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**MS. NONA B. TAD-Y**

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Dear Ms. Tad-y:

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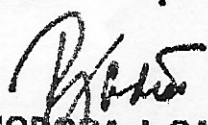
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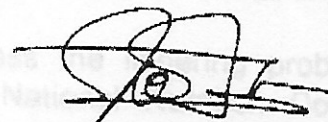
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**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Ms. Febie S. Ibojos of the Signpost Philippines, and SDC Co-Chairperson, and duly seconded *en banc*, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is **HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin all local government units and concerned regional line agencies (*Please see Annex A - Roles and Functions of National Agencies and Local Government Units for PPAN 2017-2022*) to strongly support and adopt the full implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 and to provide funding therein.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Regular Meeting of the Regional Development Council, Region VI held on September 8, 2017 at the Corazon L. Cabagnot Tourism and Training Center, Old Buswang, Kalibo, Aklan.

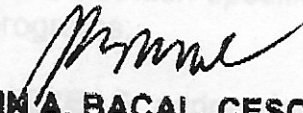
I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.



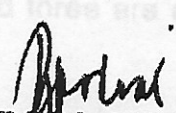
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**RDC-VI Resolution No. 46**  
**Series 2017**

## ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR NUTRITION 2017-2022

**WHEREAS**, malnutrition in the Philippines is now a national concern with high under-nutrition manifested by high levels of stunting (short-for-age) and wasting (thin-for-height) among children under-five years of age, vitamin A deficiency, anemia and iodine deficiency disorders, and over-nutrition, characterized by overweight and obesity among children, adolescents, and adults;

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectively address the lingering problems of malnutrition and hunger in the country, the National Nutrition Council in consultation with various national government agencies, local government units, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and development partners formulated and approved the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) for 2017-2022 that aims to contribute to the attainment of the targets of the Philippine Development Plan through improved human development;

**WHEREAS**, 12 programs are included in PPAN 2017-2022 where eight programs are nutrition-specific, one is nutrition-sensitive and three are enabling support programs;

**WHEREAS**, addressing malnutrition requires strong political commitment of the national and local leadership as well as the active engagement of non-government organizations, academic institutions, the business sector, and other development partners;

**WHEREAS**, member agencies of the NNC Governing Board are directed by the President to implement programs identified in the PPAN 2017-2022, either as lead or participating agency and ensure that needed budgetary and other resource requirements are integrated in their respective budgets in order to assist at least 90% of the nutritionally needy and at-risk population especially in the PPAN focus provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz and Negros Occidental;

**WHEREAS**, in response to the national emergency, and considering the devolved responsibility along social services in the structure of government, LGUs shall primarily be in charge not only in the delivery of nutrition services but in ensuring that these services converge to priority target groups for nutrition and their families;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Development Committee during its 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting last August 23, 2017 endorsed to the RDC-VI SDC Resolution No. 06, series of 2017 Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022;

## **ANNEX A**

### **Roles and Functions of National Agencies and Local Government Units for PPAN 2017-2022**

**Department of Health** will continue to provide LGUs with the needed logistical and technical support to enable LGUs to deliver the required nutrition and related services in the health care system in all life stages, especially in the first 1000 days of life. In addition, the DOH shall be the lead in the implementation of the dietary supplementation program for pregnant and lactating women and children 6-23 months old.

**Department of Agriculture** and all of its operating units should establish a national food production program for the home, school and community to augment the family food supply and address hunger and food insecurity. It shall also ensure that its national food and related programs target families and communities of small farmers and fishers, farm and plantation workers with priority to those with malnourished children, or pregnant and lactating women or children 0-23 months old. These programs shall also serve as channels of nutrition information. Likewise, the department shall undertake measures and implement programs to reduce field and home food wastage.

**Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)**- assist LGUs in: 1) organizing local nutrition committees, 2) ensuring the functionality of these committees for coordinating nutrition action at the local level; and 3) formulate and implement their respective nutrition action plans that will include PPAN 2017-2022 programs as relevant and to ensure the plan's integration in their respective executive and legislative agenda (ELA), comprehensive development plan (CDP), and annual investment programs (AIP). The DILG shall also monitor LGU compliance to this Executive Order.

**Department of Education** will continue to strengthen the integration of nutrition in the K to 12 curriculum covering both public and private schools. It shall also adopt policies and programs that will ensure the nutritional well-being of pupils, teachers, and administrative staff. Among others, these policies and programs should include the regular assessment of the nutritional status of pupils, teachers and administrative staff; supplementary feeding of acutely malnourished school children, establishment and maintenance of school gardens, regulating the types of food available in school canteens and creating a school environment conducive to the development of nutritionally-desirable eating habits. It shall also identify and implement the best strategy to provide at least one meal for all children from Kindergarten up to Grade 4. The department shall likewise ensure availability of safe drinking water and sanitary toilet facilities in schools to prevent food and water-borne diseases that could cause malnutrition.

**Department of Labor and Employment** will ensure the compliance of companies to RA 10028 or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 and to adopt policies and programs that will help companies ensure the nutritional welfare of their employees through, among others, non-wage benefit packages such as discount for food from office canteens, rice allowance, wellness-related programs. It shall also formulate policies and programs to facilitate the provision of gainful employment to families with pregnant and lactating women, children 0-23 month old, or malnourished children.

**Department of Science and Technology** will undertake researches to determine more effective strategies to address malnutrition, conduct annual nutrition survey to monitor the evolving nutrition situation, develop and improve technologies and tools for nutrition interventions, including those related to mandatory food fortification and salt iodization.

**Department of Social Welfare and Development** will continue to link its supplementary feeding program with the local agriculture supply, or with food



processing plants established with technical assistance from the Department of Science and Technology. It shall also ensure that its Supplementary Feeding Program, and poverty alleviation programs and projects are effective channels for nutrition promotion and for reaching out to families with pregnant and lactating women, children 0-23 month old, malnourished children. As Chair of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Response Cluster, the Food and Non-Food Item Cluster, and of the Cluster on Camp/IDP Management, Emergency Shelter and Protection, the DSWD shall ensure the following in times of emergencies and disasters: 1) Availability of mother-baby friendly spaces in evacuation centers, 2) Enforcement of EO 51 or the Milk Code, including ensuring that donations of milk for all age groups are NOT accepted nor distributed in evacuation centers or communities affected; and 3) Distribution of separate food packs that are appropriate for young children aged 6-23 months, in coordination with the Nutrition Cluster. It shall also enhance the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program to include provision of budget for beneficiaries to buy food on top of the rice subsidy.

**Department of Trade and Industry** will enable access of families with malnourished children to programs that can augment their family income such as discount caravans, and provide preferential treatment to organizations of small farmers and fishers on access to credit and integration in the value chain for their products.

**Department of Budget and Management** will ensure that PPAN 2017-2022 programs are included in the budget priorities and agency budget proposals as relevant, and are identified as such in the special provisions of the General Appropriations Act.

**National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)** will ensure that nutrition concerns are integrated in the Philippine Development Plan as a cross-cutting issue in all sectors of development. It should mobilize and encourage the Regional Development Council – VI to: 1) adopt nutrition-related policies and programs; and 2) integrate nutrition concerns in the regional development plans.

**National Government Agencies** shall develop and implement programs that will ensure good nutrition among its employees in partnership with professional organizations of nutritionist-dietitians. Among others, this program shall include the assessment of the nutritional status of employees, counseling and educational services to prevent and manage overweight and obesity, and provision of information to enable consumers to make nutritionally-informed food choices;

**National Nutrition Council Secretariat** shall facilitate processes to formulate and update annually the PPAN 2017-2022 Implementation Plan. It shall coordinate and monitor the implementation of the plan. It shall catalyze processes for adjustments in policies and programs as may be appropriate. Likewise, the NNC Secretariat shall mobilize resources and provide technical and logistical support for nutrition programs, including support for incentives of nutrition action officers and district/city nutrition program coordinators, and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS). The NNC shall also enhance the existing awards and recognition system that will include presidential awards to agencies, NGOs, and LGUs implementing quality nutrition programs and projects;

**Local government units (LGUs)**, as a response to the national emergency, and considering the devolved structure of government, LGUs shall primarily be in charge not only in the delivery of nutrition services but in ensuring that these services converge to priority target groups for nutrition and their families. As such, LGUs should maintain a registry of pregnant women, lactating women, and children 0-59 months old. This registry should specify if the mother or child are from GIDAs or indigenous groups. The registry should, among others, indicate the nutritional status of those in the list, and the

kind of services (health, social, livelihood, others) received by these priority target groups and their families.

LGUs should ensure that the following are available for their constituents in both non-emergency and emergency situations:

1. Activities to promote breastfeeding and complementary feeding of children, including but not limited to the deployment of IYCF peer support groups, lactation stations in the public and private sector workplace as well as public places, human milk banks (at least one at the provincial hospital)
2. Supplementary feeding of pregnant and lactating women, and children 6-23 months old
3. Medical and nutrition management support for acutely malnourished children in health care facilities
4. Nutrition promotional efforts through multi-media campaigns, regular nutrition classes for various population groups with the Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos/The 10 Kumainments guiding the subject matter coverage of these campaigns
5. Iron-folic acid supplements for 180 days for pregnant and lactating women, with priority to poor pregnant women, and adolescent pregnant women
6. Availability of adequately-iodized salt, and fortified flour, sugar, rice, and cooking oil at points of sale in the LGU
7. Establishment of food gardens in all homes, at least one community garden per barangay and school
8. Programs to manage and prevent overweight and obesity through community activities, including the provision of safe and adequate space for physical activity
9. Employment and livelihood support to families with pregnant and lactating women or children 0-23 months old or malnourished children
10. Regular assessment of the weight and height status of children 0-59 months old and pregnant women

LGUs should also adopt ordinances that will further strengthen the delivery of nutrition and related services.

To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the aforementioned, each LGU should:

1. Organize and ensure the functionality of local nutrition committees, with the local chief executive as chair, under the local development council to plan appropriate programs and strategies to ensure convergence at the household and community levels;
2. Formulate its three-year nutrition action plan for integration in the executive legislative agenda (ELA), comprehensive development plan (CDP) and the annual investment program (AIP);
3. Deploy at least one barangay nutrition scholar per barangay to facilitate the delivery of nutrition and related services; and



4. Designate a nutrition action officer, preferably on a full-time basis, with the corresponding staff support, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines of the Civil Service Commission to coordinate nutrition action and implement one or more components of the local nutrition action plan as may be needed

LGUs may likewise set aside a portion of their budget for the implementation of the PPAN-related programs. LGUs are also authorized to provide incentives to members of local nutrition committees.

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