



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL**  
Region VIII



**Regional Nutrition Committee VIII**

RNC VIII Resolution No. 7, Series of 2020

**A RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN EASTERN VISAYAS AND RNC MEMBER AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOST FNRI ENHANCED-NUTRIBUN (E-NUTRIBUN) AS FOOD COMMODITY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING**

**WHEREAS**, since the community quarantine was imposed due to COVID-19, the Feeding Programs were temporarily stopped and aside from the disruption of such services, household income is also affected, limiting their capacity of parents and caregivers to provide for their children's nutritional needs;

**WHEREAS**, Dietary Supplementation Program (DSP) for nutritionally-at-risk (NAR) pregnant women and children 6-23 months is one of the nutrition specific interventions of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2017-2022 to produce nutritional outcomes to achieve the goal of reducing maternal and child mortality with an outcome targets of reduction of child stunting and wasting, and micronutrient deficiency and no increase in child overweight and obesity, likewise reduction in the proportion of nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women as sub-outcome target;

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2018 Fill the Nutrition Gap Philippines Report, there are four million children below 5 years old in the Philippines who are malnourished; unlikely to reach their full mental and physical potential, and with the threat of COVID-19, the number could possibly increase;

**WHEREAS**, In the study conducted by the Save the Children (2016), the Philippines is one of the countries in the world that account for most of the global burden of malnutrition, it ranked 9<sup>th</sup> on the global burden of stunting with 3.6 million stunted children, and 10<sup>th</sup> among the countries with highest burden of wasting;

**WHEREAS**, prior to COVID-19 pandemic, child malnutrition in the Philippines is one of the highest in the world with one in three children below five years old is stunted based on the 2018 Expanded National Nutrition Survey;

**WHEREAS**, President Duterte signed Executive Order No. 101 creating the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger which is Chaired by the Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexie B. Nograles in order to carefully coordinate, rationalize, monitor and assess the efforts of concerned government agencies and instrumentalities to ensure a whole-of-government approach to eradicating hunger and achieving food security;

**WHEREAS**, NNC Nutrition Cluster Advisory 2 dated 28 April 2020 recommends to all local government units and their partners to healthy and nutritious food packs and sustainable food sources – Message Number 4 advised LGUs to consider some recipients of the family food packs to families with young children, pregnant and lactating mothers while Message Number 7 also advised LGUs to include complementary foods approved by the Food and Drug Administration for children 6-23 months;

**WHEREAS**, the Enhanced Nutribun and its rebirth were one of the DOST-FNRI's motivations to the call of the Department of Social Welfare and Development's (DSWD) Memorandum Circular No. 12 Series of 2020, or the Guidelines in the Implementation of the Supplementary Feeding Program During Community Quarantine or Other Similar Emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, the food product innovated by DOST-FNRI can be a convenient and nutritious alternative and supplement to hot meals hitherto served by the Department of Education's (DepEd) school feeding program and for food packs that can be distributed by the DSWD;

**WHEREAS**, each serving of e-Nutribun weighing 160-165 grams serving size/per piece, has 500 calories, 17 grams protein, 6 milligrams iron, and 244 micrograms vitamin A with micronutrients of this bread like Iron and Vitamin A comes from its all-natural ingredients such as whole wheat flour, non-fat dried milk powder soy flour iodized salt;

**WHEREAS**, the attainment of nutritional well-being is a main responsibility of families but duty bearers like government organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and development partners should help the families especially the marginalized, to be able to provide for their own nutritional needs;

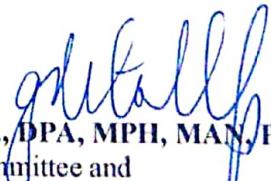
**NOW THEREFORE**, upon the motion of Dr. Hilaria Bustamante of EVSU, duly seconded by DepEd Elsa Gerona of DepEd, be it;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin Local Government Units in Eastern Visayas and Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) member agencies to support the implementation of the DOST-FNRI Enhanced Nutribun (E-NUTRIBUN).


**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that this resolution be provided to the members of the RNC and to Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) 8 for wide dissemination.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty in Palo, Leyte.

Certified true and correct:

  
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