



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
MIMAROPA



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 05 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE ICON HOTEL, QUEZON CITY

RNC Resolution No. 3, Series 2016

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL SALT IODIZATION PROGRAM (NSIP) AND PROMOTE SAKTONG IODINE SA ASIN SEAL

WHEREAS, Republic Act 8172 otherwise known as “An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide and for Related Purposes” or “ASIN Law” is a major step to end the silent but tremendous nutrition problem in the Philippines called Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD);

WHEREAS, along with the passage of the ASIN Law was the birth of the National Salt Iodization Program (NSIP), with various efforts pursued to implement the law effectively;

WHEREAS, the latest National Nutrition Survey (NNS) reported that there is a presence of mild iodine deficiency for both pregnant and lactating women in MIMAROPA, and may be due to the availability of sub-standard iodized salt in the area, as the 8th NNS indicated that only 22.3% of salt in the region is adequately iodized;

WHEREAS, the six-year strategic plan of the NSIP which is being reviewed and updated annually serves as the trailblazer in achieving the goal of increasing adequately-iodized salt consumption to 90% of households nationwide and improving the quality of adequately-iodized salt reflecting iodine content within the required standards of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of 30 – 70 parts per million;

WHEREAS, the quality seal dubbed as “Saktong Iodine sa Asin” was launched in July 2015 as a strategy to ensure not only the use of iodized salt but in essence, the availability and use of only adequately iodized salt from the market to the households by pressing public awareness and creating social demand of adequately-iodized salt;

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote the Saktong Iodine sa Asin Seal specifically among local government units for wider dissemination among public and encourage the use of iodized salt carrying the said seal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the RNC being the policy making body on nutrition in the region, to enjoin all local government units to initiate and implement activities in support to NSIP and the Saktong Iodine sa Asin Seal promotion;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the local government units to: 1) manage and coordinate the NSIP at the local level through the formulation of an annual NSIP operation plan, organizing the local BATF, and coordinating with stakeholders like salt producers and traders; 2) lead in the advocacy campaign for full and effective implementation of the ASIN law at the local level and ensuring sustainable support to the program; 3) monitor and evaluate program implementation through meetings for an update on program implementation and discuss implementation problems and issues, visits to warehouse of salt producers, and monitoring salts in ports;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the nutrition action officers (NAO), being the secretariat of the local nutrition committees at the provincial, city and municipal levels, shall oversee and ensure that the functions are being performed;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the LGUs through the DILG, shall be furnished with the copy of the resolution and the NNC as secretariat of the RNC to furnish copy of the resolution to the RNC member agencies.

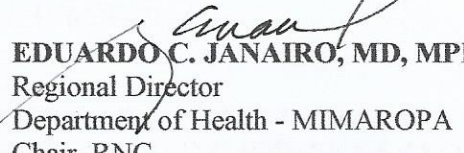
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