

**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
CARAGA REGION**

Resolution No. 3, S. 2016

**OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE REGIONAL BANTAY ASIN TASK
FORCE (RBATF) IN CARAGA REGION**

WHEREAS, RA 8172 otherwise known as “*An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes*”, or commonly called “*ASIN Law*” is a major step to end Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) through the cost-effective preventive measure of salt iodization;

WHEREAS, effective implementation of the law requires a strong mechanism for monitoring to ensure that only adequately-iodized salt is available for human and animal consumption;

WHEREAS, such mechanism can involve the organization of a group of monitors of adequately-iodized salt in the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBEY RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing; that the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force of Caraga Region be organized with DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH as lead and chair, composed of the following organizations;

1. DOH- Caraga Regional Office
 - a. Regulations, Licensing and Enforcement Division - Dr. Glenn Tiangha
 - b. Local Health Assistance Division – Non-Communicable Disease Cluster – Dr. Ernesto Pareja
 - c. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–Perla Alvizo
 - d. RBATF Focal Person-Teresita Lina Medrano
 - e. National Nutrition Council – Caraga Region
 - f. Population Commission – Caraga Region – Sir Alex Makinano
2. Department of Science and Technology-Director Mallonga
3. PPA
4. Philippine National Police – Chief Supt. Rolando Felix
5. Department of the Interior and Local Government – Director Lilibeth Famacion
6. Philippine Information Agency – Director Caga
7. Department of Trade and Industry – Director Pagaran

8. Department of Agriculture – Caraga Region
9. Department of Agrarian Reform – Director Ragandang
10. Department of Education – Director Eclar
11. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples – Director Pabelic
12. Department of Labor and Employment – Caraga Region
13. Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Caraga Region
14. National Economic and Development Authority – Director Cariño
15. Local Government Units
 - a. Agusan del Norte – PNC Chairperson Amante-Matba
 - b. Agusan del Sur – PNC Chairperson Plaza
 - c. Surigao del Sur – PNC Chairperson Pimentel
 - d. Surigao del Norte – PNC Chairperson Matugas
 - e. Dinagat Islands – PNC Chairperson Ecleo
 - f. Butuan City – CNC Chairperson Amante
 - g. Bislig City – CNC Chairperson Navarro
 - h. Bayugan City – CNC Chairperson Asis
 - i. Surigao City – CNC Chairperson Matugas
 - j. Tandag City – CNC Chairperson Pimentel
 - k. Cabadbaran City – CNC Chairperson

and with the following functions:

1. Manage and coordinate the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP) in the region by formulating an annual RSIP operational plan, organizing provincial BATF and coordinating with stakeholders like salt producers and traders;
2. Lead in advocacy in the region for full and effective implementation of the ASIN Law including, ensuring sustainable support to the Program;
3. Monitoring and evaluating program implementation through meetings for update on program implementation and to discuss and address implementation problems and issues, visit warehouse of salt distributors and monitoring salt in ports; and
4. Recommending to the Regional Nutrition Committee, National Salt Iodization Program-related regional policies;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council in Caraga Region to provide secretariat and technical assistance to the Bantay Asin Task Force;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for this resolution to be disseminated to partners and stakeholders involved and to be considered for review in 2018.

Unanimously approved, _____ day of _____ 2016.

Approved:

JOSE R. LLACUNA, JR., MD, MPH, CESO III
Director IV
Department of Health Caraga
Chairperson, Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC)

Attested by:

DIRECTOR BRIELGO O. PAGARAN
Regional Director, DTI XIII and
Vice-Chairperson, RBATF