



Republic of the Philippines
KAGAWARAN NG KALUSUGAN
PAMBANSANG SANGGUNIAN SA NUTRISYON
(NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL)
Regional Office No. 8
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte



Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) VIII meeting held on November 10, 2014 at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City

RNC Resolution No. 02, s. 2014

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL NUTRITION CLUSTER (RNCI)

WHEREAS, the Philippines is identified as top in the list of Asian countries hit by disasters in 2011, according to a report of the Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Belgium;

WHEREAS, Region VIII continues to be affected by natural and human-induced emergencies that disrupt the lives of affected people especially the most vulnerable groups: infant, children, pregnant and lactating women, and older person compromising their health and nutritional status;

WHEREAS, the on 10 May 2007, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) issued Circular No. 5, the Institutionalization of the Cluster Approach in the Philippine Disaster Management System Designation of Cluster Leads and their Terms of Reference at the National, Regional and Provincial Level” to strengthen the predictability, response capacity, coordination and accountability by strengthening the partnership in key sectors of humanitarian response;

WHEREAS, Department of Health issued a Department Personnel Order No. 2007-2492-A for the creation of Health Cluster with sub-cluster on Health: NUTRITION, Water and Sanitation (WASH) and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and that the National Nutrition Council as the cluster lead on Nutrition;

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Council - Governing Board Resolution (NNC-GB) No. 1 series 2009, adopting the National Policy on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and disasters, provides that the nutrition committee of each Local Government Unit shall function as the local nutrition cluster that will undertake the nutrition management in the course of emergencies and disasters;

WHEREAS, nutrition in emergencies refer to essential nutrition services that are components of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery phases aimed at preventing death and worsening of malnutrition in the affected population, particularly in the most nutritionally vulnerable groups: infants, children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, and older persons;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Cluster of Region 8 aims for the following:

- a) Conduct rapid nutritional assessment;

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- b) Ensure the timely and appropriate delivery of nutrition interventions to affected population particularly on the promotion and protection of infant and young child feeding practices, micronutrient supplementation, supplementary feeding, integrated management of acute malnutrition and others;
- c) Ensure provision and distribution of nutritionally adequate foods for the vulnerable groups;
- d) Conduct trainings and other various capacity building activities related to nutrition;
- e) Provide nutrition counseling to affected populations; and f) establish and promote coordination, networking, planning, social mobilization, advocacy, surveillance, monitoring, evaluation and good reporting mechanisms within the nutrition cluster;

WHEREAS, to ensure its functionality and sustainability, the cluster should conduct regular meetings and should ensure incorporation of the Nutrition in Emergencies Plan in the overall Regional Disaster and Risk Reduction Plan;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Cluster (RNCI) in Region 8 would be national government agencies, non-government organizations and other sectors as follows:

1. Department of Health (DOH),
2. Department Agriculture (DA),
3. Department Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),
4. Department Education (DepEd),
5. Department Interior and Local Government (DILG)
6. Department Trade and Industry (DTI),
7. Department Science and Technology (DOST),
8. Department Budget and Management (DBM),
9. Department Labor and Employment (DOLE),
10. Department National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA),
11. Commission on Population (POPCOM),
12. Philippine Information Agency (PIA),
13. Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU),
14. Visayas State University – Baybay Campus (VSU),
15. Rotary Club of Kandaya, Plan International, World Vision,
16. Chinese Chamber of Commerce (CCC),
17. Philippine Red Cross (PRC),
18. Provincial and City Nutrition Action Officers (P/CNAOs) in the region;

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Program Coordinator of the National Nutrition Council, Region 8 shall be the Regional Nutrition Cluster Coordinator;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council 8 will serve as secretariat, provide funds in the conduct of regular meetings, prepare and submit reports to concerned entities;

NOW WHEREFORE, on motion of and duly seconded by members present;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to create the Regional Nutrition Cluster (RNCI);

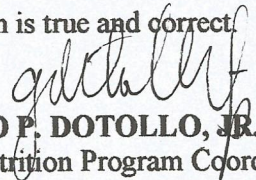
RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of the forgoing resolution be forwarded to the office concerned;

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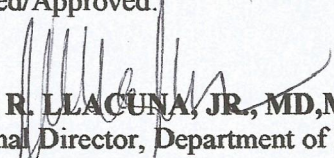
RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to the concerned entities for their guidance and to ensure their active participation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 10th day of November 2014, Tacloban City.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above resolution is true and correct.


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National Nutrition Council 8 and
Secretary, Regional Nutrition Committee

Attested/Approved:


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