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To : All Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator and Officers-In-Charge,
Provincial, City, Municipal Nutrition Action Officers, District/City
Nutrition Program Coordinator

From : Assistant Secretary of Health Maria-Bernardita T. Flores, CESO II
Executive Director IV

Subject : Full Implementation of NNC GB Resolution No. 4 S2012, "Adopting
the Under-five Age Group to describe child undernutrition in the
Philippines"

This refers to NNC Governing Board Resolution No. 4 Series 2012 "Adopting the Under-Five Age Group to Describe Child Undernutrition in the Philippines" and its corresponding application on growth assessment of preschool children at all levels.

The above resolution prescribes the use of only the "0-59 months old" age group for the country's reporting of nutrition situation of preschool children consistent with global definition and methodology for reporting of nutritional status of under 5-children.

Toward the full implementation of this policy, all efforts to assess and report the growth of preschool children shall henceforth focus on the age group 0-59 months old, ensuring likewise a coverage of at least 80% of all 0-59 months old children in the barangay. This shall be true for the reporting of OPT Plus results, and similarly for the national nutrition surveys and similar assessments involving the said age group.

Children 60-71 months who are not yet enrolled in a formal educational institution will be measured by the BNS and the results reported separately from 0-59 months children. This will be the case until the time they are enrolled in a formal educational institution where they will start to be measured.

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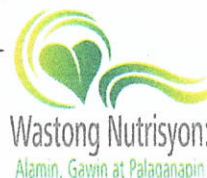
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To ensure faster and more accurate processing and analysis of OPT Plus results, the NNC secretariat has started dissemination of the latest electronic Operation Timbang (e-OPT) tool version 5, with additional capabilities such as generating alphabetical listing of children in the barangay and masterlist of malnourished children. The e-OPT Tool is also available for city/municipal and provincial levels for both electronic and/or manual consolidation of OPT results. The e-OPT Tool may be downloaded from the NNC Website together with its User's Guide through the link url.nnc.gov.ph/download/forms/opt.

For barangays without access to computer or laptop, consolidation of results may still use the current OPT Plus Forms 1, 1A and 1B. The current forms have two age group categories namely: 0-59 and 0-71 months old. The BNS shall manually consolidate the results for only 0-59 months old preschool children.

For widest dissemination and action among nutrition workers nationwide.

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NNC GOVERNING BOARD
Resolution No. 4, Series of 2012

**Adopting the "Under-Five Age Group" to
Describe Child Undernutrition in the Philippines**

WHEREAS, the Philippines has committed to pursue the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) not only as an international agreement but also as a commitment to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, one of the targets of the MDG is on reducing underweight among children under five years old;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has traditionally reported child undernutrition in terms of the situation among children 0-71 months old primarily because this is the pre-school age in the Philippine context;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has adopted a policy that aims to ensure that five-year old children attend preschool;

WHEREAS, the public elementary school system would eventually have facilities for preschool education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the above premises, we the NNC Governing Board do hereby declare that child undernutrition will henceforth be expressed and reported in terms of the situation of children under five years old, i.e. 0-59 months.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the height and weight of children 60-71 months old will continue to be measured either in the community or the public elementary school for determination of those needing nutrition interventions;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that for 2011-2016 and particularly at the local level, child undernutrition can be expressed in terms of the situation of children 0-5 years old, i.e. 0-71 months, in addition to the use of the under-five age group;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that from 2017 onward, the 6-10 years age grouping for nutrition targets will be modified to cover the 5-10 year old group;

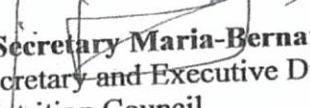
RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to ensure that this policy is disseminated as widely as possible and implemented accordingly.

Approved this 12th day of January 2012.



ENRIQUE T. ONA, MD
Secretary of Health and Chairperson
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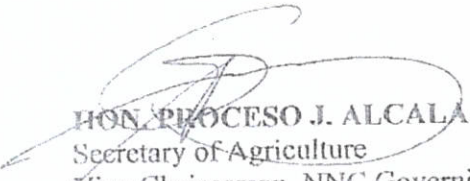


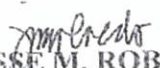
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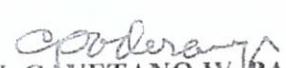

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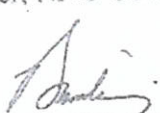

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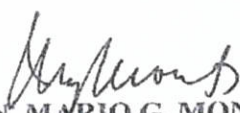
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