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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting
held on September 20, 2017 at Crown Regency Hotel, Makati City

RNC-NCR RESOLUTION NO. 04
Series of 2017

**RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
IN METRO MANILA TO UTILIZE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD)
FUND FOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, based on the results of the 2015 National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) of the Department of Science and Technology, infants, children, pregnant and lactating women in the National Capital Region are still affected with malnutrition problems;

WHEREAS, among children less than 5 years old, one (1) out of 10 are underweight (15.1%), one (1) in every four (4) are stunted (24.9%), six (6) out of 100 (6.4%) are wasted or thin, six (6) out of 100 (6.0%) are overweight for their height.

WHEREAS, among children 5-10 years old, one (1) in every five (5) are underweight (20.9%), one (1) out of five (5) are stunted (20.5%), seven (7) out of 100 (7.5%) are wasted or thin and one (1) of 10 are overweight for their height (17.9%);

WHEREAS, more than twenty percent (20.8%) pregnant mothers were nutritionally at-risk while 15.8% and 30.7% lactating women were chronic energy deficient (CED) and overweight/obese, respectively.

WHEREAS, these nutritional problems can be addressed by implementation of nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, financing the Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP) is essential to a successful implementation of nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, there are various possible sources of funds for the nutrition programs, projects and activities such as fiscal resources from LGUs and NGAs, Non-Government Organizations, private sector and people's organizations, academic institutions, international organizations and fund - raising activities;

WHEREAS, access to these funds remains to be a challenge to many local nutrition program implementers as reported during the Annual Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition Program Implementation Reviews;

WHEREAS, during the Forum on Financing the Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP) conducted by the NNC-NCR on 21 February 2017 at Century Park Hotel, the DILG - NCR shared the local nutrition implementers can also access and utilize the Gender and Development Fund;



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WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles in the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2013-01 entitled "Guidelines on the Localization of the Magna Carta of Women" is to promote the general welfare, provide basic services and facilities and implement programs, projects and activities;

WHEREAS, based on the same JMC, LGUs role is to formulate their annual Gender Plan and Budget within the context of their mandates to ensure gender mainstreaming in their policies, programs and projects and to allot five percent (5%) of the total Annual Budgets for GAD activities;

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, enjoins all LGUs in Metro Manila to utilize Gender and Development Fund for nutrition programs, specifically;

1. Local Nutrition Committee to provide data on the following during GAD planning and budgeting:
 - a. Nutritional status, by sex and group
 - b. Nutritional status of pregnant women
 - c. Incidence of malnutrition
2. Ensure that programs that address the needs of mothers and children are included in the GAD plan such as provision of minimum breastfeeding facilities during disasters and emergencies and program for proper nutrition for lactating mothers.
3. Ensure that breastfeeding rooms are located in strategic locations such as city/municipal/barangay halls, health centers, schools, among others.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the NNC-NCR Regional Office being the Secretariat of the RNC shall furnish the NNC Central Office, all regional members of the Committee and all local government units in the region a copy of this resolution.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED, this 20th day of September 2017 during the Joint Meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Nutrition Management Group held at the Crown Regency Hotel in Makati City.

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