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REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE/NUTRITION CLUSTER Resolution No. 003, Series 2016

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL NUTRITION STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (RNSAP) 2016-2018

WHEREAS, double burden malnutrition and poverty is still a threatening problem in the region that needs utmost attention and solution in order to prevent the worsening of the problem.

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council is an agency of the Philippine government under the Department of Health responsible for creating a conducive policy environment for national and local nutrition planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and surveillance using state-of the art technology and approaches.

WHEREAS, RNSAP translates the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) into a dynamic action program in the regional and local levels. It aims to reduce child and maternal mortality and ultimately improve quality human resources in the region.

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Strategic Action Plan is guided with the national principles that nutrition is a human-rights perspective that recognizes good nutrition as a basic human right. As such, each Filipino and Filipino family, as claim holders are responsible for the attainment of the nutritional well-being of the families and family members. Government and others in the development sector, as duty bearers, have the responsibility to assist those who are unable to enjoy the right to good nutrition.

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Situation Update Report 2016 based on the Operation Timbang Plus 2015 Result shows that there is a minimal reduction of undernutrition prevalence rate among pre-school children from 7.59% to 5.58% in 2011 and 20015 but still double digit numbers in the prevalence rate of Top 10 Nutritionally Depressed Municipalities in the region which includes Estancia, Iloilo; Tangalan, Aklan; Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental; Sibalom, Antique; Libertad, Antique; Cauayan, Negros Occidental; Candoni, Negros Occidental; E.B. Magalona, Negros Occidental; Makato, Aklan.

WHEREAS, Nutrition cuts across through various sectors, so it calls for a more vigorous and focused strategic interventions that make more relevant to the needs of the target groups. Concerted efforts to address nutritional problems should be parallel to the efforts in addressing poverty towards economic growth and development, thus, collective efforts of the Regional Nutrition Committee members, other partners in government, private business sector, media, non-government organizations and the diligence and commitment of the local officials, parents, caregivers and communities are necessary.

"First 1000 days ni baby pahalagahan para sa malusog na kinabukasan!"

