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**NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL**  
**MIMAROPA REGION**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Regional Nutrition Committee and  
Regional Nutrition Cluster Joint Meeting, s. 2021**

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**I. ATTENDANCE**

NAME	POSITION / DESIGNATION	OFFICE/AGENCY
1. Maria Lourdes A. Vega	Executive Director	Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines
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3. Christian G. Mendoza	OIC-Chief Budget and Management Specialist	DBM MIMAROPA
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6. Ruby T. Oncita	Agrarian Reform Program Officer II	DAR MIMAROPA
7. Paul Pukias	Labor and Employment Officer III	DOLE MIMAROPA
8. Cherry Ann G. Candava	Nurse V	DOH CHD MIMAROPA
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14. Mark Laurence Guilles	Planning Officer II	POPCOM MIMAROPA
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18. Mariel Ann D. Adlawan	Nutritionist-Dietitian I	DSWD MIMAROPA
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20. Melanie B. Ronquillo	Information Officer III	PIA MIMAROPA
21. Eddielito J. Sumangil	Planning Officer II	NCIP MIMAROPA

22. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco	Nutrition Program Coordinator	NNC MIMAROPA
23. Maria Camille Louise C. Chen	Nutrition Officer III	NNC MIMAROPA
24. Francis Erik P. Bacena	ECCD-F1K Provincial Nutrition Coordinator	NNC MIMAROPA
25. Bianca Louise Veronica M. Estrella	Nutrition Officer II	NNC MIMAROPA
26. Ace Van Earl T. Patriarca	Nutrition Officer I	NNC MIMAROPA
27. Nichole Kate S. Loyola	Nutrition Officer I	NNC MIMAROPA

## **II. PRELIMINARIES**

The virtual meeting started at around 9:15 AM with a prayer and singing of national anthem and MIMAROPA hymn.

## **III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

NO I Loyola acknowledged the members. Of the twenty-two (22) regional line agencies, sixteen (16) were in attendance, constituting a quorum of 72.73%. NPC Blanco then declared that the meeting had a quorum.

## **IV. AGENDA**

NPC Blanco presented the proposed agenda and was approved as follows:

1. Review of Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> RNC Meeting s. 2020
2. Update on COVID-19 Regional Situation and Vaccination Program
3. RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2021: Resolution Enjoining Local Government Units of MIMAROPA to Adopt the MELLPI PRO in Monitoring the Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP) Implementation and Performance of Nutrition Workers
4. RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2021: Enjoining All Local Government Units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA Region to Organize Nutrition Clusters at the Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay Levels and Ensure Functionality During Emergencies and Disasters
5. 2021 Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) Schedule
6. Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project: Kasapatan at Ugnayan ng Mamamayan sa Akmang Pagkain at Nutrisyon
7. Updates on the Tutok Kainan: Dietary Supplementation Program
8. Updates on Early Childhood Care and Development-First 1000 Days Program
9. Nutrition Month Activities
10. Agency Updates

Duly seconded, the agenda was moved to approval by ED Vega.

## **V. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING**

### **A. Review of Minutes of the 2nd RNC Meeting s. 2020**

Review of minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed as suggested by Mr. Lorenzo, agencies may email corrections and updates if there are. The suggestion was agreed by the members and proceeded to the next agenda.

### **B. Update on COVID-19 Regional Situation and Vaccination Program**

Ms. Cherry Ann Candava of CHD MIMAROPA discussed the COVID-19 regional situation as of 26 May 2021. Prior to her discussion, she shared the interactive COVID-19 tracker of the region which can be accessed at <https://www.resu.online/covid19>.

As of reporting, the region has 8,593 cases with 1,923 (22.4%) active cases where percentage is higher than the national data; 6,446 (75.0%) recoveries; and 187 (2.2%) deaths. Case fatality rate in MIMAROPA is also higher than the national. Ms. Candava shared that there will be mortality review as a response to this higher percentage of fatality.

Of the 141 new cases, Oriental Mindoro recorded the highest new cases at 64 with a total of 529. This is followed by Palawan with 39 new cases giving the total of 637 active cases – the highest among the provinces and HUC in the region.

In terms of severity of symptoms, 54% are mild, 38% are asymptomatic, 5% are severe, 2% are moderate and 1% is critical.

In terms of fatality, 52% are with co-morbidities, 34% are with no comorbidity while 14% are unknown denoting that those with co-morbidities are at higher risk.

In terms of age group, most of the affected are the senior citizens.

In terms of clustering cases, there are 1,318 clustered cases in 208 barangays in the region.

Ms. Candava then presented the average daily attack rate (ADAR) which is computed based on the total number of cases in 2 weeks / total no. of population x 100. ADAR shows the infection rate as low or high. For MIMAROPA, the current ADAR status is medium. In terms of 2-week growth rate which denotes the increase or decrease of cases, MIMAROPA's 2-week growth rate is low. Given the ADAR and 2-week growth rate, the current risk status of MIMAROPA is low.

For the cumulative positivity rate as of 22 May 2021, out of 46,289 individuals tested, 17.4% were positive from the RT-PCR test conducted by the province/city.

Ms. Candava ended her presentation encouraging everyone to be BIDA+ Solusyon sa COVID-19.

NPC Blanco inquired if MIMAROPA has an Indian COVID-19 variant in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro as reported in the news. Ms. Candava responded that DOH is still investigating the COVID-19 variant that entered in the region.

Dr. Mathew Medrano shared the updated on COVID-19 vaccination in MIMAROPA as of 26 May 2021. The region has received 45,600 first dose of Sinovac vaccines and 32,427 were already inoculated with consumption rate for 71%. Per agreement due to geographical characteristics of MIMAROPA, Dr. Medrano shared that 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Sinovac was already allocated. Although 45,600 was presented, the region already received more than 90,000 vials which includes the second dose.

For AstraZeneca, the region received 43,200 first doses and 33,125 (77%) were inoculated with the vaccine.

With regards to the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 32,427 were allocated and 15,225 (47%) were fully vaccinated with Sinovac. For AstraZeneca with interval of 10-12 weeks, some provinces have not yet started since they are waiting for the optimum interval. Even though, out of 33,125 allocation of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, 4,647 (31%) were fully vaccinated.

With regards to the vaccination of healthcare workers, out of 45,909 HCWs, 94% were already inoculated with the first dose and 38% were fully vaccinated. For 268,645 masterlisted senior citizens, 6% were already given with first dose and among those, 19% were fully vaccinated.

Dr. Medrano also reported that there were 2,156 deferrals. These included individuals willing to be vaccinated but during the screening, they were not allowed to. Since these individuals were identified, they can still receive the vaccine. Also, there were 847 individuals refused to receive the vaccine.

Further, Dr. Medrano shared the Advisory No. 43 of National Vaccination Operation Center about the Guidance for the Government Agencies to Prepare Masterlist of Employees Covered by the National COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Program Prioritization Framework. Since the vaccination priority is at A1-A3 currently and government employees are categorized under A4 category or other essential workers, Dr. Medrano informed that profiling and masterlisting of government employees should be started in preparation for vaccination. Each agency should have a focal person to prepare the masterlist and coordinated with NVOC. He also emphasized that those government employees belonging to A1-A3 categories to register in their LGUs since inoculation has already started for those priority groups.

Mr. Guevara inquired if the masterlisting should be done at the national level or regional level of agencies. Dr. Medrano responded that per advisory, it is at the national level however it would be better if there is a focal person at the regional level to do the masterlist and be reported to the national agency. Further, he added to share a file for masterlisting as well as the advisory so that the regional level can prepare.

NPC Blanco then clarified the 38% of the HCWs were vaccinated. Dr. Medrano responded that these were HCWs with complete dose of vaccine. There were already 94% of HCWs given with the first dose.

NPC Blanco inquired if there are still refusals on vaccination. Dr. Medrano mentioned that there was hesitancy among HCWs. Although there is a law on the right of first refusal, it is only applicable to HCWs directly catering COVID-19 patients. HCWs can refuse Sinovac and still be prioritized but for other individuals who refused any vaccine will be least to prioritize.

NPC Blanco further asked the refusal on Sinovac. Dr. Medrano cited the fake news and the connotations about Sinovac. Dr. Medrano emphasized that all these vaccines are extensively studied and approved by DOH, FDA and WHO, as such all vaccines are effective, and everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated with whatever vaccine is available.

Mr. Sumangil inquired about the Coron island where cases are increasing. The IPs are coordinating with him concerning the food supply since lockdown is being implemented.

Ms. Candava confirmed that lockdown was extended. She presented the current situation of Coron using the interactive COVID-19 tracker having the total of 136 active cases with no new cases. Coron had surge in cases but recovering with no new active cases recorded.

NPC Blanco clarified that supplies are provided by the LGUs as such coordination with PNAO or MNAO will be made.

### **C. RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2021**

NO II Estrella presented the RNC Resolution No. 1 entitled Resolution Enjoining Local Government Units of MIMAROPA to Adopt the MELLPI PRO in Monitoring the Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP) Implementation and Performance of Nutrition Workers.

The resolution requests LGUs to: (1) use the updated MELLPI Pro tools in the conduct of monitoring and evaluation of LNAP implementation and performance of local nutrition workers; (2) conduct the annual monitoring and evaluation with the local nutrition evaluation team; (3) follow the three stages of MELLPI Pro –

meeting with stakeholders, desk review and exit conference; (4) Discuss the results with local nutrition committee identifying the points of improvement and recommending actions; (5) submit MELLPI Pro results to the next higher administrative level; and (6) conduct follow-through activities, especially on nutrition interventions with low compliance and provide guideposts to improve performance.

NNC MIMAROPA will continue provide technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance.

NO II Estrella then read the full resolution as Mr. De Ramos of DILG MIMAROPA requested for its full copy.

ED Vega of NFP commented to check with leagues for the region or ULAP region if they have a similar resolution. She also added to add provisions of DILG issuances on PPAN.

Further, Executive Director Vega of NFP moved for the approval of RNC Resolution No. 1 by principle with inclusion of DILG issuances on PPAN on the whereas statements and seconded by Mr. Sumangil of NCIP.

#### **D. RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2021:**

NO I Loyola presented the RNC Resolution No. 2: Enjoining All Local Government Units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA Region to Organize Nutrition Clusters at the Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay Levels and Ensure Functionality During Emergencies and Disasters.

With the geographical situation of MIMAROPA which is generally prone to human-induced and natural emergencies and absence of functional nutrition committee, the policy aims to mobilize LGUs to organize and activate their local nutrition clusters during emergencies and disasters. This is to guide the nutrition cluster at the local levels on what to do immediately during emergencies and disasters, particularly during the first 72 hours to prevent worsening of nutritional status and death based on recommended Nutrition Cluster Response.

In the policy several actions are requested from LGUs which detailed as follows:

1. LGUs to adopt the resolution and pass local issuances or ordinances in support to the policy through appropriate coordination and funding.
2. Nutrition action officers to harmonize their local nutrition committees to ensure adoption of the resolution along with organization or reorganization of local nutrition clusters.
3. Organize and ensure functionality of nutrition clusters through the following actions during emergencies and disasters:

- a. In preparation, conduct capacity-building on Nutrition in Emergencies and Information Management, formulate emergency preparedness plan on nutrition and do resource mapping and prepositioning of essential commodities.
- b. Provide for the nutritional requirements of the general population and vulnerable groups.
  - i. Assess relief effort and assistance, shelter, food security, sanitation facilities, conduct gap analysis and planning of nutrition interventions.
  - ii. Mobilize community health and nutrition volunteers and peer support groups within 24 hours.
  - iii. Conduct of IYCF assessment, followed by promotion, protection, and support of IYCF in emergencies within 72 hours.
  - iv. Conduct of rapid nutrition assessment within the first two days following the emergency to identify level of malnutrition in the affected area
  - v. Integrated management and referral of severe acute malnutrition cases with complications within 72 hours.
  - vi. Micronutrient supplementation
  - vii. Organization of targeted supplementary feeding covering children 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women, and other at-risk groups.
  - viii. Policy monitoring of the Milk Code (EO 51) and identification of violations particularly donations of infant formula and breastmilk substitutes.

The resolution also seek assistance from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA, in cooperation with the NNC and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) to monitor LGU action and provide reports on the matter.

After presenting the salient points of the resolution, NO I Loyola then facilitated the reading of the full resolution.

Mr. De Ramos from DILG then inquired for the specific aspect to be monitored by their agency and requested for the reference in the creation of nutrition cluster. NPC Blanco clarified that the monitoring will be on the functionality of the local nutrition cluster. Creation of local nutrition cluster is supported by the NNC Governing Board Resolution No. 1, series of 2009 on Nutrition Management in Emergencies and Disasters. Further, ED Vega of NFP mentioned the DOH issuance on Nutrition Cluster and will share a copy for reference.

Mr. Mendoza of DBM sought clarification on the functionality of nutrition clusters since identified actions were not only applicable during emergencies and disasters (e.g. conduct capacity building and prepare emergency preparedness plan on nutrition).

Ms. Ronquillo of PIA suggested to make the resolution as general response in pre-during and post- emergency situations.

Further, Mr. Lorenzo of CHD MIMAROPA recalled that there was an RNC Resolution passed before stating that its members will also serve as the nutrition cluster during emergencies. Same at the local level where its nutrition committee will be its local nutrition cluster. Mr. Guilles of PopCom agreed with Mr. Lorenzo.

NO III Chen then presented the resolution cited by Mr. Lorenzo and Mr. Guilles which was approved in 2014 creating the Regional Nutrition Cluster from the Regional Nutrition Committee. She clarified that the purpose of the RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2021 being proposed is to ensure functionality of the nutrition cluster at the local level.

ED Vega requested to share the draft resolution for the members to review and provide comments. The group supported the request of ED Vega.

NPC Blanco agreed and requested to send their comments the following day until 5:00 pm.

NNC MIMAROPA to include comments that will be received from RNC members prior to approval of the resolution.

#### **E. 2021 Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) Schedule**

NO III Chen presented the updated 2021 MELLPI schedule with initial confirmations from the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team as of 20 May 2021.

<b>PROVINCES / CITIES</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>AGENCIES</b>
Occidental Mindoro	23-25 June 2021	DOH, DOLE, DILG, DSWD, POPCOM
Oriental Mindoro	4-6 August 2021	DOH, DOLE, DA, BFAR, POPCOM
Marinduque	28-30 June 2021	DOH, BFAR, DTI, DEPED, DA, DOLE
Romblon	21-23 July 2021	DOH, DOLE, DILG, DSWD, DEPED, DAR
Palawan	August 2021	DOH, DOLE, DILG, DSWD, DENR, BFAR
Puerto Princesa City	August 2021	DOH, DOLE, DILG, DSWD, DEPED, DTI
Calapan City	22 June 2021	DTI, DA

Due to the restrictions brought by COVID-19, all monitoring and evaluation schedule for the provinces and local nutrition workers will be held online. LGUs will be submitting scanned or digitized copy of their documents.

Schedules will be sent to RNET members for their reference.



**F. Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP): Kasapatan at Ugnayan ng Mamamayan sa Akmang Pagkain at Nutrisyon (KUMAIN)**

NO III Chen facilitated the presentation of PMNP. NNC and DSWD are the project proponents, together with DOH, DILG, DA, and DOST-FNRI as partner agencies while NEDA, DOF, DBM, and the World Bank Team are the oversight agencies. The project will be implemented for 4 years starting January 2022 to December 2025.

For its implementation, Year 1 (2022) will focus on project inception, establishment of policies, systems, and procedures, and conduct of baseline study and other nutrition surveys. For Year 2 to 3 (2024) will be the implementation of Nutrition Specific and Nutrition Sensitive interventions. And in Year 4 (2025) will be the consolidation of all sustainability initiatives and mechanisms for the project, including policy advocacy with the local government level.

The Project will cover a total of 5,936 barangays in 235 municipalities of 26 provinces in 12 regions, and further accompanied by technical assistance to additional 40 municipalities in 3 provinces of BARMM. In MIMAROPA, 7 municipalities from Occidental Mindoro (Abra de Ilog, Calintaan, Lubang, Mamburao, Paluan, Rizal, and Sta. Cruz) and another 7 municipalities from Romblon (Banton, Cajidiocan, Calatrava, Corcuera, Ferrol, San Jose, and Sta. Maria) are included. The top and overarching criterion is stunting rate. Thus, these municipalities chosen were among those that have the highest stunting rate nationwide.

The project would support the Government of the Philippines to adopt a bold, multi-sectoral nutrition approach to deliver a coordinated package of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions across the various LGU together with a harmonized social behavior change and communication strategy.

Its Project Development Objective is to increase the utilization of a package of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions and improve key health behaviors known to reduce stunting in targeted regions.

Its Component 1: Strengthened Delivery of Nutrition and Primary Health Services will be implemented by NNC and DOH consisting the following nutrition-specific interventions:

1. Promotion and support of IYCF
2. Child growth monitoring services
3. Micronutrient supplementation
4. Nutrition in emergencies
5. Management of MAM and SAM
6. Food fortification

7. Maternal care services (dietary supplementation for NAR, lactating, and children 6-23 months old)
8. Local government unit mobilization
9. Primary health care services
10. Delivery strengthening and technical assistance to BARMM

For Component 2: Community-based nutrition service delivery and multisectoral nutrition convergence will focus on multisectoral interventions that aim to prevent childhood undernutrition, especially stunting, at the community and household level, and that includes Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) to be led by DSWD and DA.

For Component 3, DSWD and NNC will implement the Institutional Strengthening, Project Management and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning.

The National government down to local level will work for its implementation where:

1. IATF Zero Hunger will provide the national-level strategic direction leadership of the Project and convenes the various agencies participating in the project in any capacity.
2. The National Technical Working Group (NTWG) comprising technical departments from the IATF on Zero Hunger will be responsible for coordinating technical support services of different agencies at the regional and provincial levels.
3. NNC and DSWD, are lead responsible in project management and in monitoring and provision of technical assistance to regional teams.
4. Municipal LGUs will develop their specific multisectoral nutrition plan and apply the same methodology and protocol to the development of multisectoral nutrition plans, as they use for their standard planning processes.
5. The Barangay LGUs will be the deliver and manage the nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions to the intended beneficiaries.

## **G. Updates on the Tutok Kainan: Dietary Supplementation Program**

NO I Patriarca cited the basis of implementing the program where malnutrition remains a challenge not only in the Philippines but also in most Asian and African countries. Filipinos are 2<sup>nd</sup> shortest in the ASEAN region, 9<sup>th</sup> in the global stunting burden and 10<sup>th</sup> on the global burden of wasting. And based on the National Nutrition Survey of DOST-FNRI, prevalence of malnutrition showed little improvement or even worsening over the years from 1989 up to 2015.

PPAN being the artillery to fight hunger and malnutrition is aligned to Ambisyon Natin 2040, Philippine Development Plan and Sustainable Development Goals. One of its strategic thrust is the Focus on the First 1000 Days and NNC continues

to implement PPAN even in the time of pandemic to achieve major outcome of reduced stunting and wasting among young children and micronutrient deficiencies, manage the emerging problem on overweight and obesity, reduce nutritionally at-risk pregnant women, reduce low birthweight babies, increase exclusive breastfeeding, improve complementary feeding and improve food intake.

The Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program aims to contribute to the prevention of stunting among children 0-23 month old by improving the quality and quantity of food and nutrient intakes and utilization of related ECCD-F1KD services among nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women and children 6-23 months old in the target Tutok Kainan program areas.

In the region, the program will cover the 6-23 months old stunted and wasted children in the provinces of Occidental Mindoro and Marinduque.

For the updates on its implementation NO I Patriarca detailed the following:

1. Memorandum of Understanding from the 6 municipalities of Marinduque and 7 municipalities of Occidental Mindoro were already submitted to NNC Central Office for signature of ED Dayanghirang.
2. Coordination meeting with DAR MIMAROPA and ARBOs of the two provinces were conducted last 8 April 2021.
3. Continuous coordination with the LGUs is conducted for the masterlist of beneficiaries with their parent/guardian's contact details.
4. A follow-up meeting will be set with DAR MIMAROPA regarding the prepared Memorandum of Understanding and Marketing strategy.
5. A consolidation of the contact details of barangay focal persons will be prepared for monitoring purposes.

#### **H. Updates on Early Childhood Care and Development-First 1000 Days Program**

PNC Bacena shared updates on the implementation of ECCD-F1K in Occidental Mindoro. The NNC has provided training support such as Idol Ko si Nanay, Participatory Cooking Demo, IYCF Counselling and Reporting System to the program implementers. Funding support was also provided for the conduct of nutrition education, home and community food production, special events and technical assistance and monitoring to each municipality.

As of reporting, 8 municipalities were able to complete the Idol Ko si Nanay Sessions and Participatory Cooking Demo while Paluan is still conducting the sessions, Abra de Ilog will start on June and Mamburao cannot conduct the activities yet due to quarantine restrictions.

For Home Community Food Production, 6 municipalities have already distributed gardening tools, seedlings and fertilizer to their beneficiaries, while 2 municipalities are to distribute the materials. Mamburao and Rizal are currently on purchasing process while procurement of Paluan is still for signature of their LCE.

On the fund utilization, 3 municipalities were able to use all the downloaded fund while Lubang and Magsaysay will refund some amount. For other municipalities, their accounting office are still processing their fund utilization report.

## **I. Nutrition Month Activities**

NO III Chen briefly shared the 2021 Nutrition Month theme: Malnutrisyon Patuloy na Labanan, First 1000 Days Tutukan! The theme was approved by the technical committee meeting last 5 March 2021. The theme calls for continued efforts to address malnutrition in the country which was expected to worsen brought by the pandemic and limited resources for nutrition. It also calls all the sectors to focus efforts in the first 1000 days of life as an strategic intervention to prevent stunting and obesity. The selection of the theme was made due to low awareness on the first 1000 days based on the message recall survey conducted by NNC which shown 11% of the respondents were aware. The NNC Tech Com also considered the limited implementation of RA 11148 which mandates the scaling up of interventions in the first 1000 days of life.

For the regional celebration, NNC MIMAROPA planned to conduct Regional Nutrition Month Launching, Virtual Presser, Information Sharing Session, Poster Making Contest, Video/Jingle Contest and a virtual Culminating Activity. With the virtual activities lined-up, NO III Chen invited the RNC to join the celebration.

NPC Blanco also encouraged the RNC members to conduct nutrition month activities and offered assistance should they need speakers about nutrition month theme.

## **J. Agency Updates**

For the last agenda, NPC Blanco requested for agency updates or announcements from the member agencies.

ED Vega mentioned that NFP will be conducting a webinar on Southeast Asian National Plans of Action for Nutrition in June 29. NFP will be sending the details to invite other colleagues in nutrition. NPC Blanco agreed to share the details to NNC MIMAROPA's partners and to the regional associations and federation.

Mr. Lorenzo shared the concern from Dra. Rebong regarding the ongoing orientation on Child-friendly Local Governance. The indicator on nutrition was not clear thus they are requesting from assistance for clarification with RSCWC.

PNC Bacena further added that this concern was about stunting. From other regions, only stunting is included in the indicator and not severe stunting unlike in MIMAROPA, both are used as indicator.

To address the issue, NPC Blanco mentioned that this will be coordinated with Dra. Rebong.

Also, Mr. Lorenzo shared that DOH will be conducting a national training on enhanced maternal and newborn care and lactation management training. After this, regional roll-out will be conducted first in the hospitals then to LGUs including the Nutrition Action Officers and Nutrition Program Coordinators. NPC Blanco requested to join the training and Mr. Lorenzo responded that NNC will be included in the national training.


Ms. Ronquillo, on behalf of PROMO Nutri Com, also requested from the members for materials for social media cards such as press releases and photos which can be coordinated through NNC MIMAROPA. These will be released in the PROMO Nutri Com page featuring the efforts in nutrition within the region.

Lastly, ED Vega announced that the Philippine Association of Nutrition will be having a virtual convention on 22-23 July 2021 with registration fee of PhP 200.00.


## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other raised concerns and matters to be discussed by the body, the meeting was adjourned around 12:00 PM

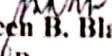
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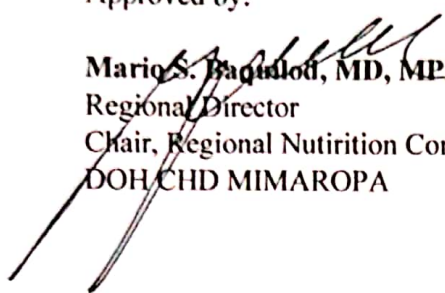
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