Republic of the Philippines Department of Health NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL ARMM

ARMM REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE RNC Resolution No. 01 S 2018

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regional Nutrition Committee-TWG Meeting held on 12 February 2018 at DOH Training Center, DOH-ARMM, ORG Compound, Cotabato City

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRST 1000 DAYS (ECCD-F1K) PROGRAM IN THE PROVINCE OF SULU

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 1000 Days approach ensures the 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 plotted in the Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAPP) municipalities in priority provinces identified by Human Development Poverty Reduction Cluster;

WHEREAS, the results of the updating of the National Nutrition Survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of Development of Science and Technology (FNRI-DOST) in 2015 showed that the ARMM regional prevalence rate of stunting is 45.2%, wasting 8.2%, underweight and overweight is 4.2%;

WHEREAS, the ECCD F1K Program aims to address health, nutrition, and related concerns affecting pregnant and lactating women, infants 0-11 months old and young children 12-23 months old;

WHEREAS, the ECCD F1K Program will be implemented in all barangays in selected municipalities/cities of ten (10) provinces in selected regions of the country with high magnitude of poverty or those identified as the Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAPP) areas;

WHEREAS, the province of Sulu has been identified in the ten priority provinces to implement the ECCD F1K program, specifically in all barangays of the nine (9) municipalities of Jolo, Indanan, Maimbung, Patikul, Panglima Estino, Pangutaran, Tapul, HP Tahil and Parang;

WHEREAS, the intervention package identified will require collaboration and converging efforts of several line agencies members of the Regional Nutrition Committee 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 National Nutrition Council ARMM shall be considered as the Over-all Regional ECCD F1K Coordinator and being the secretariat of the Regional Nutrition Committee to coordinate the implementation of the ECCD F1K Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regional Nutrition Committee ARMM supports the ECCD F1K Program that will be implemented in the nine (9) municipalities in province of Sulu;

FURTHER RESOLVE the RNC ARMM TWG shall participate on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the project and integrate in the agency's services/activities that will be funded respectively;

RESOLVE FINALLY to furnish copies of the resolution to the National Nutrition Council Central Office and to all Regional members of the RNC for appropriate actions;

APPROVED, this 12th day of February 2018 during the 2nd RNC TWG Meeting Series 2018 held at DOH Training Center, ORG Compound, Cotabato City.

Certified Correct

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