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NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL
MIMAROPA REGION

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**Highlights of the 2nd Regional Nutrition Committee,
Regional Technical Working Group in Nutrition and
Regional Nutrition Cluster Joint Meeting s. 2020**
Zoom Application | 27 November 2020

I. ATTENDANCE

| Name | Designation | Agency |
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| 1. Dr. Mario S. Baquilod | Regional Director | DOH CHD MIMAROPA |
| 2. Mary Joy Menorca | Nutritionist-Dietitian II | DOH CHD MIMAROPA |
| 3. Keren Faye Gaya | Nutritionist-Dietitian II | DepEd MIMAROPA |
| 4. Ruby T. Oncita | Agrarian Reform Program Officer | DAR MIMAROPA |
| 5. J-an C. Manuel | Administrative Assistant II | DAR MIMAROPA |
| 6. Dennis De Ramos | Administrative Assistant VI | DILG MIMAROPA |
| 7. Chara Lois T. Eje | Economic Development Specialist I | NEDA MIMAROPA |
| 8. Rose Ann Marquez | Administrative Assistant | NCP |
| 9. Melanie B. Ronquillo | Information Officer II | PIA MIMAROPA |
| 10. Paul Pukias | Labor and Employment Officer II | DOLE MIMAROPA |
| 11. Eddielito J. Sumangil | Planning Officer II | NCIP Region IV |
| 12. Dennis B. Valdez | Supervising Administrative Officer | DENR MIMAROPA |
| 13. Ma. Fatima I. Critica | Sociologist I | DENR MIMAROPA |
| 14. Ms. Marieta Alvis-Setias | Agriculturist II | DA MIMAROPA |
| 15. Elmer Del Rosario | Engineer I | DA MIMAROPA |
| 16. Aira Mari A. Galang | Planning Officer I | PopCom MIMAROPA |
| 17. Mark Laurence O. Guilles | Planning Officer II | PopCom MIMAROPA |
| 18. Stephen Advincula | Alternate Focal-Marketing | BFAR MIMAROPA |
| 19. Joel Lorenzo C. Guevara | Senior Trade Industry and Development Specialist | DTI MIMAROPA |
| 20. Maria Rosita Q. Sanico | Science Research Specialist II | DOST MIMAROPA |
| 21. Jane Christine Guballa | Nutritionist-Dietitian II | DSWD MIMAROPA |
| 22. Jobelle M. Mendoza | Nutritionist-Dietitian I | DSWD MIMAROPA |
| 23. Mark Angelo Lorenzo | Nutritionist-Dietitian III | DSWD MIMAROPA |
| 24. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco | Nutrition Program Coordinator | NNC MIMAROPA |
| 25. Ma. Camille Louise C. Chen | Nutrition Officer III | NNC MIMAROPA |
| 26. Francis Erik P. Bacena | ECCD-F1K Provincial Nutrition Coordinator | NNC MIMAROPA |
| 27. Bianca Louise Veronica M. Estrella | Nutrition Officer II | NNC MIMAROPA |
| 28. Ace Van Earl T. Patriarca | Nutrition Officer I | NNC MIMAROPA |
| 29. Nichole Kate S. Loyola | Nutrition Officer I | NNC MIMAROPA |

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by RNC Chair Director Baquilod with 29 members and representatives of the RNC present.

III. PRELIMINARIES

The meeting started at around 9:00 AM with a prayer and singing of National Anthem and MIMAROPA Hymn. It was followed by acknowledgement of members by NO I Loyola who joined the virtual meeting. NPC Blanco then declared the quorum with 29 participants from 17 agencies.

RNC Chair, Dr. Mario S. Baquilod provided an opening remark expressing gratitude to the regional line agencies for their attendance and hoped for a fruitful meeting. On his remark, Dr. Baquilod also shared the updates on the COVID-19 situation in the region. He also informed the partners that they have extended the measles, polio and rubella vaccination in the region until December 4, 2020 to improve coverage. As mentioned, they are trying to have a very good coverage because we cannot afford to have another measles outbreak after last year.

IV. AGENDA

NPC Blanco presented the provisional agenda for the joint meeting which includes:

- a. Highlights of the of the 1st RNC and RTWG Joint Meeting s. 2020
- b. Update on COVID 19 Regional Situation
- c. Results of the Policy Review on RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2017: “A Resolution Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022
- d. Presentation of RNC Resolution No. 2, series 2020: “Requesting the Regional Development Council (RDC) of MIMAROPA through the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) to Enjoin All Local Government Units (LGUs) to Strengthen the Integration of Nutrition-Related Programs and Projects and Scale-Up Nutrition Integration in their 2021-2022 Annual Investment Plans (AIP) to Address the Current Nutritional Problems and the Possible Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Health and Nutrition Situation”
- e. Review of Regional Nutrition Action Plan 2019-2022 Accomplishments and Identification of Ways Forward

The proposed agenda was approved by the body as presented.

V. HIGHLIGHTS

i. Highlights of the of the 1st RNC and RTWG Joint Meeting s. 2020

Highlights of the 1st RNC and RTWG Joint Meeting s. 2020 was emailed prior to the meeting last 24 November 2020, NPC Blanco requested for the body not to discuss if there are no comments or corrections from the members. Dr. Baquilod agreed with the suggestion and seek for the approval of the body. Ms. Marieta Setias of DA-MIMAROPA moved for the approval of the Highlights of the 1st RNC and RTWG Joint Meeting s. 2020 without corrections and seconded by Ms. Eje of NEDA MIMAROPA.

ii. Update on COVID-19 Regional Situation

Dr. Baquilod shared the updates of the COVID-19 situation in the region as included in his opening remark. As of 25 November 2020, there are a total of 1,906 cumulative number of cases with 1,487 as local cases while 419 were imported or the transmission happened outside of the region. Nevertheless, either local or imported cases, same services are provided for both. Among the total cases, 124 are active with 21 newly identified cases out of 32 lab test conducted. As for distribution per provinces and highly urbanized city:

| PROVINCE / HUC | ACTIVE CASES |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Oriental Mindoro | 62 |
| 2. Romblon | 28 |
| 3. Palawan | 12 |
| 4. Marinduque | 10 |
| 5. Puerto Princesa City | 8 |
| 6. Occidental Mindoro | 4 |

Romblon had huge increase in cases. From reporting with only one or two cases from the previous weeks, now they have 28 active cases.

Moreover, the good news with the situation is that 1,742 individuals are fully recovered which is 91% of the total cases. However, there were 35 or 1.9% COVID-19-related mortality.

Dr. Baquilod noted that since March, increased in cases happened on August to September and then decreased by the last week of September to October. Unfortunately, they are noticing an increase again this November. As compared from the last few weeks, they were only reporting less than 100 active cases but now, it is 124.

Additionally, Dr. Baquilod mentioned that the region has COVID-19 laboratory in Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital and the newly opened in Culion Sanitarium. They are planning also for other provinces to have COVID-19 laboratory.

iii. Results of the Policy Review on RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2017: “A Resolution Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022

NO II Estrella presented the results of policy review of the RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2017: “A Resolution Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022 conducted last 5 March 2020 with the members of the Regional Technical Working Group in Nutrition.

The activity was conducted through plenary review with set of questions to determine their knowledge about the resolution, its dissemination to their agencies and the factors that facilitate and hinder its implementation. Also, activities conducted by the agencies were discussed as well as the recommendation to improve its implementation.

Results of Policy Review:

1. Members knew the resolution through RNC and RTWG meetings. Some participants were not aware about the resolution since they attended as representatives of RTWG members.
2. Dissemination in their respective agencies were conducted through posting a copy in the bulletin board. DILG released a memorandum circular urging all the local government units to adopt PPAN 2017-2022. While, DOH included discussions of PPAN during the conduct of their capacity building activities.
3. Citing the initiative of the DILG on releasing a memorandum to adopt the PPAN 2017-2022, facilitated the effective implementation of the resolution at the local level.
4. Limited focus from the agencies caused by different prioritizations and voluminous document of PPAN 2017-2022, containing 12 programs and 46 projects, affects its wider dissemination and understanding were the identified deterring factors.
5. The RLAs implemented and allocated funds for some of the program, project and activities included in the PPAN 2017-2022, as reported:

- a. DOLE MIMAROPA

- Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (DILEEP) - Php 100,000.00

- b. DOST MIMAROPA

- Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) - Php 48.24 Million

- c. DA MIMAROPA

- Gulayan sa Barangay - Php 100,000.00
- Urban Gardening - Php 1,000,000.00
- Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) - Php 29,715,000.00

6. Submission of accomplishment reports to the secretariat reflecting their RPAN commitments is conducted, however, the compliance to the submission needs to be observed as scheduled.
7. RLAs advocated for nutrition to be a perspective and component of policies, plans and programs:

DA MIMAROPA

- a. SAAD Project provided livelihood to the poorest province in the region and nutritionally at-risk municipalities and barangay.
- b. DA included topics such as Pinggang Pinoy, 10 Kumainments, Health and Wellness and Nutrition Month Talking Points in their training sessions.

DOST MIMAROPA

- a. Provided Complementary Baby Food (CBF) Production Facilities in the most depressed areas of the region to combat malnutrition
- b. Served as resource speakers for the Seminar on Early Child Care and Development and Training on Infant and Young Child Feeding sponsored by Plan International in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.
- c. Provided 50 units of ceramic water filter in Magsaysay and Rizal Occidental Mindoro for the benefit of Mangyan community.

- d. Desalination equipment was given to Dumaran, Palawan to reduce the salinity of saltwater and convert it to potable water for the municipality.

DOLE MIMAROPA

- a. Provide livelihood to farmers, fisherfolk, women, senior citizens, displaced workers and self-employed with insufficient income through their DILEEP.
8. There were 12 agencies participated in the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition Formulation Workshop last 14-16 March 2018 while other members also provided commitments as reflected in the RPAN.
9. It is recommended to increase awareness and widen the dissemination of the resolution through development of infographic materials introducing PPAN programs and projects and its discussion among agency employees during meetings or trainings.
10. Replicating the strategy of DILG to release a memorandum to be disseminated in their provincial and municipal offices is also recommended to ensure its implementation.

iv. Presentation of RNC Resolution No. 2, series 2020

NPC Blanco presented the salient points of the RNC Resolution No. 2, series 2020: “Requesting the Regional Development Council (RDC) of MIMAROPA through the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) to Enjoin All Local Government Units (LGUs) to Strengthen the Integration of Nutrition-Related Programs and Projects and Scale-Up Nutrition Integration in their 2021-2022 Annual Investment Plans (AIP) to Address the Current Nutritional Problems and the Possible Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Health and Nutrition Situation”

It was proposed to the body because the prevalence of malnutrition remained high and alarming based on 2015 NNS Survey while the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) results of the region showed a minimal decrease in malnutrition prevalence in all indicators from 2018 to 2019. Malnutrition and other co-morbidities are considered risks for complications in people with COVID-19 if immune system is compromised. Proper nutrition in the first 1000 days produces positive impact in child’s personal health and development. If intervention are not provided during this time, it will be hard to compensate the lost opportunity for proper growth and development of the child. Also, to minimize the impact of COVID-19 to the health and nutrition outcomes by making delivery nutrition services available to protect people of all ages especially the vulnerable groups.

NPC Blanco also cited some national policies and issuances that support the scaled-up integration of nutrition-related programs and projects such as the DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-42, DILG-DOH-NNC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2019 the most recent, the DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 80 in which the local nutrition action plan is one of the attached documents of the AIP.

With its approval and implementation, local government units are requested to:

1. Embrace the First 1000 Days as the LGU Banner Program for nutrition;

2. Finalize LNAPs in accordance with the PPAN 2017-2022 together with its AIP before the finalization of the overall LGU Annual Investment Plan 2021 and onwards; and
3. Submit LNAPs with approved funding and submit semestral accomplishment reports to NNC- MIMAROPA through the DILG Field Offices every January and June after each semester.

As secretariat, NNC MIMAROPA will continue in providing technical assistance to the LGUs and monitor their compliance and action. NPC Blanco added the role of RNC, RTWG and Nutrition Cluster, to assist technically and even financially to the LGUs.

With the presentation, it is requested to the honorable members of RNC for the approval of the resolution to request RDC through RSDC to enjoin all LGUs to strengthen the integration of nutrition-related programs and projects and scale-up nutrition integration in their 2021-2022 Annual Investment Program (AIP).

Mr. Sumangil of NCIP moved for the approval of RNC Resolution No. s. 2020 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Eje of NEDA MIMAROPA.

The approved resolution will be coordinated with NEDA MIMAROPA for presentation in the RSDC and its endorsement to RDC next year.

E. Review of Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition 2019-2022 Accomplishments and Identification of Ways Forward

NO III Chen presented the accomplishments of RPAN 2019-2022. NO III Chen first gave background of the RPAN along with its regional outcome targets, key strategies, and its program/projects/activities (PPAs). As all members of Regional Nutrition Committee were involved in the RPAN 2019-2022, NO III Chen requested comments to participants if there is a need for adjustments and to follow-up the accomplishments of member agencies.

The following were PPAs in the RPAN that have discussions and agreements:

| RPAN PPAs | Discussion and Agreements | |
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| Program #1: IYCF and F1K | | |
| Project 11: Advocacy for Stronger Enforcement and Compliance Monitoring on EO and RA 10028. | | |
| Activity 1: Certification of NGAs, LGUs, establishment, government, and private institutions (health facilities), NGOs and public places compliant to EO51 and RA 10028 | Target for 2021 were at least 20% of health and non-health facilities were evaluated or monitored for their certification for EO 51 and RA 10028 NO III Chen asked CHD if the target for 2021 can be done. | ND II Ms. Joy Menorca responded that the target can be reached. She also informed that CHD is requesting to Central Office for capacity building and orientation for the protocol of EO 51. |
| Activity 5: | | |

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| Adoption of the Maternity Protection Policy | NO III Chen asked CHD if the there is a need to adjust the target for 2021. | ND II Menorca responded with regards of the memorandum for EO 51, DOH Central is continuously releasing and the regional office disseminates it to LGUs thus there is no need to adjust the target. For the Adoption of Maternity Protection, she will coordinate this to the Maternal. |
| Activity 6: Issuance of memorandum to all LGUs with local Nutritionist-Dietitians to prevent promoting milk and/or be linked with milk companies | | |
| Project 12: Communication Support for ECCD-F1K. | | ND II Menorca manifested that DOH is currently on-production of IYCF materials and target for distribution in within 2021. |
| Program #2: Dietary Supplementation Program | | |
| Project 13: Supplementary Feeding to Children Enrolled in Child Development Centers and Supervised Neighborhood Play | | |
| Activity 2: Conduct of 120-day supplementary feeding Activity 3: Provision of carabao milk as a complement to the SFP in CDCs | Target for Activity 2: (54,751 out of 49,052 (112%) beneficiaries) Target for Activity 3: To be implemented in 2020. | SFP Coordinator Mark Lorenzo commented that DSWD has accomplished more that 100% of their DSP target for 7-9 years old children (83,866 out of 78,000) due to the additional allotment they received from the DSWD central Office. For the Milk feeding program, DSWD has an ongoing discussion with National Dairy Authority for its implementation, hopefully they can start milk feeding on December. They still having issues with Puerto Princesa City as there is no available supplier that can fulfill their allocated milk for the DSP. For the Cycle Menu, DSWD has crafted for Indigenous People however they have not implemented it due to the pandemic. SFP |

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| | | <p>implementation was modified and hoping to resume the planned activity once the pandemic is lifted.</p> <p>For the ECCD-IS, DSWD has utilized it to the LGU level however they did not require it to LGUs due to the pandemic.</p> |
| Project 15: School-based Complementary Health Service | | |
| <p>Activity 1 Weekly Folic-Acid Supplementation (WIFA)</p> | <p>NO III Chen asked for updates regarding the accomplishment of WIFA</p> | <p>Ms. Keren Faye Gaya of DepEd responded for 2020, WIFA is administered in the community instead in schools due to the pandemic. The changes of implementation of WIFA resulted to difficulty in gathering of data.</p> <p>ND II Menorca of DOH manifested that they can assist the data gathering of DepEd through tapping through the reports of community health workers.</p> |
| <p>Activity 2 Good grooming and personal hygiene</p> <p>Activity 3 Healthcare promotion</p> | <p>NO III Chen asked DepEd for updates on the 2019 accomplishment of the activity</p> | <p>ND II Gaya reported that all schools have conducted activities 2 and 3.</p> |
| Project 16: Integration of School-based Health and Nutrition Education Services for Enhanced Result | | |
| <p>Activity 3 Monitoring and adjustments</p> | | <p>ND II Menorca of DOH commented that she will discuss this with Dr. Matt if adjustments were needed</p> |
| Program 3: Micronutrient Supplementation | | |
| Project: 18 Anemia Reduction among Women of Reproductive Age | | |
| <p>Activity 1 Screening/ Assessment of anemia</p> <p>Activity 2 Provision of Iron-folic acid</p> | <p>NO III Chen asked DOH for updates on other provinces as NNC only receives reports from Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon</p> | <p>ND Menorca of DOH responded that they will check the reports for 2019</p> |
| Program 4: Adolescent Health and Development | | |
| Project 19 Provision of technical assistance to Teen Centers | | |

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| Activity1 Support and financial assistance from DepEd and schools | NO III Chen asked for updates regarding the activity | ND II Gaya of DepEd responded that she will coordinate with LGU Marinduque Ms. Aira Mari Galang of POPCOM responded that they will also coordinate with the provinces for updates. |
| Program 5: Overweight and Obesity Management and Prevention | | |
| Project 26: Weight Management Intervention | NO III Chen asked DOH for the low accomplishment (30 out of 500) of one-on-one counselling of identified overweight and obese individuals Mr. Lorenzo of DSWD asked of how the 500 individuals was were targeted and how it was identified | ND II Menorca of DOH responded that they will look into it and will submit updates NO III Chen answered that the target 500 was derived from the PPAN target |
| Program 7: Nutrition in Emergencies | | |
| Project 28: Building and strengthening capacities for Nutrition in Emergencies | Mr. Lorenzo asked if the target for building and strengthening capacities for nutrition in emergencies was meant for training or to convene the regional nutrition cluster | NO III Chen answered that based on recent experiences, NNC released advisories to LGUs indicating for their activation of their local nutrition clusters to respond in impending emergencies. |
| Program 8: PIMAM | | |
| Project 29: Enhancement of PIMAM Capacities | NO III Chen asked DOH for updates regarding on master listing of SAM and MAM | ND II Menorca of DOH reported on the master listing of SAM and MAM cases, all LGUs were already trained in PIMAM thus all LGUs have their masterlist She also reported that stocks of commodities for SAM and MAM are allocated based on their request on Central Office |
| Program 9: Nutrition Program Behavior Change | | |
| Project 30 Health and Nutrition Education | NO III Chen asked DOH for updates regarding updates on activities for project 30 | ND II Gaya of DepEd reported that not all schools conducted Health and Nutrition Education, she |

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| | | will follow-up the schools for the updates |
| Project 32: Communication support to Nutrition and Health | Information Officer II Melanie Ronquillo of PIA asked if which accomplishment should be PIA in-charge of as some of the activities were conducting was from the local media group PROMO NutriCom | NPC Blanco replied that NNC will conduct meeting with the local media group PROMO NutriCom for the updates on the activities under communication support |
| Program 10: Nutrition Sensitive Programs | | |
| Project 33 Aquaculture support Project 32: Post-harvest services | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to BFAR | Ms. Leah Dagot of BFAR reported that they will submit their 3 rd Quarter accomplishment to NNC |
| Project 36: DOLE integrated livelihood and Emergency and Employment Program | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DOLE | Mr. Paul Pukias of DOLE responded that although he can carry-out the activities except the masterlist of BNS for malnourished as he thinks that this activity is meant for other agencies and DOLE will use the list for their activities. |
| Project 37: Livelihood Agro-forestry Project | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DENR | Mr. Dennis Valdez of DENR replies that he will coordinate with LGUs regarding the status of activities He also suggested to modify some of the activities listed |
| Project 42 Gulayan sa Paaralan | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DA | Mr. Elmer Del Rosario responded that he will relay the information to Ms. Alvis-Setias for the updates on the said activities |
| Project 45: Potable Water Support to ARAs | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DAR | Ms. Rubie of DAR replied that they will submit update regarding the activities listed |
| Project 48: Shared Services Facilities Project | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DTI | Mr. Guevara of DTI replied that he already sent the 2020 report to NNC, for 2019 he will look into it. |
| Project 51: Establishment of new CDCs | | Mr. Lorenzo of DSWD replied that for the |

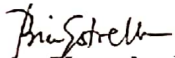
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| Project 52: Bio-intensive gardening | NO III Chen asked for updates on the said activities to DSWD | <p>established of new CDCs, the activity was devolved to LGUs, they can only provide assistance once the LGU requested for it.</p> <p>As for the Bio-intensive gardens, the activity was not conducted due to the pandemic and he reported that they can't commit to conduct capacity training as DSWD has a memo that they cannot conduct trainings until September 2021.</p> |
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NO III Chen informed the participants that NNC needs to submit the RPAN accomplishment before the year ends. She requested involved members for their RPAN accomplishment as soon as possible. NNC will disseminate RPAN accomplishment template for the involved agencies to fill-up

VI. ADJOURNMENT

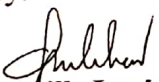
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

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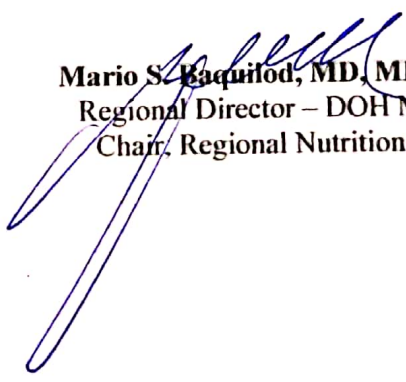
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