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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting held on July 9, 2013 at the CHD-NCR Conference Room, Mandaluyong City

RNC-NCR RESOLUTION NO. 05 Series of 2013

RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) TO ADOPT AND COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD POLICY ON NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES AND ORGANIZE A NUTRITION CLUSTER

WHEREAS, natural and man-made disasters continue to affect the National Capital Region;

- WHEREAS, during disasters and emergencies, the vulnerable groups particularly infants, children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and the elderly are mostly affected putting their nutritional status at risk;
- WHEREAS, Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No.168, Series 2004 entitled "National Policy on Health Emergencies and Disasters" particularly on Health Emergency Management aimed to ensure health emergency preparedness and response among general public and to strengthen the health sector's capability to respond to emergencies and disasters;
- WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board adopted the DOH National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters through its NNC GB Resolution No.2 Series 2009;
- WHEREAS, the national nutrition cluster is headed and co-chaired by the Department of Health and National Nutrition Council, respectively;
- **WHEREAS,** the nutrition cluster aimed at ensuring that the nutritional status of affected populations will not worsen due to the impact of a disaster;
- **WHEREAS,** the policies call for the Local Government Units to organize nutrition cluster in emergencies with the following purpose:
 - to conduct rapid assessment of the affected areas and ensure timely delivery of appropriate response;
 - to conduct promotion, support and protection of infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices, including infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IFE), as well as provision of micronutrient supplementation;



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- to provide supplementary feeding to children who are diagnosed as underweight and treatment to children who are diagnosed as severely underweight;
- to promote distribution and consumption of fortified foods;
- to conduct training, seminars and other capacity-building activities related to nutrition education, and to provide counseling to affected populations;
- to establish an effective and efficient coordination, networking and reporting mechanism/ system among all cluster members and related organizations and agencies;
- to facilitate initiation of early rehabilitation efforts, i.e. community kitchen setup, food production.

WHEREAS, the Local Nutrition Committee members shall also compose the local nutrition cluster but may expand membership to other stakeholders in their locality;

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Regional Nutrition Committee of the National Capital Region in a meeting duly assembled, to enjoin all LGUs to adopt and comply with the NNC GB policy on nutrition in emergencies and organize a nutrition cluster;

RESOLVED LASTLY, that the NNC-NCR Regional Office being the Secretariat of the RNC to furnish the NNC Central Office, all regional members of the RNC and all Local Government Units in the region a copy of this resolution.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED, this 9^h day of July 2013 during the second regular meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee of NCR at the Center for Health Development-NCR, Mandaluyong City.

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