EXECUTIVE ORDER 18 s. 2016

ESTABLISHING THE BALIWAG NUTRITION COMMITTEE (BNC)

WHEREAS, the latest quarterly survey on hunger conducted by the Social Weather Stations reported that about 3.4 million households suffer from involuntary hunger;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 491, s. 1974 declared, as a matter of policy, that nutrition concerns is a priority of the government to be implemented by all branches of the government in an integrated fashion;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 1569 signed in 1978 recognizes the important role of Municipal Nutrition Committees chaired by Municipal Mayors in implementing national projects geared towards addressing malnutrition especially in the countryside;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 472 s. 2005 ordered the National Nutrition Committee to ensure a client-based operations and to undertake necessary steps to prioritize addressing hunger and malnutrition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA, Mayor of the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Title.— This Executive Order shall be known as the charter of Baliwag Nutrition Committee.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.— The Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan declares that nutrition is a priority concern of the local government to be integrally implemented by all its units.
SEC. 3. Establishment of Baliwag Nutrition Committee.— There is hereby created an agency under the Office of the Mayor, the Baliwag Nutrition Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the following officials:

Chair: Municipal Mayor
Vice Chair: Municipal Vice Mayor

Members:

Department of Education Baliwag, Bulacan Supervisors
Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health and Nutrition Chair
The Municipal Agriculturist
The Municipal Health Officer
The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
The Municipal Community Affairs Officer
The Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
The Municipal Nutrition Action Officer
The Municipal Budget Officer
The Municipal Population Officer
The ABC President

Three (3) other representatives from the private sector and accredited civil society organizations to be appointed by the Mayor.

In the event that any member cannot attend Committee meetings, they shall be represented by a person next in rank.

SEC. 4. Functions and Powers.— The BNC shall have the following functions and powers:

(a) To formulate an integrated municipal programs on nutrition.
(b) To implement national and local food and nutrition policies, plans and intervenes for the improvement of nutritional conditions of the municipality.
(c) To supervise, coordinate, integrate and evaluate the implementation of the municipal food and nutrition policies and programs to be implemented by all units of the local government unit of Baliwag, Bulacan and partner private sectors concerned with improving the nutrition of our constituents.
(d) To advocate for local support for the nutrition plans and coordinate the release of funds for nutrition purposes in accordance with the approved projects and programs.
(e) To request any unit, office, local government agency and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities and resources as the need arises.
(f) To monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal plans for nutritional improvement.
(g) To identify and mobilize local resources for nutrition interventions.
(h) Through the Office of the Municipal Mayor, to take the lead in implementing the Barangay Nutrition Scholar program as contemplated by PD 1569 to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program and to initiate activities such as organizing local training teams and recommending appropriation for some additional allowance for the barangay nutrition scholar.
(i) To ensure the establishment of lactation stations in all health and non-health facilities, establishments or institutions in Baliwag, Bulacan pursuant to the mandates of Republic Act 10028 known as Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009.
(j) To ensure that the Municipality and all its units shall be granted a ‘working mother-baby friendly’ certification from the Department of Health.
(k) To take the lead in implementing and strengthening Nutrition Programs in all schools, both private and public, and the regulation of canteen food with low nutritive value.

SEC. 5. The Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO)

A Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) shall be appointed by the BNC. The MNAO shall implement the policies, programs, projects and decisions of the BNC.
A Municipal Action Team (BNC-MAT) shall be formed, the members of which shall be a representative appointed by each of the members of the BNC, which representatives should be the head of the nutrition unit or project of his office. The MNAO, shall be Chair of the BNC-MAT. BNC-MAT shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it by this Council.

SEC. 6. Functions of the Municipal Nutrition Action Officer

(a) Organizes and leads the BNC-MAT to formulate the Municipal Nutrition Plan to be approved by the Baliwag Nutrition Committee.
(b) Ensures the implementation of the nutrition plans, programs and projects for the mitigation of involuntary and extreme hunger which are attuned to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).
(a) Coordinates and supervises the implementation and monitoring of the nutrition programs in the municipality.
(a) Organizes and Coordinates the regular meetings of the BNC.
(a) Coordinates and synergizes the convergence of direct nutrition services or other nutrition-related interventions of units and agencies such as the Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Health Office, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Department of Education, among others.
(d) Conducts periodic field visits to barangays to assess implementation process of their nutrition plans and provide technical assistance.
(e) Supervises the Barangay Nutrition Scholar and acts as resource person in barangay level planning and formulation.
(f) Trains and supervises the Barangay Nutrition Scholar in the implementation of barangay nutrition programs.
(g) Submits semestral Work Plan based on the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan to the Chair of the BNC and direct supervisor.
(h) Prepares the semestral accomplishment report of the BNC and submits monthly work accomplishment to the Chair /direct supervisor.

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(i) Keeps minutes of the meetings of the BNC and keeps the records of all nutrition-related programs, projects and activities.
(j) Undertakes other nutrition-related activities as deemed necessary by the BNC.
(k) Initiates, through channel, inter-barangay and inter-school competitions for the campaign and promotion of municipal nutrition programs.

SEC. 7. Nutrition Month.— The month of July of each year shall be designated as NUTRITION MONTH, for the purpose of creating greater awareness among our people on the importance of nutrition. Activities thereto shall be approved and coordinated by the BNC.

SEC. 8. Breastfeeding Awareness Month. — The month of August of each year shall be designated as BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH, to raise awareness on the importance of and to further promote breastfeeding pursuant to Republic Act 10028.

SEC. 9. Meetings. — The BNC shall meet biannually, during the first and last quarter of the year and as necessary.

SEC. 10. Appropriations.— The BNC shall integrate all nutrition projects and programs of the municipality for budget appropriations purposes. The BNC shall propose budget appropriations in the annual budget as operating funds of the Baliwag Nutrition Committee.

SEC. 11. All executive orders, administrative orders, memorandum circulars, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. This Executive Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the official website of the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan and three (3) conspicuous places.
Signed in the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, this 19th day of August, two thousand and sixteen.

FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA
Municipal Mayor

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