

Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL

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;

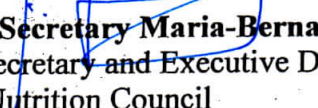
RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to ensure that this policy is disseminated as widely as possible and implemented accordingly.

Approved this 12th day of January 2012.



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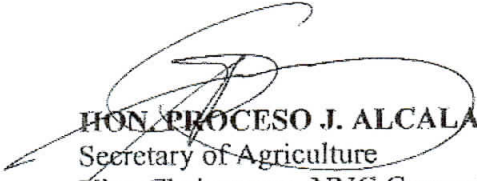


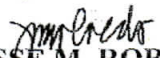
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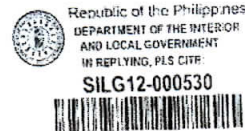
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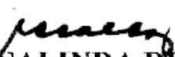

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