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ORDINANCE NO. SP. 3242 , S-2023

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO ALLOCATE THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDS FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A BARANGAY COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, further mandates local government units to exercise their powers and discharge their functions as are necessary and appropriate for the effective provision of basic services including child welfare and nutrition services;

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WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1569, entitled "Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a barangay nutrition scholar in every barangay, providing funds therefor, and for other purposes" provides that the barangay nutrition scholar shall be a barangay-based volunteer worker responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, mental feeding, and family planning to the barangay, provided for their qualifications, benefits and training;

WHEREAS, Quezon City recognizes that all nutrition interventions shall be anchored to the Philippine Government's commitment to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), the AmBisyon Natin 2040, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), and the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), the Regional Plan of Action for Nutrition of NCR and aligned with the overall vision of the Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11148, otherwise known as the Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act, emphasizes the need to institutionalize and scale up nutrition in the first one thousand (1000) days of life in the plans of the national level down to the local government units' investment plans to ensure the health and nutrition of children, especially those aged zero to two years and of the pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the Universal Healthcare Act, emphasized the integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, protected from hazards, guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk through a framework that fosters a whole-of-system-government-society approach in the development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of health policies, programs, and plans;

WHEREAS, the DILG MC No. 2018-42 on the Adoption and Implementation of the PPAN 2017-2022 states the roles and responsibilities of LGUs in ensuring the integration of the nutrition programs, projects, and activities in the Comprehensive Development Plan and in the annual budget/appropriations of the city and in all its barangays;

WHEREAS, DILG-NEDA-DBM-DoF JMC No. 1 dated November 18, 2016 provides for the Updated Guidelines on the Harmonization of Local Planning, Investment Programming, Resource Mobilization, Budgeting, Expenditure Management, and Performance Monitoring and Coordination in Fiscal Oversight;

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WHEREAS, the first 1000 days of life is the critical window of opportunity for a child's growth and development taking off from three major stages namely: (1) pregnancy (270 days), (2) birth to 6 months (180 days), and (3) older stage of infancy and toddlerhood (6-24 months or 550 days); studies show that children who are adequately nourished are 10 times more likely to overcome the most life-threatening diseases, complete 4.6 more grades in school, leads to more productive lives as adults earning 21% more in wages, thereby ensuring their ability to secure the overall health and well-being of future families in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive nutrition program in Quezon City recognizing that nutrition is fundamental to achieving optimum health and well-being as well as in the overall development of all its constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Barangay Nutrition Program Ordinance of 2023".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Barangay Nutrition Program** refers to actions to support the Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition, First 1000 Days Program, Nutrition-sensitive Program, and Enabling Programs of the Barangay;
- b. **Barangay Nutrition Scholar** refers to a barangay-based volunteer worker who provides basic nutrition and associated health services and connects communities with nutrition and related service providers;
- c. **Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP)** refers to the barangay's directional framework for nutrition improvement and the local version of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN);
- d. City Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP)—refers to the City's directional framework for nutrition improvement, incorporating the plans and programs in the Barangay Nutrition Action Plan of each barangay;

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- e. Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (PIMAM) refers to a nutrition-specific program to address cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) among children aged zero to 59 years old as determined by nutrition assessment;
- f. **Nutrition-sensitive Programs** refer to interventions or programs that address the immediate determinants of maternal, fetal, infant, and child nutrition and development, adequate food, and nutrient intake, feeding, caregiving, and parenting practices, and high burden of infectious diseases;
- g. **Enabling Programs** refer to actions that aim to assist the nutrition-specific programs and projects to be achieved with a greater degree of efficiency and effectiveness through mobilization of the barangays for the delivery of positive nutrition outcomes, policy development for food and nutrition, and strengthening of management support for the improved management and coordination in the implementation;
- h. **Philippine Development Plan** refers to the government's socioeconomic policies, strategies, and programs in support of and consistent with the development agenda of the President and is geared towards the attainment of development goals and objectives in the long-term development plan;
- i. Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) refers to the blueprint for an integrated program of nutrition interventions, formulated under the leadership of the National Nutrition Council (NNC), which serves as the coordinating body for the implementation of nutrition-related programs and projects and has responsibility for monitoring and evaluation;
- j. Universal Health Care Act refers to Republic Act No. 11223 (Universal Health Care Act) signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on February 20, 2019 which guarantees all Filipinos equitable access to quality and affordable healthcare goods and services and protects them against financial risk;
- k. **First 1000 days of Life** refers to the time spanning roughly between conception and one's second birthday, a unique period of opportunity when the foundations of optimum health, growth, and neurodevelopment across the lifespan are established.

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SECTION 3. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall be implemented by all the Sangguniang Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

SECTION 4. ALLOCATION OF BUDGET. – This Ordinance shall require all Sangguniang Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan of Quezon City to appropriate at least one percent (1%) of its General Fund, or not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP100,000.00), whichever is higher, for Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities in this City.

The said Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities may be integrated in other PPAs of the said Sanggunian, such as, but not limited to, Gender and Development Program, Health, Children and Youth.

An Annual BNAP shall be submitted every second quarter of the year for review by the City Nutrition Committee prior to the approval of its budget.

The Liga ng mga Barangay and Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), for the Sanggunian Barangay, Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan and the Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO), in coordination with the City Budget Department, shall ensure the allocation of budgets for Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities.

SECTION 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BARANGAY NUTRITION COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER AGENCIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND STAKEHOLDERS. —

- a. **Barangay** All barangays are encouraged to support the institutionalization and implementation of this Ordinance through the implementation of the Barangay Nutrition Program, the organization and strengthening of the Barangay Nutrition Committees, and the strengthening of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program, among others.
- b. **Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC)** The Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC) shall serve as the mechanism for planning, coordination, implementation, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation of the Barangay Nutrition Program. The BNC is chaired by the Punong Barangay with the participation of the following BNC members.

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The Punong Barangay may assign additional members of the BNC as deemed necessary.

Chairperson:

Vice-Chairperson:

Secretariat: Members: Punong Barangay

Barangay Kagawad, Committee on

Health and Nutrition Barangay Secretary

- Barangay Kagawad, Committee on Food Security and/or Urban Agriculture (if any)
- Barangay Kagawad, Committee on GAD
- Barangay Kagawad, Committee on Children
- Barangay Treasurer
- Barangay Health Worker
- Barangay Nutrition Scholar
- Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairperson
- Day Care Worker
- Elementary School Principal or Teacher Coordinator-assigned
- High School Principal or Teacher Coordinator-assigned
- President of Parent-Teacher-Child Association
- Health
- CSO/NGO with related activities on Nutrition within the Barangay, as chosen by the Sangguniang Barangay

As per guidance provided by the NNC, the BNC shall have the following functions:

- i. Undertake the formulation of its BNAP aligned with the overall City Nutrition Action Plan;
- ii. Coordinate the activities of the Barangay Nutrition Program;
- iii. Organize multi-sectoral groups to support the implementation of the BNAP;
- iv. Assess the progress of component activities of the Barangay Nutrition Program;

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- v. Hold quarterly meetings to monitor program performance;
- vi. Endorse appropriate policies to the Sangguniang Barangay to support program implementation; and
- vii. Lead advocacy efforts and resource mobilization activities to ensure participation and funding for the activities of the BNAP.
- c. Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD) Ensure all barangays have existing and functional BNC with updated and comprehensive BNAP.
- d. **Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS)** Monitor the nutritional status of children and other nutritionally at-risk groups and links them with nutrition and nutrition-related service providers.
- e. **Barangay Social Welfare and Development Office** Implement the dietary supplementation program for children in Public Day Care Centers.
- f. City Budget Department Ensure inclusion of budget for the health and nutrition program prior to submission to BCRD and DILG and approval and release of the budget upon submission of the annual budget request of the barangay.
- g. **City Nutrition Secretariat** Ensure submission of comprehensive BNAP of each barangay and incorporates the BNAP in the CNAP and monitors all health and nutrition programs included in the BNAP are implemented.
- h. City Nutrition Section Monitor all health and nutrition programs included in the BNAP are implemented.
- i. **Department of the Interior and Local Government** (DILG) Ensure all barangays have existing and functional BNC with updated and comprehensive BNAP.
- j. **Liga ng mga Barangay** Assist in the Information and Dissemination of the Ordinance and ensure all Sangguniang Barangay has included in their Barangay Development Plan and Annual Budget, Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities.



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- k. **National Nutrition Council** Provide technical assistance to the City and barangay regarding planning, implementation, and monitoring of health and nutrition programs at the city and barangay level.
- Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan Assist in the Information and Dissemination of the Ordinance and ensure all Sangguniang Kabataan has included in their Youth Development Plan and Annual Budget, Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities.
- m. **Quezon City Youth Development Office** Ensure all Sangguniang Kabataan has included in their Youth Development Plan and Annual Budget Nutrition related-Programs, Projects, and Activities.
- n. Schools in the Barangay (Private and Public) Undertake the nutritional assessment of elementary school children (6 to 12 years old) at the start of the school year, monitor nutritional status changes, and provide dietary supplementary feeding for school children. Administer health services such as deworming and immunization.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The QC Health Department, in coordination with the Liga ng mga Barangay, BCRD, Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan, QCYDO, and the City Budget Department, shall be responsible for issuing the guidelines and policies necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance. Provided that, other provisions of this Ordinance not requiring additional implementing guidelines or policies shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

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SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: October 16, 2023.

JOSEPH P. JUICO City Councilor Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: NOV 3 0 2023

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 16, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)