Republic of the Philippines Department of Health National Nutrition Council Region VII

CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

RNC Resolution No. 015-02 (s 2015)

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting held on February 18, 2015 at the Club Ultima, Osmeña Blvd., Cebu City.

"ADOPTING THE SCALING UP NUTRITION MOVEMENT REGIONWIDE"

WHEREAS, Scaling Up Nutrition Movement (SUN) launched in 2010, is an unprecedented global movement to improve maternal and child nutrition with focus on the first 1,000 days' "window of opportunity" working to improve both direct nutrition interventions and to integrate nutrition into broader national health and development effort where good nutrition can have the greatest impact in the prevention of the irreversible effects of under and over nutrition during infancy;

WHEREAS, the NNC is the Philippine focal point for the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement which mobilizes registered member nations, multi-and bi-lateral stakeholders and donors, United Nations agencies and civil society organizations towards scaling up direct and nutrition sensitive interventions through the First 1000 Days;

WHEREAS, The 1,000 days between a woman's pregnancy and her child's 2nd birthday offer a unique window of opportunity to shape healthier and more prosperous futures. The right nutrition during this 1,000-day window can have a life-changing impact on a child's ability to grow, learn, and rise out of poverty-providing the foundation for long-term economic growth and stability;

WHEREAS, the RNC, which is the NNC at the sub-national level recognizes that technical and resource assistance from government agencies and Local Government Units is needed to effectively and efficiently improve nutrition outcomes and impacts in children and women in each of their respective localities;

WHEREAS, RNC recognizes the role of Local Chief Executives as chair of the Local Nutrition Committees to take the lead in prioritizing action by adequately fundingnutrition and related programs, projects and activities, deciding on strategic actions harmonizing existing nutrition programs toward a sustained solution to malnutrition;

WHEREAS, the LGUs could take significant steps towards solving malnutrition by institutionalizing the following specific actions for nutrition and nutrition –sensitive strategies:

Specific Actions for Nutrition		Nutrition-Sensitive Strategies
a.	Feeding practices & behaviours: Encouraging exclusive breastfeeding up to 6 months of age and continued breastfeeding together with appropriate and nutritious food up to 2 years of age and beyond	Agriculture: Making nutritious food more accessible to everyone, and supporting small farms as a source of income for women and families
b.	Fortification of foods: Enabling access to nutrients through incorporating them into foods	Clean water & sanitation:
c.	Micronutrient supplementation: Direct provision of extra nutrients	Improving access to reduce infection and disease
d.	Treatment of acute malnutrition:	

Enabling people with moderate and severe malnutrition to access effective treatment	Education Making sure children have the nutrition needed to learn and earn a decent income as adults
	Employment & social protection Ensuring employment practices and social protection schemes support good nutrition
	Health care: Access to services that enable women & children to be healthy
	Support for resilience: Establishing a stronger, healthier population and sustained prosperity to better endure emergencies and conflicts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the RNC shall recommend to the Local Chief Executives and the local Sanggunian in all Provinces, cities, and municipalities in the region to adopt the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and institutionalize the foregoing courses of action to address the malnutrition problem in the region.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that RNC shall request the DILG to ensure that this resolution is fully implemented at the local level and submit status of implementation of the said resolution to the RNC regularly.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Governor, City /and Municipal Mayors, and others concerned agencies in the region.

APPROVED, this 18th day of February 2015 during the 1st Quarter RNC Full Committee Meeting held at Club Ultima, Osmeña Blvd., Cebu City.

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