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Dairy Farm Compound, Sto. Tomas Road, Baguio City



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CONFIRMING THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE AND ENJOING ACTIVE PARICIPATION OF THE MEMBER AGENCIES IN SUSTAINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIN LAW IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8172, promoting salt iodization nationwide (ASIN Law), was passed in December 1995 to address the adverse effects of iodine deficiency such as miscarriage, stillbirths, deafness, muteness, and physical and mental retardation;

WHEREAS, the prevalence of moderate to severe Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) is 13.8 percent o intensify the advocacy on the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP) in the region to combat the adverse effects of the Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD), the RDC Resolution No. 30, s.2012 was passed reiterating to the LGUs the implementation of RA 8172 otherwise known as “ Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes;”

WHEREAS, the safe levels of iodine in the body is 100 to 199 µg/l for children below 6 years old and 150 to 249 µg/l for pregnant women based on heir median urinary iodine excretion.

WHEREAS, the recommended levels of iodine in iodized salt is 30 to 70 parts per million (ppm) to accommodate the loss encountered during travel and shelf life of the product due to environmental degradation, the iodine content of the soil is decreasing based on different articles on iodine deficiency;

WHEREAS, in support to the law, and recognizing the need to inform the public of the effects of the iodine deficiency Disorders, particularly to children and pregnant or lactating women, the Cordillera Regional Development Council passed RDC Resolution No. 30 in 2012 pushing for the intensified advocacy of the national Salt Iodization Program(NSIP)

WHEREAS, the Regional the Bantay Asin Task Force (RBTF), which was tasked to facilitate and ensure the sustained implementation of both the ASIN Law and NSIP in the region and assist in the creation of Local Bantay Asin Task Forces, became inactive in the past years.

WHEREAS, based on the latest monitoring done on January 30, 2014 by DOH-CARO and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition(GAIN), the iodine content of the salt sold in the market is inadequate.

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to correct the prevailing misconceptions and address the lack of information on the importance of the iodine to health, the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force was reorganized on February 13, 2014, with the DOH-CARO as chair and NNC as co-chair.

NOW WHEREFOR ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, RESOLVE AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force as a substructure of the Regional Nutrition Committee with following member agencies:

1. DOH-CAR Regional Office (DOH-CARO)
2. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

3. National Nutrition Council (NNC)
4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
5. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
6. Department of Education (Dep-Ed)
7. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
8. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
9. Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
10. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
11. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
12. Philippine National Police, Regional Office
13. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

RESOLVE FURHTER THAT the RBATF shall perform the following functions;

- a. Serve as the policy and coordinating body on the National Salt Iodization Program(NSIP) in the region;
- b. Lead in the NSIP promotion and campaign to the LGUs, private sectors, other stakeholders and the general public to ensure full and sustainable implementation of the ASIN Law;
- c. Provide assistance in the establishment of the local Bantay Asin Task Forces and ensure their functionality; and
- d. Monitor and evaluate program implementation.

RESOLVE FURHTER that the DILG shall assist in enjoining the LGUs to organize/re-organize their Bantay Asin Task Forces.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that NNC and DOH coordinate with the RSDC for the inclusion of this agenda in the next RDC meeting..

APPROVED this 13th day of February 2014 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Certified true and correct:


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