure of salt iodization;

**WHEREAS**, effective implementation of the law requires a strong mechanism for monitoring to ensure that only adequately-iodized salt is available for human and animal consumption;

**WHEREAS**, such mechanism can involve the organization of a group of monitors of adequately-iodized salt in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the RBATF is composed of Twenty-one (21) member-agencies, as follows:

1. Department of Health
2. Department of the Interior and Local Government
3. National Nutrition Council
4. Philippine National Police
5. Food and Drug Administration
6. Philippine Information Agency
7. Department of Science and Technology
8. Department of Agriculture
9. Department of Agrarian Reform
10. Department of Education
11. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
12. Department of Labor and Employment
13. Department of Budget and Management
14. National Economic and Development Authority
15. Department of Social Welfare and Development
16. Department of Trade and Industry
17. Philippine Ports Authority
18. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
19. Commission on Population and Development
20. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology
21. Caraga MOVERS President

**WHEREAS**, the RBATF is chaired by the Department of Health and co-chaired by the Department of the Interior and Local Government;

**WHEREAS**, the functions of RBATF are as follows:

1. Manage and coordinate the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP) in the region through the formulation of Annual Salt Iodization (NSIP) Operational Plan;

2. Organize Provincial Bantay Asin Task Force and coordinate with stakeholders particularly salt re-packers and traders;
3. Advocate the effective implementation of ASIN Law including full support from stakeholders and the community;
4. Monitor and evaluate program implementation through meetings for update and to discuss and address implementation problems and issues, visit warehouse of salt distributors and monitoring salt in ports; and
5. Recommending to the Regional Nutrition Committee, National Salt Iodization Program-related regional policies.

**WHEREAS**, the Bantay Asin Task Force (BATF) shall meet every semester and conduct special meetings as the need arises;

**WHEREAS**, the National Nutrition Council shall provide technical assistance and secretariat support to the BATF

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to request the RNC through the RNTWG to approve the organization of the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force.

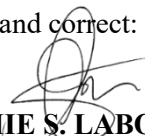
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to enjoin all Local Government Units to organize/reorganize their local Bantay Asin Task Forces to be chaired by the local chief executive;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to request the Department of the Interior and Local Government in cooperation with the Department of Health to monitor LGU's compliance on the matter,

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, to provide copy of the resolution to the Department of Health and all concerned entities for their information and appropriate action.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2021 in Butuan City.

Certified true and correct:

  
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