

**REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
CARAGA REGION**

Resolution No. 1, S. 2015

**ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER FOR
NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES
CARAGA REGION**

WHEREAS, the Philippines is recognized as one of the world's most disaster prone countries as identified by the Center of Research and Epidemiology of Disaster in Brussels, Belgium;

WHEREAS, reports in 2009 showed that the Philippines, aside from China and the United States, was most often hit by natural disasters because of its geographical location making it affected by an average of 21 typhoons annually;

WHEREAS, the typhoons not only bring about destructive winds but also trigger landslides, mudslides and massive floods;

WHEREAS, the Philippines also suffers from earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and human induced emergencies;

WHEREAS, Caraga region is not spared from these emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, these situations cause death, loss of livelihood and damages to properties;

WHEREAS, these situations may also disrupt the lives of population affected, putting them at risks of developing various undesirable health and related conditions, including those that threaten the nutritional status of individuals especially the most vulnerable groups: infants, children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, older persons and persons with disabilities

WHEREAS, all these pose a threat in the likelihood of achieving nutrition related targets of Goal 1 of the Millennium Development Goals;

WHEREAS, these threats could be addressed through the delivery of various nutrition interventions that are implemented through organized group that will allow maximum participation of all stakeholders involved;

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2007, the National Disaster Coordinating Council issued Circular No. 5 or the "Institutionalization of the Cluster Approach in the Philippine Disaster Management System, Designation of Cluster Leads and their Terms of Reference at the

National, Regional and Provincial Level” to strengthen predictability, response capacity, coordination and accountability by strengthening partnership in key sectors of humanitarian response;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2013, Department Personnel Order No. 2007-2942-A of the Department of Health was issued designated the Executive Director of the National Nutrition Council as the Chairperson on Nutrition Cluster of the Health Emergency Management Clusters of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council;

WHEREAS, Nutrition Cluster under the Health Emergency Management Clusters aims to ensure that the nutritional status of affected population especially the most vulnerable groups: infants, children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, older persons, people with disabilities and people leaving in debilitating conditions will not worsen or deteriorate due to the impact of emergency and disaster through linking with other cluster/sector groups and establishing capacities at all levels;

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Council Governing Board Resolution No. 1 series of 2009, adopting the National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters, provides that the nutrition committee of each Local Government Unit shall function as the local nutrition cluster and in the context of emergency management shall be considered a sub-structure of the local disaster coordinating council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the threats of emergencies and disasters to the vulnerable groups and the benefits of the Cluster Approach in disaster risk reduction and management, to establish the Regional Nutrition Cluster in Caraga Region to include the following agencies and sectors:

1. Department of Health (DOH)
2. Department of Health- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
3. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
5. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
6. Department of Education (DepED)
7. Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
8. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
9. Office of the Civil Defense (OCD)
10. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
11. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
12. Department of Agriculture (DA)
13. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
14. Philippine National Police (PNP)
15. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
16. Non Government Organizations (NGO)

RESOLVED FURTHER,

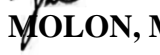
1. The Regional Nutrition Cluster – Caraga Region aims for the following:
 - A. Conduct rapid nutrition assessment in the affected areas;
 - B. Ensure the timely and appropriate delivery of quality package of nutrition interventions to affected population particularly on the promotion and protection of infant and young child feeding, micronutrient supplementation, supplementary feeding, integrated management of acute malnutrition and others;
 - C. Ensure that the food provided and distributed are nutritionally adequate especially for the vulnerable groups;
 - D. Conduct trainings and other capacity building and other related to nutrition;
 - E. Provide nutrition counseling to affected populations;
 - F. Establish and promote coordination, networking, planning, social mobilization, advocacy, surveillance, monitoring, evaluation and good reporting mechanism within the nutrition cluster.
2. The Nutrition Cluster Member Agency's Representative shall assume the following duties/responsibilities:
 - A. Supports in fulfilling the cluster's mission, namely to:
 1. Participate in emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities
 2. Maintain coordination and partnership to prevent and reduce morbidity and mortality;
 3. Implement standard or evidence-based interventions;
 4. Develop and adopt gap-filling and need-prioritization strategies; and
 5. Perform with accountability predictable, timely and effective emergency response activities.
 - B. Assist in building capacities among inter and intra-cluster members, to:
 1. Participate in the establishment and maintenance of appropriate coordination mechanisms;
 2. Establish an effective information management system;
 3. Support convergence of enhancing competencies; and
 4. Set arrangement for resource mapping, sharing and mobilization
 - C. Identifies and promotes core advocacy concerns namely to:
 1. Advocate cluster's preparedness, response and recovery activities donors and stakeholders;
 2. Generate support in promoting transfer of skills to local cluster member;
 3. Promote strict adherence to cluster priorities, guidelines and standards;
 4. Facilitate the application of the technical standards collectively agree within the cluster; and
 5. Uphold flexibility in the delivery of cluster's service packages.

3. That the Nutrition Program Coordinator of the National Nutrition Council – Caraga Region shall be the Regional Nutrition Cluster Coordinator.

AND RESOLVED FURTHER,

1. For the National Council-Caraga Region to provide technical assistance in the organization and creation of the Nutrition Cluster at the Local Government Unit level;
2. Orient/train the Local Nutrition Committees on Nutrition in Emergencies – Nutrition Cluster Coordination
3. Advocate to the Local Chief Executives at the Provincial, City and Municipal level for support to Nutrition in Emergencies through passages of local ordinances and resolutions and allocation of resources;
4. Promote close coordination with the Health and Emergency Management Cluster with sub-clusters in health, psycho-social and WASH

Approved this 26th day of May 2015.


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