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**Highlights of the 2nd Regional Nutrition Committee and
Regional Nutrition Cluster Joint Meeting, s. 2022**

6 June 2022 | 1:30 PM | Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City

I. ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION / DESIGNATION	AGENCY
1. Dr. Mario S. Baquilod	Chairperson, Regional Nutrition Committee and Regional Director	DOH CHD MIMAROPA
2. Victoria Asuncion Mendoza	OIC, Regional Director	PIA MIMAROPA
3. Mark Angelo Lorenzo	Nutritionist-Dietitian IV	DOH CHD MIMAROPA
4. Patricia Symouny M. Galang	Science Research Analyst	DOST MIMAROPA
5. Lea A. Dagot	OIC, FPAMD / Sr. Aquaculturist	BFAR MIMAROPA
6. Jobelle M. Bura-ay	Nutritionist-Dietitian III	DSWD MIMAROPA
7. Ruby T. Oncita	Agrarian Reform Officer II	DAR MIMAROPA
8. Jonathan Kim C. Torio	Budget and Management Specialist II	DBM MIMAROPA
9. Chara Lois T. Eje	Senior Economic Development Specialist	NEDA MIMAROPA
10. Keren Faye M. Gaya	Nutritionist Dietitian II	DEPED MIMAROPA
11. Dennis De Ramos	Administrative Aide VI	DILG MIMAROPA
12. Elna Y. Yoo	Science Research Specialist II	DENR MIMAROPA
13. Angeline T. Villa	Midwife II	NCIP MIMAROPA
14. Joel Lorenzo C. Guevara	Senior Trade and Industry Development Specialist	DTI MIMAROPA
15. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco	Nutrition Program Coordinator	NNC MIMAROPA
16. Maria Camille Louise C. Chen	Nutrition Officer III	NNC MIMAROPA
17. Bianca Louise Veronica M. Estrella	Nutrition Officer II	NNC MIMAROPA
18. Lorelie C. Millares	Nutrition Officer I	NNC MIMAROPA

II. PRELIMINARIES

The meeting started at around 1:45 PM with a prayer and singing of national anthem and MIMAROPA hymn through audio-visual presentation.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

NO I Millares acknowledged the members. Of the twenty-one (21) regional line agencies, fourteen (14) were in attendance, constituting a quorum of 66.67% as declared by NPC Blanco and called the meeting in order.

IV. OPENING REMARKS

RNC Chair, RD Baquilod delivered his opening message welcoming everyone to the first face-to-face meeting since COVID-19 pandemic happened. RD Baquilod shared that good reports were seen on COVID-19 data in the country and in MIMAROPA, although there are still challenges in terms of vaccination. In the last two months, there were imported cases in some areas but due to high vaccination rate, onward transmission was prevented.

Further, RD Baquilod emphasized the critical role of nutrition in terms of immune response especially this time of pandemic.

V. AGENDA

NPC Blanco presented the provisional agenda as follows:

1. Review of Highlights of the Previous Meeting
2. Updates on ongoing health and nutrition activities
 - a. Nutrition Shepherding Project
 - b. Typhoon Odette Response in Palawan
 - c. Status of COVID-19 and Vaccination Roll-Out in MIMAROPA
3. Results of Policy Review: RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2019: *Approving and Adopting the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN) 2019-2022*
4. Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) Pro
5. RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2022: Adoption of the Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days Program in MIMAROPA
6. 2022 Nutrition Month Celebration
7. Request for RA 11148 PPAs to be Incorporated in RLA Operational Plan 2023
8. Other Matters

Duly seconded, the meeting agenda was moved for approval by Mr. Lorenzo of CHD MIMAROPA.

VI. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

A. Review of Highlights of the Previous Meeting

In the interest of time and to give ample time to discuss the main agenda, Ms. Eje moved to dispense the review of the highlights of the meeting with the motion seconded by Mr. Lorenzo. NPC Blanco added that if members have additional inputs, members may email their comments until 13 June 2022.

B. Updates on ongoing health and nutrition activities

1. Nutrition Shepherding Project

NO III Chen provided updates on the Nutrition Shepherding Project which includes the just concluded orientation on the Nutrition Shepherding Project last 28 April 2022 held at DSWD Field Office joined by several members of the Regional Technical Working Group in Nutrition. The orientation was also joined online by Ms. Chara Eje of NEDA, Mr. Paul Pukias of DOLE and Ms. Lea Dagot of BFAR.

As for the schedule, Nutrition Shepherding Team Meeting will be held on 20 June 2022 to discuss which areas will be included in the project with reference to the criteria for selection while the conduct of Nutrition Shepherding activities will be conducted by July to August 2022. The Nutrition Shepherding Project is supported by RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2022: *Adopting and Implementing the Guidelines on Nutrition Shepherding Project* for Effective Nutrition Program Management which was passed earlier this year.

With the inquiry of Mr. Lorenzo regarding the establishment of the Nutrition Shepherding Team, NO III Chen clarified that the team will be organized during the meeting on 20 June 2022.

2. Typhoon Odette Response in Palawan

On behalf of Information Management Officer Xylene Notario who is based in Palawan, NPC Blanco presented the updates on Typhoon Odette Nutrition Response in highly-affected areas in Palawan (Araceli, Dumarán, Roxas, San Vicente and Taytay).

- a. The local nutrition clusters of Palawan and Roxas partnered with Philippine Red Cross in the conduct of several activities last 7-11 March 2022 in Brgy. New Barbacan, Brgy. I, Brgy. IV, Brgy. Caramay, and Brgy. Magara. The activities include active case finding, assessment of nutritional status of 0-59 months old children, distribution of micronutrient powder, feeding activity, nutrition education classes, MUAC assessment in pregnant and lactating women and counselling of parents.

- b. PNO Palawan and local nutrition cluster of San Vicente partnered with Coral Bay Nickel Corporation and provided a 45-day feeding program in Brgy. Caruray. This was also supported by the conduct of active case finding, assessment of nutritional status of 0-59 months old children, distribution of micronutrient powder and multivitamins, feeding activity, nutrition education classes, MUAC assessment in pregnant and lactating women and counselling of parents with MAM/SAM child, oral health lecture and provision of fluoride treatment and hygiene kits, and Zumba dance workout.
- c. PNO Palawan received three hundred forty-seven (347) boxes of MNP from UNICEF last 14 March 2022 and distributed to municipalities.
- d. There was an on-going capacity development activity among nutrition workers, barangay health workers, and midwives;
- e. Nutrition monitoring and updating of capacity map and gap analysis was also conducted through the assistance of the IMO.
- f. In terms of nutritional assessment in the affected areas done from 7 January to 23 February 2022, there were nineteen thousand five-hundred forty-eight (19,548) children aged 0-59 months old screened out of twenty-seven thousand, two hundred twenty-one (27, 921) projected population using the Operation Timbang and rapid assessment. Among these, five hundred fifty (550) or 2.8% children were identified with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) while two hundred ten (210) or 1.1% children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).
- g. Among pregnant women, there were a total of six hundred ninety-five (695) pregnant and lactating women screened. Among these, thirty-two (32) were undernourished or with MUAC less than 23 cm.
- h. In terms of Minimum Service Package, the following interventions were provided:
 - Three hundred eighty-six (386) women/caregivers with children less 6 months old counselled on exclusive breastfeeding while seven hundred eight (708) women/caregivers with children 6 -23 months old were counselled on complementary feeding.
 - Micronutrient Powder were provided to one thousand eight hundred two (1,802) children aged 6-23 months old while four thousand one hundred twelve (4,112) children aged 6-23 months received Vitamin A.
 - Nine hundred sixty-five (965) pregnant and lactating women received iron-folic acid while two hundred twenty-two (222) post-partum and lactating women received Vitamin A supplement.

- Blanket supplementary feeding covered five hundred sixty-two (562) children aged 6-59 months.
- i. On capacity development, crash course on Introduction to Malnutrition with focus on Undernutrition, First 1000 Days, Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies, Nutrition Assessment, Management of MAM/SAM, and Micronutrient Supplementation were given to a total of one hundred eighty-seven (187) service providers including BNS, BHWs and midwives from San Vicente, Roxas, Araceli, Magsaysay and Agutaya from March to May 2022.
 - j. In the course of providing response and monitoring, several challenges were identified such as the lack of standardized anthropometric tools in the RHU and Barangay, lack of computer/laptop to encode the OPT data, nutrition service providers were not capacitated in providing nutrition counselling, lack of knowledge on MNIYCF and micronutrient supplementation, unavailability of PIMAM commodities, unavailability of DRRM-NiE plan on Araceli, Dumaran, Roxas, and San Vicente, undocumented provision of nutrition services and lack of IEC materials.
 - k. With those concerns, it was recommended to purchase standard anthropometric tools, provide training and continue capacitating the nutrition service providers, support the establishment of Out-patient Therapeutic Care (OTC) and In-patient Therapeutic Care (ITC) facilities in the municipality, assist in the planning of DRRM-H-NiE plan and involve the Local Nutrition Cluster, remind nutrition service providers on importance of documentation and give templates for easy compliance and provide reference materials for printing and request other IEC materials from NNC/DOH.

RD Baquilod mentioned that Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) of CHD MIMAROPA is in-charge in formulating the DRRM-H plan thus, it was agreed that NNC MIMAROPA to coordinate with HEMS. Mr. Lorenzo added that nutrition response is not incorporated in the DRRM-H plan since the local nutrition cluster is not active. The need to reactivate the local nutrition cluster is essential for LGUs to craft their NIE plan to be included in their DRRM-H plan.

Also, RD Baquilod cited that in evacuation centers, services on environmental sanitation, family health, and immunization were provided. He stressed that nutrition should also be included as part the response in evacuation centers.

Furthermore, NPC Blanco shared that HEMS MIMAROPA together with NNC MIMAROPA will be conducting a Nutrition in Emergencies Training as requested by local government of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro on the following week. It is expected that their local nutrition cluster will be organized and will develop a NIE plan to be integrated in their DRRM-H plan.

3. Status of COVID-19 and Vaccination Roll-Out in MIMAROPA

RD Baquilod presented the status of COVID-19 situation in the region as of 1 June 2022. Cases are now reported on weekly basis due to significant reduction in the number of infection but once the surge happens, daily surveillance will be conducted again.

- a. On the trend of COVID-19 cases in the region, there were low cases reported in 2020 but during the end of first quarter of 2021, it started to spike-up which coincided with the Delta variant. During this time, especially on the third quarter, there were moderate to severe cases of COVID-19 reported. Cases were observed to be declining from 3rd to 4th quarter last year. In the first quarter of 2022, cases spiked-up again due to Omicron variant though mostly, cases were mild and asymptomatic.
- b. As of 1 June 2022, only one (1) new active case was detected, one (1) recovery and no more mortality. A total of eleven (11) cases were active. Total case in the region was thirty-nine thousand three hundred seventy-nine (39,379) while in the country was at 3.2 million cases. In terms of mortality, the region has high rate compared to other areas with 4% of the total reported cases.
- c. Oriental Mindoro was the province with highest reported cases with eleven thousand nine hundred seventy-three (11,973), followed by Occidental Mindoro and Palawan.
- d. There were also breakthrough infections reported. These were vaccinated individuals but infected by COVID-19. However, they were either asymptomatic or mild cases which was really the objective of getting vaccinated.
- e. From the eleven (11) active cases, 36% were asymptomatic, 36% were mild and 27% were severe. The 27% of the active cases were breakthrough infections while the remaining 73% were unvaccinated.
- f. Patients were isolated in hospitals thus lessening the risk of transmission compared to home isolation.
- g. From the one thousand five hundred sixty-seven (1,567) total deaths, 96% were unvaccinated. This data only showed the importance of vaccination thus would be helpful in the community to decrease hesitancy in COVID-19 vaccine.
- h. Of the six (6) LGUs, four (4) are in Alert Level 1 while Palawan and Occidental Mindoro remain at Alert Level 2. Palawan has only 54% coverage on vaccination rate, still far from reaching the target of 70%.
- i. In terms of health care facilities, there are thirty-nine (39) ICU Beds with 92% are available. The utilization of non-COVID-19 beds were high at 63% of the total two thousand four hundred fifty-one (2,451) beds. There are sixty-four (64) ventilators with 45% occupied by non-COVID-19 patients. The use of

Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF) was also low. This is where the suspected and probable cases are isolated. CHD MIMAROPA are looking to repurpose these facilities once the monkeypox comes in.

- j. Last April, sub-variant of Omicron was detected in Puerto Princesa City who were tourists from US. All fifteen (15) individuals were RT-PCR positive and twelve of (12) of them were Omicron-positive. They were on asymptomatic and mild status since they were fully vaccinated.

Another cluster came in last May in Puerto Princesa City who were fourteen (14) foreign nationals and two (2) Imported APORs. All of them were RT-PCR positive but to report received to be positive in any variant of concern. Puerto Princesa City has high vaccination coverage and no onward transmission reported from the two clusters reported.

- k. The response of DOH is anchored to Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, and Reintegrate (PDITR) and now added with Vaccinate. The response is a whole of society approach. There is Regional Task Force chaired by OCD and Regional Inter-agency Task Force as policy-making body in region chaired by DILG.

- *Prevent*, this involves the preventive measures such as information dissemination, coordination with partners, provision of PPEs and vaccination roll-out.
- *Detect*, DOH provides assistance in licensing, facilitation of continuous supply of cartridges, provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT), updating of reports and surveillance. DILG also conducts contact training where DOH facilitated the training.

There are currently 9 testing labs in MIMAROPA. In 2020, Ospital ng Palawan was first to obtain the GeneXpert followed by Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital through the initiative of the LGU and the Culion Sanitarium. In 2021, through the initiative of LGUs, additional testing laboratories were established in Puerto Galera and Occidental Mindoro Provincial Hospital. Puerto Princesa City was able to establish molecular laboratory for plate-based RT-PCR which has high accuracy, the first in the region and followed by Palawan in December. Then in 2022, Marinduque and Ma. Estrella General Hospital (private) also established testing laboratory. Romblon Provincial Hospital is currently working on the establishment of their own laboratory.

- *Isolate*, the advocacy in building Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF), partnerships with DOT and DPWH in establishing more isolation facilities, additional human resources for health to man the TTMFs and continuous monitoring and coordination on the status of Health Facilities Enhancement Program projects were done.

There are COVID-19 related projects under the Bayanihan I, Bayanihan II, WB and ADB Loan Projects to enhance the response

country-wide. In MIMAROPA, World Bank provided 17 million as loan for medical equipment while 130 million in Asian Development Bank and 52 million under Bayanihan I with a total of 200.4 billion pesos. For patient transportation vehicle, ADB provided 6 units with a cost of 12 million pesos. The construction of 5 TTMF amounted to 50 million under Bayanihan II was already completed in five (5) provinces. For COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory with equipment, additional two (2) were established in Palawan and one (1) in Oriental Mindoro from Bayanihan II as an initiative of the DOT amounting to 31 million pesos.

- *Treat*, it involves the One Hospital Command (OHCC), purchase of emergency COVID-19 medicines and oxygen and telemedicine. Given that hospitals in MIMAROPA are Level 1, there is no capacity to manage severe/critical cases hence OHCC becomes a link to hospitals in NCR.

Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital initiated TeleKonsulta, a telemedicine platform for clients to seek consultation without going to hospital.

- *Reintegrate*, CHD provides mental health and psychosocial services to patients and healthcare workers through *Kumustahan* sessions.
- Addition to the Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, Rehabilitate (PDITR) is Vaccinate which is an important component in COVID-19 response.

1. There were 2.6 million target population to be vaccinated representing the 80.67% of the total population in MIMAROPA. As of 1 June 2022, the total vaccination coverage is at 67.04% while among senior citizens, 71.50% were fully vaccinated.

- The percentage of fully vaccinated in Palawan is only 54.36% while 63.64% in Occidental Mindoro, hence both are still in Alert Level 2.
- Last December 2021, the number of being vaccinated is at eight hundred thousand (800,000) then sudden drop on the numbers occurred in 2022. As of May this year, only less than a hundred thousand (100,000) per month were inoculated. Same trends were observed in other regions even globally.
- CHD MIMAROPA conducted microplanning where municipalities in Palawan (Roxas, Quezon and Rizal) with large population, but low in vaccination rate were called in Manila. Focusing on these areas would help Palawan increase their vaccination rate.
- To increase the number of fully vaccinated, Palawan conducted Vaccination Days last 31 May – 1 June 2022 with an accomplishment of six thousand two hundred seventy-nine (6,279). And as of 3 June 2022, total accomplishment was ten thousand two hundred twenty-

eight (10,228) for Palawan alone. CHD MIMAROPA is encouraging other LGUs to go beyond 80% of total population to be vaccinated.

C. Results of Policy Review: RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2019: *Approving and Adopting the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition (RPAN) 2019-2022*

NO II Estrella presented the results of policy review on RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2019: Approving and adopting the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition 2019-2022 conducted last 16 March 2022. The plenary review was attended by 15 members of the Regional Technical Working Group in Nutrition.

1. On the attendance to the formulation of RPAN 2019-2022, RTWG members from DILG, DOST, PIA and NEDA were aware on the participation of their agency while DA, NFP, DOLE, DENR, POPCOM and DBM representatives were not sure since they were not the RTWG members that time.
2. Awareness on the resolution came from the copy of RPAN and discussion during meetings.
3. Resolution was disseminated through Monday Convocation, regional memorandum, regional management committee meetings, and other special meetings of the RLAs.
4. The implementation of the resolution was facilitated by the support from Central Office and field implementers. The active participation of RTWG members during meetings and the dissemination of DILG memorandum circular also helped in its effective implementation at the LGU level.
5. Some factors were also identified that affected its implementation such as low awareness of some LGUs on the importance of program, project and activities on nutrition, the two years (from 2020-2021) of no face-to-face interaction of RTWG members due to pandemic has limited the mobilization to implement some programs in RPAN, the lack of funds and information, education and communication materials and the unfamiliarity of new RTWG members to RPAN.
6. Regional Line Agencies also shared the activities implemented in their agencies as part of their commitment to RPAN
 - a. BFAR had their Aquaculture Services Livelihood Program and Mariculture Projects which train fisherfolk beneficiaries on proper handling of fish and fish products, product safety, quality assurance and preparation of nutrition economy menu for feeding program.
 - b. DOLE conducted inspection and promotion of breastfeeding in the workplace.
 - c. DEPED continued the School-based feeding program and initiated the Integrated School Nutrition Model and Galaw Pilipinas.

- d. DA continued their Gulayan sa Paaralan.
 - e. DENR ensured food security in their beneficiaries through the Community-Based Forest Management-Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CBFM-CARP) Livelihood Project.
 - f. PIA disseminated news and feature articles on nutrition programs and activities and sharing of social media cards on their official accounts.
 - g. DILG mobilized Local Government Units for delivery of nutritional outcomes through issuance and dissemination of DILG MC.
 - h. NEDA monitored the indicators on nutrition and health in the annual regional development report.
 - i. DOST provided training through Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) and technology to address problems in access to safe and potable water Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST)
7. Advocacy efforts of the RNC members paved the way to be a component of their policies, plans and programs:
- a. PIA continuously disseminate information related to nutrition programs.
 - b. DOLE requires the purchase of fortified food items for projects requiring raw materials/ingredients.
 - c. BFAR provides livelihood projects to fisherfolk families to generate additional income and ensure food security; incorporates the importance of fish and fishery products in household nutrition and preparation of nutritious yet low-cost menu as they conduct post-harvest trainings.
 - d. DILG is continuous in the reiteration and monitoring of semestral PPAN accomplishments of LGUs and includes discussion of nutrition concerns in the formulation/updating of LGUs' Comprehensive Development Plans.
 - e. DepEd ensures the quarterly inclusion of health and nutrition programs in their work and financial plan.
 - f. DENR to increase the number of Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) POs engaged in backyard gardening and encouraged them to include in their Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) Plans the nutrition and nutrition-related programs.
 - g. NEDA advocated and pushed in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council for the creation of the NNC MIMAROPA. The agency also included the strategies, policy recommendations,

advocacies in nutrition in the Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 while the formulation of the RDP 2023-2028 scheduled on 3rd or 4th quarter of 2022 will also include nutrition concerns.

8. While agencies are making their contributions in improving the nutrition situation in MIMAROPA as part of their commitments, there are still gaps that need to fill-in, as such, it was recommended:
 - a. To have permanent RTWG members to make coordination, data collection and reporting of accomplishments easier. In case there is a change of focal person, turnover of tasks must be done to ensure smooth transition while the secretariat to conduct orientation to new RTWG members.
 - b. To focus on most pressing issues such as malnutrition, food insecurity as well as cross-cutting concerns that directly affects nutritional status such as teenage pregnancy, and child marriages in the new RPAN for 2023-2028.
 - c. Thorough regional assessment must be done regularly to ensure complementation of interventions coinciding with various agencies' mandates.
 - d. To widen the dissemination from regional down to provincial and municipal offices to create more participation in the implementation of RPAN.

NPC Blanco thanked the agencies in disseminating the resolutions passed by the RNC.

RD Baquilod inquired on how the policies are linked to LGUs. NPC Blanco mentioned that all resolutions passed were disseminated to provinces and municipalities and that improvement can be seen. She cited the improvement on budget allocation for nutrition as the region pushed for its inclusion in their annual investment programs.

RD Baquilod raised his concern on how these policies translates on the nutritional status of the people and how it can be seen on the ground, that malnutrition prevalence decreases. Furthermore, RD Baquilod requested the secretariat to ensure attendance of DA as the agency plays a critical role in nutrition particularly food security. NPC Blanco added that MIMAROPA should be food secure considering that MIMAROPA is an agricultural region producing rice, fruit, and vegetable. NNC to ensure attendance of DA in the succeeding RNC meetings.

RD Baquilod inquired on the law passed by Congressman Umali on provision of carabao's milk in schools. Mr. Lorenzo mentioned that the milk feeding program became part of RA 11037 or the Masustansyang Pakain para sa Batang Pilipino Act as one of its components. Ms. Gaya shared that there two dairy farms in Oriental Mindoro supplying fresh milk which is under the National Dairy

Authority and Philippine Carabao Center. NDA and PCC provided assistance to local farmers however lack of supply is still a problem.

RD Baquilod mentioned that this initiative on the provision of carabao's milk could be adopted by the LGUs. Mr. Lorenzo then added that the Philippine Carabao Center during one of the meetings of Enhance Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPHAP) are looking for individuals willing to nurture milking carabaos to supply the milk feeding program. RD Baquilod further asked if there are available facilities as milk production involves processing such as pasteurization. Ms. Bura-ay of DSWD mentioned that there are facilities, the supplier in their milk feeding program is assisted by Philippine Carabao Center however supply is limited.

D. Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) Pro

NO II Estrella provided brief discussion on the plan for the conduct of MELLPI Pro. Since COVID-19 situation already eased and no more strict travel restriction, onsite monitoring will be done to local government units and local nutrition focal points this year.

1. An orientation of the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team will be held online on 28 June 2022 discussing the mechanics of MELLPI Pro and its updated tools.
2. MELLPI Pro will cover all the five (5) provinces, component city, highly-urbanized city, all provincial/city nutrition action officers, top ranked district nutrition program coordinators, top ranked municipal nutrition action officers, outstanding city nutrition program coordinators and provincial/city outstanding barangay nutrition scholars.
3. The deliberation and submission of results to NNC CO will proceed after.

NPC Blanco added that the region has not produced outstanding LGU since required scores were not met by the contenders but with the nutrition shepherding activity to be done by NNC on the second semester, it is hoped that improvement can be seen from the LGUs in terms of nutrition program implementation.

Mr. Lorenzo suggested to also include the election of new RNET Chair in the orientation on 28 June 2022.

E. RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2022: Adoption of the Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days Program in MIMAROPA

NPC Blanco facilitated the reading of the RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2022 to have stronger support for LGUs to appropriate funds for the First 1000 Days Program. After the reading, RD Baquilod called for comments from the members.

1. Mr. De Ramos seek clarification on the part of DILG on the monitoring the implementation of the resolution. He requested for the guidelines for monitoring as basis for their legal unit to review and comment on the resolution. He suggested to countercheck the law and its IRR to determine who will monitor the implementation.
2. NPC Blanco mentioned that in the IRR, the roles of the agencies were indicated such as the technical assistance and monitoring.
3. Mr. Lorenzo suggested to include the roles per agency on the 2nd page of the resolution on the part of “Whereas, the RA 11148 in its implementing rules and regulations defined the roles...” While, in the “Resolved further” part, the request for each agency will be enumerated.
4. On the query of OIC-RD Mendoza of PIA on where the resolution is intended, NPC Blanco explained that the resolution is intended to RNC members and LGUs. RD Baquilod added that it will be released to LGUs once signed for adoption and implementation. Since it is already a law, the purpose of the resolution is to endorse the program, to have stronger basis of implementation and be monitored. Mr. Guevara also added that the RNC is passing the resolution to be endorsed to RDC for adoption of the LGUs.
5. The IRR of RA 11148 and roles of the agencies to be attached to the resolution.
6. Ms. Eje also suggested to add another “whereas” citing the Mandanas-Garcia case ruling given that the resolution also seek to appropriate funds. The LGU would have a wider fiscal space as such they are encouraged to include the program in their AIPs.
7. The resolution was approved in principle during the meeting. RNC members are requested to email additional comments after which secretariat will revise and finalize for approval of the RNC Chair.

F. 2022 Nutrition Month Celebration

NO III Chen discussed the 2022 Nutrition Month celebration with the theme: *New Normal na Nutrisyon, Sama-samang Gawan ng Solusyon!*. The theme was approved by the Technical Committee last 28 April 2022 and calls for strengthened nutrition intervention and solidarity towards nutrition improvement as the country transitions from the pandemic to endemic state.

1. COVID-19 impact nutrition with various disruptions in the delivery of services, increased hunger incidence, changes in food consumption patterns, food inflation, bottlenecks in food supply chain and increased vulnerability of those with co-morbidities/obesity. Due to pandemic, it was seen that food security is a primordial need. The innovation on ways of service delivery, accelerated communication through digital technology, and home and

community food production came up. The solidarity among neighbors rises and created more time with the family.

2. Based on the report of Inter-agency Task Force (IATF), the new normal is characterized by volatility and uncertainty but people should be more resilient and better prepare for emergencies. It is imperative that health standards are still followed to safely resume activities. With the new normal, increased confidence of society to pursue economic activities in the presence of COVID-19 has been observed and the government is expected to continue to support the most affected groups in delivering most efficient and effective programs and services.
3. From the presentation of NEDA Secretary Karl Chua, transitioning to the new normal, the theme was chosen because there will be a shift from pandemic to endemic paradigm with the goal to recover from pre-pandemic levels in 2022. As more people get vaccinated, death rates fall despite of cyclical case surges. As such, to prevent pandemics and other health risks, promotion of healthy lifestyle is needed and to mitigate the impact of future pandemic, strengthened health and social protection system must be done.
4. There are several opportunities for nutrition in the new normal. With the new administration in July, it is hoped that steadfast actions addressing pressing issues on nutrition will be done. There will be a development of successor PPAN 2023-2028 and PDP for 2023-2028, formulation of local development plans including 3-year LNAP and to push for passage of nutrition priority bills in the 19th Congress. There is also an increased LGU resources from the Mandanas-Garcia ruling.
5. The objectives of the nutrition month are: a) to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition in building resilience; b) to stimulate discussions among stakeholders on how to build back better the delivery and scale-up nutrition interventions; and c) to engage various sectors in activities that promote nutrition.
6. The key messages of nutrition month that the campaign wanted to instill to everyone are:
 - a. Good nutrition is key to build immunity, protect against illness and infection and support recovery thus efforts to preserve and promote proper nutrition must be part of the pandemic resilience strategy.
 - b. Promote and adopt health-enhancing nutrition behaviors including consumption of sustainable healthy diets.
 - c. Call for continued solidarity to support food and nutrition security especially the most vulnerable.
 - d. Expand multi-sectoral engagements to scale-up nutrition interventions.
 - e. Strengthen leadership and governance in nutrition across all levels.
7. Several activities were lined-up by the NNC Central Office which includes the Kick-Off event on 4 July 2022, Nutrition Month Conference, online contests, and culminating event.

8. For NNC MIMAROPA-led activities, everyone is encouraged to take part on these activities:
 - a. PROMO Nutri Com Virtual Media Assembly on 20 June 2022
 - b. Nutrition Month Greetings of Regional Directors, Governors, and City Mayors – month-long
 - c. Nutrition Month Launching in Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro which includes Bikers' Parade, Program Proper, Market Booth of Agencies and Launching of Contests. In market booth, some agencies initially signified participation which includes NNC, POPCOM, DA, DOH, and BFAR.
 - d. Hanging of nutrition month streamers
 - e. Online contests including the Nutriquiz and NutRIDDLES with load prizes, Poster Making Contest, Nutri-Jingle, and A Day in the Life of BNS Vlog Contest with cash prizes for the winners.
 - f. Online Information Sharing Session every Saturday of the month with resource persons tackling topics on Nutrition and Immunity, Physical Activity in the New Normal, Mental Health in the New Normal and the Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program. This will also feature PNAOs sharing their local initiatives.
 - g. Nutrition Month Culminating Activity on 2 August 2022 where winners of the major contest will be announced.
9. As agreed during the 1st RNC Meeting held on 28 February 2022 via Zoom, the launching of the 48th Nutrition Month will be a joint celebration of NNC MIMAROPA, CHD MIMAROPA, and Municipality of Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro. NO III Chen presented the budgetary requirements:
 - a. A total of Php 150,000.00 is allocated by NNC MIMAROPA for the month-long activities including the NM launching, shirts, supplies, contest prizes, and tokens.
 - b. Board and Lodging, lunch of participants, tarpaulins and over-all venue design, arm sleeves for bikers, and participants kit amounting to Php119,000.00 was requested to the LGU and approved last 30 May 2022.
 - c. Snacks, nutrition month shirts, and prizes and materials for poster making contest amounting Php78,000.00 will be requested to DOH CHD MIMAROPA. RD Baquilod approved the budget counterpart of the DOH.
10. Formal communication was sent to agencies regarding the requested actions in relation to Nutrition Month celebration. These included the nutrition month greetings from their Regional Directors, nutrition month plans and activities, hanging of Nutrition Month streamer and submission of accomplishment report. Templates were provided for their plans and accomplishments.
11. The RNC agreed to move the nutrition month launching in Abra de Ilog on 12 July 2022 per request of the municipality since the assumption of office of the newly elected LCE is on 1 July 2022.

12. RD Baquilod reminded to invite DA. NPC Blanco mentioned that we will be writing an invitation to be signed by RD Baquilod requesting to appoint permanent representative during RNC meetings.

G. Request for RA 11148 PPAs to be Incorporated in Regional Line Agencies Operational Plan 2023

NO III Chen discussed the request of NNC MIMAROPA to Regional Line Agencies to include in their 2023 operation plans the activities related to the expected roles of the national line agency in the implementation of RA 11148, as stated in Pages 22 to 26 of the IRR. These agencies include DOH, DA, DILG, DAR, DBM, DEPED, DOLE, DOST, DSWD, DTI, NEDA, and TESDA.

NNC secretariat serves as the overall coordinator of RA 11148 and starting in 2023, accomplishments of RLAs along the implementation of RA 11148 will be done in compliance to Rule 15 Section 3 of the IRR. A request email was sent to the agencies to submit initial plans for RA 11148 with deadline on 24 June 2022 along the template for submission earlier.

VII. SYNTHESIS AND ADJOURNMENT

1. The group dispensed the discussion of the highlights of the previous meeting and requested to email additional inputs until 13 June 2022.
2. A presentation on Nutrition Shepherding Project was done identifying the next steps for the project which include the Regional Nutrition Shepherding meeting on 20 June 2022.
3. NPC Blanco presented the updates on typhoon Odette nutrition cluster responses in Palawan which includes the result of nutrition assessment and the nutrition services provided to highly-affected areas.
4. RD Baquilod presented the status of COVID-19 situation show the continuous decrease on the number of cases however it was noted that vaccination is still a challenge in some areas.
5. Results of the policy review on RNC Resolution No. 1, s. 2019 and MELLPI Pro activities was presented by NO II Estrella. An online orientation for MELLPI Pro and election of new RNET Chair will be held on 28 June 2022.
6. For RNC Resolution No. 2, s. 2022, revisions will be made integrating all comments from the body and inclusion of the roles of all the agencies. Additional “whereas” in the resolution will be added to cite the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling. Revised resolution integrating all comments from the body will be sent to members for their comments/approval. After which, finalized resolution will be forwarded to the RNC Chair for approval and signature. The approved RNC resolution will be presented to Social Development Committee for endorsement to

Regional Development Council and dissemination to LGUs.

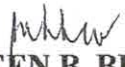
7. Nutrition Month activity will be held in Abra de Ilog on 12 July 2022. The activity will be in partnership with CHD MIMAROPA, PHO Occidental Mindoro and Municipality of Abra de Ilog. Invitation letter will be sent to RLAs to join the Nutrition Month Launching in Abra de Ilog. BFAR signified their intent to put up a booth along with the DOH, POPCOM, DA and NNC. RD Baquilod also approved the request for budget counterpart of DOH CHD MIMAROPA for nutrition month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. NPC Blanco thanked the RNC Chair for joining the meeting and the rest of members of sharing their time.

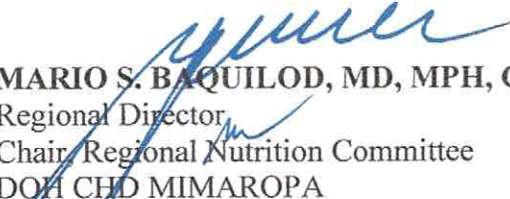
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