

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
Central Visayas

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE HELD ON
21 OCTOBER 2011 AT CLUB ULTIMA OSMEÑA BLVD., CEBU CITY

RNC Resolution No. 0011 – 09 (s 2011)

**“ADOPTING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON NUTRITION MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCIES AND
DISASTERS AND ENJOIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ADOPT THE POLICY AND
PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR ITS FULL IMPLEMENTATION”**

WHEREAS, the country continues to be affected by natural and human-induced emergencies;

WHEREAS, these emergencies disrupt the lives of population affected, putting them at-risk of developing various undesirable health and related conditions, including those that threaten the nutritional status of individuals especially the most vulnerable groups: infants, children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, older persons, people with disabilities, and people living with debilitating conditions;

WHEREAS, the risk of a deterioration in the nutritional status of the population likewise threatens the gains achieved in improving the nutrition situation, which could reverse the high likelihood of achieving nutrition-related targets of Goal 1 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) directly and the targets of the other MDGs indirectly;

WHEREAS, such a threat could be mitigated through the delivery of various nutrition and related interventions, which are best identified and implemented through process that allow the maximum participation of those affected;

WHEREAS, the delivery of quality nutrition related services could be facilitated through clear and practical quality standards;

WHEREAS, the policy cited the vital role of nutrition committee of each LGU to function as the local nutrition cluster and in the context of emergency management shall be considered a sub-structure of the local disaster coordinating council.

WHEREAS, the local nutrition committee shall ensure that its efforts and initiatives are linked with those other cluster and formulate local policies necessary in managing emergency and disaster situations such as:

a.) Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IFE) - Donated (free) or subsidised supplies of breastmilk substitutes (e.g. infant formula) should be avoided. Donations of bottles and teats should be refused in emergency situations. Any well-meant but ill-advised donations of breastmilk substitutes, bottles and teats should be placed under the control of a single designated agency; b.) Provision of food rations or mass feeding especially in the early stage of emergency; c.) Micronutrient supplementation; and other nutrition related activities;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Regional Nutrition Committee hereby adopt the National Policy on Nutritional Management in Emergencies and Disasters and enjoin local government units (LGUs), to adopt the policy and provide necessary support for its full implementation; a copy of which is attached to form part of this resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Regional Nutrition Committee (RNC) shall coordinate with the Nutrition Cluster organized by DOH-HEMS to monitor and evaluate the program implementation and provide technical assistance thereof.

APPROVED, this 21st day of October 2011 during Regional Nutrition Committee meeting held at Club Ultima, Osmeña Blvd., Cebu City.

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