Republic of the Philippines REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE Caraga Region

RNC Resolution No. 06 Series 2022

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF CARAGA REGION TO ORGANIZE, REORGANIZE OR REVITALIZE LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

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, Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code devolved the responsibility for the delivery of basic services including nutrition to Local Government Units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, Letter of Instruction 441 instructed various departments of government to address malnutrition and for the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to establish functioning nutrition committees in every region, province, city, municipality and barangay;

WHEREAS, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular 2018-42 on the Adoption of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition, which outlined the roles of LGUs in the formulation, revision/updating of local nutrition action plans and the organization and strengthening of Local Nutrition Committees at the provincial, city, municipal and barangay level with the local chief executive as chairperson;

WHEREAS, the Local Nutrition Committee (LNC) is the mechanism for planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and coordinating the plan of action for nutrition at the local level;

WHEREAS, functions of the LNC include: [1] formulate a nutrition plan complementary to and integrated with other plan of the LGU and higher level plans; [2] advocate the adoption and financing of the plan; [3] coordinate and monitor nutrition and nutrition-related activities of member offices/agencies and other agencies; [4] mobilize resources to ensure the plan is implemented; [5] conduct periodic visits and meetings; [6] assess progress of plan implementation and recommend appropriate actions; [7] monitor performance of other nutrition program; [8] hold regular quarterly meetings to assess plan implementation; and [9] introduce innovation in the management of nutrition program.

WHEREAS, the results of the semestral monitoring revealed that many of the Local Nutrition Committees in the region are not fully functional;

WHEREAS, there is a need to organize or reorganize/revitalize many local nutrition committees at the city, municipal and barangay level to ensure efficient and effective planning, management, and implementation of nutrition programs and projects;

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NOW, THEREFORE, upon careful deliberation and consultation with the Regional Nutrition Technical Working Group and upon the motion of Department of Labor and Employment Caraga representative, Ms. Maida Lynn N. Jaguit, duly seconded by the Philippine Information Agency Caraga representative, Ms. Jennifer P. Gaitano:

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 Local Government Units in Caraga Region to organize, reorganize or revitalize their Local Nutrition Committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Caraga, as the Regional Nutrition Committee's Secretariat, with the assistance of the DILG Caraga, to furnish all local chief executives of Caraga Region a copy of the guidelines in organizing the local nutrition committees and provide technical assistance to the LGUs as needed.

RESOLVED FINALLY, for the National Nutrition Council Caraga, as the Regional Nutrition Committee's Secretariat, 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 14th day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, in Butuan City.

Certified true and correct:

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