



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL
Region VIII



Regional Nutrition Committee VIII

RNC VIII Resolution No. 1, Series of 2017

**ADOPTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION ON NUTRITION
(PPAN) 2017-2022**

WHEREAS, maternal and child undernutrition continue to be of alarming levels in the Philippines as reported by the National Nutrition Surveys conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI);

WHEREAS, the Philippine economy lost a total of PhP328 billion in 2013 due to the impact of child stunting on education and productivity, equivalent to 2.84 percent of the country's gross domestic product (Save the Children, 2016);

WHEREAS, aside from the economic and social costs to the country these nutritional problems deprive Filipino of their right to food and good nutrition;

WHEREAS, the country has committed to pursue the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the goal on ending hunger, achieving food security, and improving nutrition; and the Global Targets 2025 for Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022, an integral part of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 was formulated, a guide for all who want to be involved in nutrition action, it lays out targets, directions, and priority actions;

WHEREAS, the goal of PPAN is to improve the nutrition situation of the country as a contribution to the achievement of Ambisyon Natin 2040 by improving the quality of human resource base of the country, reducing inequality in human development, and reducing child and maternal mortality;

WHEREAS, the PPAN consists of nutrition-specific interventions that addresses the immediate causes of undernutrition most of which are in the health sector, nutrition-sensitive interventions which have other objectives but have been tweaked to contribute to nutritional outcomes and enabling support programs which will ensure wider participation in delivering nutritional outcomes;

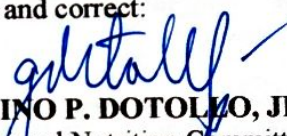
WHEREAS, the attainment of nutritional well-being is a main responsibility of families but duty bearers like government organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and development partners should help the families especially the marginalized, to be able to provide for their own nutritional needs;

WHEREAS, the PPAN was designed with a strong emphasis on the following strategic thrust; Focus on the First 1000 Days of life; (2) Complementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition sensitive programs; (3) Intensified mobilization of local government units; (4) reaching geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) and communities of indigenous people; and (5) complementation of actions of national and local governments.

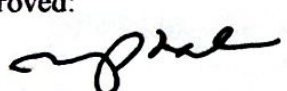
NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of CEDS Jam M. Colas, NEDA VIII, that was unanimously seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt the Philippine Plan of Action on Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 22nd day of August, Two Thousand and Seventeen in Tacloban City.

Certified true and correct:


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Approved:


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RNC Resolution No. 2, Series 2017

**INCLUSION OF NUTRITION INDICATORS IN THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR
CONFERMENT OF THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**

WHEREAS, the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) was introduced by the former Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Mar Roxas in 2011, it monitors and awards local government units (LGUs) with good performance in internal housekeeping specifically in the areas of local legislation, development planning, resource generation, and resource allocation;

WHEREAS, the SGLG symbolizes integrity and good performance through continuing governance reform and sustained local development aligned with the current Administration's vision of inclusive growth, high trust society, and a globally-competitive knowledge economy, following the principles of *Malasakit*, *Pagbabago at Patuloy na Pag-unlad* stipulated in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, in the 2017 SGLG assessment criteria, the core areas to be evaluated are: Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection, Peace and Order; and at least one essential area: either Business-friendliness and Competitiveness, Environmental Protection or Tourism, Culture and the Arts,

WHEREAS, the social protection criteria did not feature any nutrition related accomplishments and indicators which is a necessary action to respond the needs of children especially those with acute and severely forms of malnutrition and a step in realizing the Ambisyon Natin 2040 vision of a country where all citizens are free from hunger and poverty;

WHEREAS, the relationship between nutrition and human resource development was best described in the 1992 International Conference on Nutrition (ICN) held in Rome and stated in its World Declaration and Plan of Action for Nutrition that nutritional well-being of all people is a pre-condition for the development of societies and is a key objective of progress in human development that a well-nourished, healthy workforce is a pre-condition for sustainable development and that at the same time, the nutritional well-being of a population is a reflection of the performance of its social and economic sectors; and to a large extent, an indicator of the efficiency of national resource allocation;

WHEREAS, the cost of undernutrition is a burden shouldered not only by one third of Filipino children, but by the entire nation, beyond the health implications for each individual child, malnutrition hinders a child's capability to achieve his/her full potential as a learner and his/her future productivity as a worker and a contributor for economic development of the country;

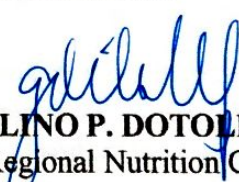
WHEREAS, the inclusion of nutrition related assessment criteria will factor in and consider the country's commitments to the global community as embodied in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, 2025 Global Targets for Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition, and the 2014 International Conference on Nutrition;

WHEREAS, the improved nutrition situation of the country is a big contributor to the realization of the Duterte Administration 10-point Economic Agenda, the Health for All Agenda of the Department of Health, and the development pillars of *malasakit* (protective concern), *pagbabago* (change or transformation), and *kaunlaran* (development) achievement, and the vision of Ambisyon Natin 2040.


NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of HIMSOG-8 President Antonio C. Pueblos, duly seconded by PIA Regional Director Alicia E. Nicart, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Inclusion of Nutrition Indicators in the Assessment Criteria for Conferment of the Seal of Good Local Governance for Local Government Units.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 24th day of November Two Thousand and Seventeen held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

Certified true and correct:


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RNC Resolution No. 3, Series 2017

**ADOPTING AND SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd)
ORDER NO. 13, SERIES OF 2017, ENTITLED “POLICY AND GUIDELINES ON
HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE CHOICES IN SCHOOLS AND IN DEPED
OFFICES”**

WHEREAS, World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed of a Double Burden Malnutrition (DBM), this is the existence of undernutrition side by side with overweight and obesity which posed a significant threat to human health especially in developing countries like the Philippines;

WHEREAS, hunger and nutrition contribute to early deaths of mothers, infants, and young children, and impaired physical and brain development in children, likewise, the rising cases of overweight and obesity worldwide are linked to an upward trend of chronic and non-communicable diseases, also called lifestyle-related diseases, like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes;

WHEREAS, the 8th National Nutrition Survey (NSS) by the Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI, 2014) showed that for children aged five to ten years old, 29.1% were underweight, 29.9% were stunted, 8.6% were wasted, and 9.1% were overweight;

WHEREAS, the double burden of under and over nutrition experienced by the school children in the Philippines is due to the fact that the total food intake for some children has remained inadequate, resulting in undernutrition, unhealthy food eating patterns also factors in to this nutrition situation among school aged children;

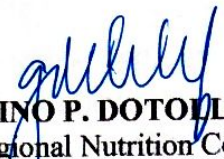
WHEREAS, to promote healthy diets and positive eating behaviors and to provide healthy eating environment to learners and non-teaching personnel, the Department of Education released Memorandum Order No. 13, s. 2017 entitled “*Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices*”;

WHEREAS, to introduce the policy to member agencies and stakeholders which have an important role in the advocacy and promotion of healthy diets, the Regional Nutrition Committee are enjoined to adopt and support the same in their respective department and entities.

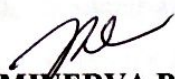
NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Ms. Pauline Liza Nadera of DSWD-8 and unanimously seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt and support the Department of Education Order No. 13, s. 2017 entitled "Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices".

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 24th day of November 2017 during the second meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

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RNC Resolution No. 4, Series of 2017

**ADOPTION OF THE NNC MEMORANDUM NO. 2006-009 SERIES OF 2016,
“GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGY FOR
MOBILIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR NUTRITION”**

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states the key role of the local governments in the delivery of efficient and effective provision of programs and projects on nutrition and other basic services;

WHEREAS, Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2011-2016 mid-term assessment concluded the invisibility of nutrition not only in sectoral policies, plans, and programs but in local development as well;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022, an integral part of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 was formulated, a guide for all who want to be involved in nutrition action, it lays out targets, directions, and priority actions

WHEREAS, PPAN 2017-2022 identified focus areas based on high prevalence of stunting among under-five years old in Region VIII to include the provinces of Biliran, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar and Samar;

WHEREAS, local government unit (LGU) mobilization aims to contribute to the accelerated and improvement in the nutrition situation in the LGUs through improved and effective nutrition program management, and implementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions;

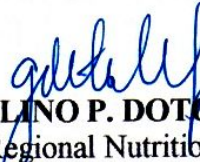
WHEREAS, NNC Memorandum No. 2006-009 series of 2016 prescribed the processes for the mobilization of LGUs to scale up nutrition action in their respective areas of responsibilities;

WHEREAS, LGU Mobilization overall objectives is to enable LGUs of PPAN focus areas to deliver outcomes and sub-outcomes per PPAN targets with the following specific objectives: (1) 100% of PPAN focus provinces with 90% of targets reached by nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs and projects; (2) 62 programs implemented by NGAs and NGOs with nutrition objectives or components; (3) 100% of provinces, 100% of cities, and 87% of municipalities implementing quality nutrition programs; and (4) 100% of provinces, 100% of cities, and 87% of municipalities with functional nutrition committees;

NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of PIA Regional Director Alicia E. Nicart, duly seconded by HIMSOG-8 President Antonio C. Pueblos, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt the NNC Memorandum No. 2006-009 series of 2016, “Guidelines for developing and implementing strategy for mobilizing local government units for nutrition”.

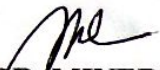
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 24th day of November 2017 during the second meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

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RNC Resolution No. 5, Series 2017

APPROVING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2017 REGIONAL NUTRITION AWARDING CEREMONY (RNAC)

WHEREAS, the evaluation of local nutrition action plans and program is undertaken annually by the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET);

WHEREAS, the monitoring and evaluation is a management tool to: a) assess progress of plan implementation; b) identify strengths and weaknesses in implementing the local nutrition program; c) institute appropriate corrective measures; and d) facilitate achievement of the plan's objectives;

WHEREAS, to be conferred with Green Banner Award the local government units must attain a minimum and final average rating, as: 1) Outstanding Municipality in the Province of 85%, 2) Outstanding Municipality in the Region of 88%, and 3) Outstanding Province or City in the Region of 90%;

WHEREAS, the outstanding municipality in the region should come from among the first ranking municipalities in the provinces of the region;

WHEREAS, Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs) recognized with outstanding service at the municipal level shall have a final rating of 85% or higher, at the city or provincial level with a final rating of 88% or higher, and at the regional level with a final rating of 90% or higher;

WHEREAS, the evaluation for the Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition assesses the knowledge and skills of the BNS through a) interview, b) document review, and c) validation weighing of children;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Green Banner Award is given to: 1) Regional Outstanding Municipality in the Region- Caibiran, Biliran; and 2) Provincial Outstanding Municipalities: Taranganan, Samar, Allen, Northern Samar, Sulat, Eastern Samar, Inopacan, Leyte, and Caibiran, Biliran;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar (ROBNS) is Ms. Jennifer U. Dejesica of Brgy. Sto. Niño, Maasin City;

WHEREAS, certificates or plaque of recognition are given to the following: a) 1st runner-up of the Regional Green Banner Awardees; b) Provincial and City Outstanding BNSs; c) 1st and 2nd runners-up of the ROBNS; d) Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee in the region; e) active members of the regional nutrition evaluation team, regional technical working group and regional nutrition committee; f) nutrition partners such as nutrition organizations, media and non-government organizations; and g) LGUs that participated in the monitoring and evaluation (*see attached RNAC awardees*);

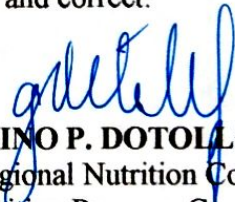
WHEREAS, special citations are likewise given to LGUs with Outstanding *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* Implementation, Sustained Breastfeeding Advocacy, Efficient Nutrition Program Implementation, Effective Nutrition Program Implementation, Most improved Barangay in Nutrition Program Implementation, Innovative Food Production Scheme, Sustained Nutrition Program Implementation, *Huwaran sa Nutrisyon Lider* Award and 2016 *Bayani ng Kalusugan* Award;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony is funded and organized by the National Nutrition Council and scheduled to be awarded/recognized on 6 December 2017 at The Oriental Hotel, Palo, Leyte.


NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Ms. Pauline Liza Nadera, DSWD-8, duly seconded by HIMSOG-8 President Antonio C. Pueblos, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to approve the awardees of the 2017 Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 24th day of November 2017 during the second meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

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RNC Resolution No. 6, Series of 2017

**CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE 2014 REGIONAL
NUTRITION COMMITTEE/ REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RNC/RDC)
NUTRITION POLICIES**

WHEREAS, policy is a manifestation or clarification of specific goals, objectives, values or ideals, as well as normative patterns of action needed for present and future decisions and actions, providing framework or patterned solutions to anticipate future problems (DAP, 2004);

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) is a policy making body tasked to issue implementing guidelines that will support the nutrition programs in the region based on the policies set by the National Nutrition Council;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) is the highest planning and policy-making body in the region that coordinates and sets the direction of all economic and social development efforts in the region;

WHEREAS, policy review or evaluation is the stage of the policy process that determines how a public policy has fared in action, and identify problems, failures and challenges encountered in implementing the policy;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee functions to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the agency nutrition programs and policies in the region;

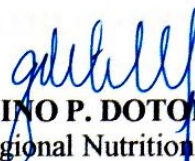
WHEREAS, the policies for review are the following: a) RNC Resolution No.3, s. 2014: Reconstituting the RBATF 8 and enjoining the LGUs to create/ revitalize Bantay Asin Task Force in their respective localities; and b) RDC Resolution No. 12, s. 2014: Enjoining the LGUs to create the position of a Nutrition Action Officer in any manner that will best suit the existing organizational structure and financial capability of the LGU.

WHEREAS, an Ad Hoc Committee composed of different concerned agencies needs to be organized to review the 2014 RNC/RDC policies.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Ms. Pauline Liza Nadera of DSWD-8, duly seconded by Ms. Resurreccion Enage of NEDA-8, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review the 2014 RNC/RDC nutrition policies.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 24th day of November 2017 during the second meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

Certified true and correct:



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RNC VIII Resolution No. 7, Series 2017

ADOPTION OF THE NNC GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 4, SERIES OF 2012, ENTITLED "ADOPTING THE 'UNDER-FIVE AGE GROUP' TO DESCRIBE CHILD UNDERNUTRITION IN THE PHILIPPINES"

WHEREAS, NNC Governing Board Resolution No.4, series of 2012, entitled "Adopting the 'Under-five age group' to describe child undernutrition in the Philippines declares that child undernutrition will be expressed and reported in terms of the situation of children under five years old, i.e. 0-59 months;

WHEREAS, the height and weight of children 60-71 months old will continue to be measured either in the community or the public elementary school for determination of those needing nutrition intervention;


WHEREAS, from 2017 onward, the 6-10 years' age group for nutrition targets will be modified to cover the 5-10 years old group.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Ms. Evelyn N. Baccol of HIMSOG-8, that was unanimously seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt the NNC Governing Board Resolution No.4, series of 2012, entitled "Adopting the 'Under-five age group' to describe child undernutrition in the Philippines.


RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council VIII Secretariat to ensure that this policy is disseminated and implemented accordingly.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 28th day of December 2017 during the third meeting of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) held at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City.

Certified true and correct:


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