

Republika ng Pilipinas KAGAWARAN NG KALUSUGAN PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON (NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL) Cordillera Adminstrative Region Dairy Farm Compound, Sto. Tomas Road, Baguio City



## RNC-CAR Resolution No. 2 Series of 2016

## ECOURAGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES TO USE FNRI-DOST COMPLEMENTARY FOOD PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY THE APAYAO STATE COLLEGE COMPLEMENTARY FOOD PROCESSING CENTER FOR REGULAR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Development Goals 2016-2030, succeeding the MDG 2000-2015 chart the roadmap towards holistic human development and quality of life particularly the poor, disadvantaged groups and marginalized citizenry;

WHEREAS, the World Health Assembly (WHA) global targets on nutrition by 2025 focusing on infant and young child supports the goal number two of the SDG for improved nutrition;

WHEREAS, the DOST-FNRI 2013 National Nutrition Survey show the following results on the nutritional status of 0-5 years old in the Cordillera region:

(a) significant increase on the prevalence of children who are underweight from 11.9% (CY 2011) to 16.5% (CY 2013)

(b) increase prevalence of wasting from 4.7% (CY 2011) to 5.9% (CY 2013)

(c) high prevalence (prevalence  $\geq$  30-39) of stunting in CAR where three out of 10 0-5 years old children are stunted, with stunting having a high association to infant and young child feeding for the early stage of life

WHEREAS, children who are undernourished will have slow growth and development, become sickly and will have low performance in school;

WHEREAS, the period of six (6) months to three (3) years old is a critical period when the child has increased needs of nutrition, the child is prone to diseases and infections and the physical and mental damages that will happen to the child during this period is irreversible. Consequently, this period also is the "window of opportunity" for nutrition intervention;

WHEREAS, in 2011, FNRI-DOST conducted the field testing of DOST PINOY using the complementary food technologies in the provinces of Antique, Occidental Mindoro, Leyte and Iloilo to a total of 1,006 children. Results showed a significant decrease in the prevalence of underweight children in the intervention group from 96.7% to 82.1% compared to the non-intervention group from 100% to 94.9% and not significant. Thus, DOST PINOY offers a responsive S&T intervention program to address malnutrition among young children to further complement various government programs geared toward hunger and malnutrition mitigation;

**WHEREAS,** the DOST had implemented the project entitled "*Roll-Out of Complementary Food production in the Regions*" spearheaded by the DOST - CAR in partnership with FNRI-DOST as the technology source and PCIEERD-DOST as the monitoring agency. The project covers regions CAR, 4B, 9, 12 and CARAGA in support to the nutrition targets;

WHEREAS, the Apayao State College CFP Processing Center in Payanan, Luna, Apayao was established as part of this project and commercialization of the DOST-FNRI developed complementary food products particularly rice-mongo curls, rice-mongo instant baby food blend, and rice-mongo-sesame ready-to-cook baby food blend has started since July 2015;

WHEREAS, the complementary food products are known to possess the nutritional values for growing children and can be used to support nutrition programs particularly for infants and young children as well as alternative snack foods for school children;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Cluster for disasters and emergencies recognized the positive role of Complementary Food Processing Center in Apayao also for the production of complementary foods for disasters and emergencies for target children and general age groups;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, BE IT:

**RESOLVED**, that the Regional Nutrition Council (RNC) encourage all Local Government Units and Regional Line Agencies to advocate the use of FNRI-DOST complementary food products produced by the Apayao State College Complementary Food Processing Center for regular nutrition programs, for disasters and emergencies and for other purposes.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that LGUs and RLAs be informed of the complementary food production processing center in Luna, Apayao;

**RESOLVED FINALLY** that this resolution be disseminated to all RNC members and local nutrition committees for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED, this 10th day of February 2016 in Baguio City, Philippines.

Certified true and correct:

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