



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL NUTRITION & ANTI-HUNGER COMMITTEE
MEETING OF April 12, 2016

RNAHC Resolution No. 2; Series of 2016

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTION
PACKAGE FOR THE FIRST 1000 DAYS (ECCD IP F1KD) OF THE CHILD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ZAMBOANGA
DEL SUR COVERED BY THE ACCELERATED SUSTAINABILITY ANTI POVERTY PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, addressing the nutrition component in the Early Childhood Care and Development as provided in the section 4 of the RA 10410 Early Years Act has been raised as priority concern of the government;
- WHEREAS, numerous evidence-based studies have shown that the First 1,000 Days approach ensures optimal nutrition of the child-- from a mother's pregnancy up to the child's second birthday, is the crucial period for the physical and mental growth of children and has been called the "golden window of opportunity" for building the foundation for the child's ability to grow, learn and thrive;
- WHEREAS, the focus on the first 1000 days is consistent with the essence of the Early Years Act that refers to the full range of health, nutrition, early education, and social services development program for the holistic needs of young children, but it further narrows down the age group to the golden window of opportunity for the child's growth and development;
- WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council has developed an ECCD project with intervention package to enhance the essential health and psychosocial development services on the First 1000 Days of the Child to be piloted in the ASAPP municipalities in priority provinces identified by Human Development Poverty Reduction cluster;
- WHEREAS, the intervention package identified will require collaboration and converging efforts of several line agencies members of the RNAHC to provide services for livelihood, adequate food, proper caring practices among others to sustain good nutrition, health and psychosocial development of the children;
- WHEREAS, the ECCD – IP F1KD of the Child is deemed to accelerate reduction of child undernutrition that results to stunting (children having short height for their age) and wasting (children with low weight for their height) and which affects 38% of children under five years old in Region IX; reduce mortality rates among children 0-23 months old and; increase the percentage of children 0-23 months old meeting developmental milestones;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regional Nutrition & Anti-Hunger Committee supports the ECCD-IP F1KD Program that will be implemented in the ASAPP municipalities of Aurora, Kumalarang and Mahayag in Zamboanga del Sur.

FURTHER RESOLVED the RNAHC –Technical Working Group shall formulate a plan that will integrate the respective agency's services to further enhance the package of interventions that will be funded from the national level.

RESOLVED FINALLY to furnish copies of this resolution to all members of the Regional Nutrition Anti-Hunger Committee for appropriate action.

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2016 at the Cityinn Hotel, Zamboanga City.

Certified Correct:

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