

**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Department of Health**  
**NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL**  
**RHTC Cabatangan, Zamboanga City**

- I. ACTIVITY : Regional/ Provincial/ City Program Implementation Review on Medium Term Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2005-2010
- II. DATE : August 19-20, 2010
- III. VENUE : Ricomar Hotel, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay

The conduct of the regional/provincial/city PIR is among the summative evaluation processes to assess what have been done in the last 5 years at subnational level relative to MTPPAN. Results of the PIR, together with secondary data from PPAN accomplishment reports, focus group discussions with LGU implementers, shall provide the local context from which national line agencies and partners can draw insights from, for formulating policies and formulating programs for 2011-2016.

The PIR for the MTPPAN was conducted in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay on August 19-20, 2010. The municipality of Ipil was chosen as the venue for its accessibility to all the participants from Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur. The activity was conducted in a 1½ day review of the program implementation of the MTPPAN 2005-2010 to serve as input to the formulation of the next Medium-Term Nutrition Plan for 2011-2016.

The general objectives of the PIR are to assess the 2005-2010 regional MTPPAN and to recommend priority actions and enabling policies for the next medium-term PPAN for national and subnational action. With the specific objectives;

1. To determine the trends in nutritional status over the six-year period, by city and province.
2. To identify good practices in nutrition program management for replication and scaling up.
3. To identify adjustments made by LGUs in the implementation of local nutrition programs consistent with the Updated MTPPAN.
4. To identify issues in the 2008-2010 Updated MTPPAN in need of policy and programmatic updating.
5. To identify objectives, priority actions, priority groups, and enabling mechanisms for the next medium term.

The PIR started with an invocation and singing of the National Anthem followed by the welcome message given by NPC Tarroza, PNAO of Zamboanga Sibugay acknowledged the participants, the background and mechanics of the PIR was presented by NOIII Ekong. During the conduct of the activity there was didactic presentations on the Provincial/City Nutrition Situation and Program Accomplishments, Assessment of the MTPPAN Implementation 2005-2009 (Session I), Recommendations for Policy and Program Adjustments for the formulation of 2011-2016 MTPPAN (Session II) and Setting of Objectives and Determination of Priority Groups and Priority Actions (Session III). There were workshops done in every session wherein different matrixes were provided to be filled-up to gather information.

The NNC-RO9 headed by NPC Tarroza served as the facilitator of the PIR. The Regional Nutrition Committee-Technical Working Group who was present during the formulation of 3 years RPAN in February 2010 was again invited for this purpose.

#### IV. PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the regional/provincial/city review consist of the following; PNAOs, CNAOs and the members of the nutrition committee and selected MNAOs from performing and non-performing municipalities. The Regional Nutrition Committee-Technical Working Group and NNC Staff headed by NPC Tarroza.

#### V. HIGHLIGHTS OF PIR

The five cities and 3 provinces were provided with the MTPPAN guidelines and matrixes one week before the activity to discuss with their respective nutrition committees on their nutrition situation and accomplishments. They were also requested to prepare a presentation on the nutrition situation of their respective areas and as much as possible to fill up already the matrixes before going to the venue. But unfortunately, they weren't able to fill it up due to lacked of time and busy schedules of the other members of the nutrition committee.

##### **SESSION I: Assessment of the MTPPAN Implementation 2005-2009**

On the first session of the MTPPAN-PIR activity the participants were given matrixes for a workshop on the following information: workshop 1: MTPPAN Program and Project, workshop II: Innovative Strategies and workshop III: Program and Project along the updated MTPPAN. Then, they were given enough time to fill-up the matrixes and after which the participants were instructed to present their nutrition situation and accomplishments including the workshops of session 1. A representative from each city and province were presented their outputs. During the presentation of the participants, Ms. Ekong is jotting down to summarize the commonalities of the LGU's programs.

**(Please refer to annex 1)**

##### **SESSION II: Recommendations for Policy and Program Adjustments for the Formulation of 2011-2016 MTPPAN**

##### **SESSION III: Setting of Objectives and Determination of Priority Groups and Priority Actions**

For these sessions, there were also matrixes filled up by the participants but the presentation was done in plenary. Dr. Talaboc the MNAO of Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte was volunteered to present their outputs in which the discussion for Session II and III started. Then, the participants were asked to give suggestions and recommendations to fill up the matrixes for the 2011-2016 MTPPAN. Then again Ms. Ekong wrote it down in the manila paper to serve as consolidated reports for the region.

**(Please refer to annex 2)**

The over-all synthesis was presented by Mr. Rodrigo Manuel of NEDA-RO9.

In his synthesis, Mr. Manuel recapitulated the activities of the one and a half day session. He mentioned that there were substantial accomplishments in 2005-2010 but all the good practices and innovative features need to be documented. The LGUs had been supportive like in passing the ordinances and resolutions, especially the resolution to include nutrition in the plans for funding. He also mentioned the good relationship between the nutrition working committees and LGUs. He ended up his synthesis emphasizing the Program Implementation Review on MTPPAN was successful and productive.

## VI. CLOSING

At the closing program NPC Tarroza expressed her gratitude and thanks to the participants who came despite their busy schedule. And she was happy that the participants interacted and participated well during the sessions she also reminded them of the deadline of submission on August 30, 2010 for their final inputs on the PIR using the prescribed tools.

## V. ANALYSIS

Based on the nutrition situation report of the different LGU's a downward trend on the malnutrition problem could be noted however, comparing the local data to the findings of the National Nutrition Survey of the FNRI of 2008 the nutrition situation in the region had not at all improved and even showed an increasing prevalence of under nutrition and stunting among the 0-5 years old children from 2005-2008.

The Local Nutrition Committees are enjoined to revisit their nutrition plans and determine the effectiveness of locally initiated projects and interventions in reducing the problem of malnutrition in their area. The PIR provided good input to the Local Nutrition Committee to review and recast their plan for the next 3 to 6 years.

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