

Republic of the Philippines
**REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION-
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
CALABARZON**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION (RSCN) –
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT HELD ON
24 JULY 2014 AT THE FERNANDO GENERICS HALL,
CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT IV-A,
QMMC COMPOUND, PROJECT 4, QUEZON CITY
RSCN-SCSD Resolution No. 1, Series 2014

**CREATING THE REGIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER FOR
EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS**

WHEREAS, various natural and man-made emergencies continue to inflict the Philippines, including the CALABARZON Region;

WHEREAS, such emergencies disrupt the lives of affected people, compromising their health and nutritional status;

WHEREAS, such a threat could be mitigated through a proper and well-coordinated disaster management system;

WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (formerly the National Disaster Coordinating Council), through NDCC Circular No. 05, s. 2007, mandates the institutionalization of the cluster approach in such a system, the designation of cluster leads and their terms of reference at the national, regional and provincial levels;

WHEREAS, the same Circular defines “cluster” as a sectoral group that will ensure adequate disaster preparedness and response and that the “cluster approach” should fit into existing government coordination structures and response mechanisms;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued a Department Order No. 2007-2492, creating the Health Cluster with sub-clusters on Health, Nutrition, WASH and MHPS, with the Nutrition Cluster to be chaired by the DOH-Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS);

WHEREAS, the Department of Health amended Department Order No. 2007-2492 through DOH DPO 2007-2492A identifying the National Nutrition Council as the Chair of the Nutrition Cluster replacing the Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS);

WHEREAS, Section VI of the NNC Governing Board Resolution No. 1, series of 2009, Adopting the National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters states that the nutrition committees at the local level shall function as the local nutrition cluster and in context of emergency management shall be considered a structure of the local disaster coordinating council.

WHEREAS, the Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition, currently chaired by the DOH, is the existing functional nutrition policy making and coordinating body in the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the above premises, to organize the Regional Nutrition Cluster to compose of the members of the Regional Sub-Committee on Nutrition (RSCN), with the addition of the agencies and institutions in the region, as follows:



1. Department of Health (DOH)
2. Department of Health (DOH) – Health Emergency Management System (HEMS)
3. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
4. Department of Agriculture (DA)
5. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
6. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
7. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
8. Department of Education (DepEd)
9. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
10. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
11. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
12. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
13. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
14. Commission on Population (POPCOM)
15. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
16. Philippine Information Agency (PIA)
17. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
18. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
19. National Food Authority (NFA)
20. Kabisig ng Kalahi
21. Regional Rural Improvement Clubs (RRIC)
22. Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines (NFP)
23. Office of the Civil Defense (OCD)
24. Philippine National Red Cross
25. State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
 - a. Batangas State University
 - b. Rizal State University
 - c. Laguna State University
 - d. Cavite State University
 - e. Southern Luzon State University
26. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Regional Nutrition Cluster shall be chaired by the Department of Health (DOH), with the National Nutrition Council (NNC) as the Cluster Coordinator;

RESOLVED FURTHER for the Cluster Chair to identify other agencies/NGOs/CSOs as deemed necessary in the discharge of its functions;


RESOLVED FURTHER that the functions of the Cluster shall be the following: 1) ensuring that the nutritional status of the affected populations will not worsen, 2) facilitate strategic collaboration and comprehensiveness of emergency management, resource mobilization and integration of cross-cutting nutrition concerns with other clusters, 3) assist/ conduct of rapid nutritional assessment, 4) ensure delivery of quality package of nutrition interventions, 5) ensure that foods provided and distributed are nutritionally adequate, 6) conduct trainings and other various capacity building activities, and 7) assist/ provide nutrition counseling to affected populations, 8) establish and promote coordinative and management mechanisms;

Unanimously approved, 24th day of July 2014.

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