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(EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC
MIMAROPA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN
PASAY CITY)

RDC Resolution No. **2023-083-1194**

ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN MIMAROPA TO PROVIDE
THE PRESCRIBED ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENT TOOLS FOR
OPT+ AND ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF BARANGAY NUTRITION
SCHOLARS (BNS) AND MEMBERS OF THE OPT+ TEAM

WHEREAS, Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) is an annual program that measures the weight, height, length, and Mid-upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) of all children aged 0 to 59 months in a community to identify and locate malnourished children and generate data for nutritional assessment, planning, management, and evaluation of local nutrition programs;

WHEREAS, the OPT+ results are used to assess the nutritional status of children, identify families with malnourished children, determine priority areas for program planning, and monitor nutrition trends; To ensure accuracy, trained OPT+ teams should measure the anthropometric indicators;

WHEREAS, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board has issued guidelines on OPT+ implementation, including the fabrication, verification, and maintenance of height boards. MIMAROPA Region faces high rates of stunting and underweight, and Barangay Nutrition Scholars should be regularly trained to monitor malnourished children;

WHEREAS, to ensure the quality of collected data, anthropometric measurement tools should be calibrated every three years and verified annually; LGUs are encouraged to allocate local funds for OPT+ and overall nutrition improvement programs;

WHEREAS, the Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC), during its joint meeting with the RNC Technical Working Group (TWG), held on 16 February 2023 in Quezon City passed RNC Resolution No. 01, s. 2023, enjoining all local government units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA Region to provide prescribed anthropometric measurement tools for use in the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) and capacitate the barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) including the members of the operation OPT+ Team;

WHEREAS, during the SDC 3rd Quarter SDC Meeting on 04 August 2023 in Quezon City, a resolution was passed to endorse to the RDC the passage of a resolution enjoining local government units in MIMAROPA to provide the prescribed anthropometric measurement tools for OPT+ and enhance the capacity of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and members of the OPT+ Team, instead of adopting a resolution supporting another resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON A MOTION DULY SECONDED, be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the RDC MIMAROPA enjoins local government units in MIMAROPA to provide the prescribed anthropometric measurement tools for OPT+ and enhance the capacity of barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) and members of the OPT+ Team;

RESOLVED FINALLY, That all the concerned regional line agencies, local government units, public and private higher education institutions, and non-government organizations be copied with this resolution for information and support;

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Done this 1st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three in Pasay City.

Certified Correct:



BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

Attested:



AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
Vice Chairperson
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Approved:



GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
Chairperson
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