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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Philippines, under-nourishment or malnutrition has always been a grave concern. The malnutrition problem is a manifestation of widespread poverty in the country. Thus, it is prevalent in depressed barangays and municipalities in the rural areas and the countryside.

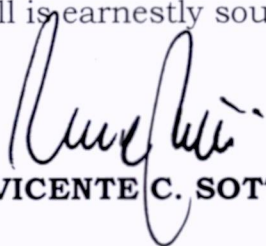
Consistent with its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, the government seeks to combat malnutrition as the country struggles to reduce health problems of micronutrient and protein-energy malnutrition including vitamin A deficiency disorders (VADO), iron deficiency anemia (IDA) and iodine deficiency disorders (IDO), the latter being considered one of the developing countries' most debilitating and intractable public health problems affecting nearly two billion people, majority of whom are children.

Malnutrition hampers the physical growth of a child and later affects his mental health, productivity and prospect for employment. The problem of malnutrition, therefore, calls for a more lasting solution. It calls for an integrated development approach that complements traditional nutrition intervention. The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is one such approach.

BIDANI will be an active research program to be spearheaded by the participating state colleges and universities as a regular program that will address the nutritional and general well-being of the poor following the National Nutrition Council's (NNC) theme, "*Pagkain at paglaki ay bantayan, upang ang wastong nutrisyon ay makamtan.*" In a way, it will seek to encourage every family and community to maintain children's normal growth, through proper diet and regular growth monitoring, a household habit.

This bill seeks to establish the BIDANI network program. There is a need to put nutrition at the forefront of learning and expose the different principles of medicines in relation to nutrition. Once approved, the national government is assured of a partner in providing proper nutrition to the people, particularly the poor. Likewise, it shall ensure the promotion of a healthy and productive citizenry.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Barangay
2 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
4 State to recognize nutrition as a basic human right. Towards this end, the
5 State shall vigorously promote the importance of nutrition as a public good
6 and a public concern that can be satisfactorily achieved through a
7 multisectoral support. It shall work towards the provision of the nutritional
8 needs of the poor sector of the Filipino society who are deprived of said right.
9 Further, the State shall give utmost support to programs and projects that
10 are responsive to the nutritional needs of the people.

11 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall have the following objectives:

12 (a) To encourage the cooperation and participation of academic
13 institutions and local government units (LGUs) in promoting the nutritional
14 well-being of the people;

15 (b) To develop among state universities and colleges (SUCs) and
16 community colleges an effective research-action network program that will
17 improve the nutrition and general well-being of the rural poor; and

18 (c) To enhance the productivity and employability of the rural poor by
19 improving their nutrition and life status.

1 SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development*
2 *Approach for Nutrition Improvement Program.* – The Barangay Integrated
3 Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is hereby
4 established as a nutrition-in-development research program involving SUCs
5 and community colleges which aims to assist the national government in
6 improving the nutrition and the general well-being of the poor.

7 It is a comprehensive model for countryside development programs,
8 which makes nutrition as an entry point, an ultimate goal and objective,
9 and an indicator and a measure of development. It is a strategy to combat
10 malnutrition, insufficiency of food, social deprivation and poverty alleviation.

11 It is one of the enabling mechanisms in the implementation of the
12 Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and an indispensable growth
13 strategy of the National Nutrition Council (NNC).

14 SEC. 5. *BIDANI Goals.* – The BIDANI Program shall promote nutrition-
15 in-development through community and other stakeholders' participation in
16 an integrated management system facilitated by SUCs. The Program aims
17 to:

18 (a) Require all SUCs and community colleges to assist towards the
19 achievement of the nutrition-in-development objectives of the NNC;

20 b) Engage the SUCs and community colleges in the conduct of training
21 and capacity-building activities for all BIDANI stakeholders on the
22 BIDANI strategies and innovative practices to ensure that in-
23 planning nutrition shall be integrated in all areas of local
24 governance;

25 c) Promote the best nutrition practices of successful LGUs through the
26 participation of local nutrition management teams; and

27 d) Build partnerships among SUCs/community colleges and other
28 stakeholders to support the citizenry towards self-help and self-reliance;
29 encourage citizen action through the involvement of various stakeholders;
30 and coordinate with government organizations (GOs), nongovernment
31 organizations (NGOs), private organizations (POs) and private sectors in
32 linking the community with existing resources.

1 SEC. 6. *BIDANI Structural/Organizational Linkages.* – The BIDANI
2 partners and stakeholders shall work at different levels, as follows:

3 (a) State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)/Community Colleges – A
4 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall formalize the partnership between
5 the University of the Philippines – Los Baños, as the national coordinator of
6 the Program, represented by its Chancellor, and the President of the
7 concerned SUCs/community colleges. Upon approval of the partnership,
8 the BIDANI Program shall be implemented and attached to the Office of the
9 Vice President for Research and Extension (OVPRE) in each partner SUC or
10 community college. A BIDANI SUC or community college shall then choose
11 and coordinate with its LGU partners;

12 (b) City/Municipal Local Government Units – The implementation of
13 the BIDANI as a development strategy in the LGUs will commence upon the
14 approval of the city or municipality of the nutrition plans formulated by the
15 SUC concerned through a MOA or city/municipality resolution. Each city or
16 municipality shall create a City/Municipal Organizational Machinery,
17 composed of heads and representatives of different city/municipal line
18 agencies who shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring,
19 evaluation and replication of the BIDANI strategy in the locality;

20 (c) Barangay Units – The realization of the BIDANI as a development
21 strategy shall be accomplished at the barangay level. The Barangay
22 Development Council (BDC) shall be enhanced through an expansion of
23 BDC membership that shall be called the Program Planning and
24 Implementation Committee. The Committee shall be composed of
25 representatives from the Sangguniang Barangay, BDC, Purok and other
26 community leaders who shall be trained on the BIDANI strategy to ensure
27 that the processes for planning and management of development programs,
28 projects and activities will be participative and responsive to the needs of the
29 members of the barangay; and

30 (d) Other Stakeholders – The participation and inputs of NGOs, other
31 government agencies and offices, and POs shall be sought in the formulation
32 of plans by the members of the barangay.

1 SEC. 7. *BIDANI Innovative Strategies.* – To facilitate the local
2 implementation of the BIDANI, the Program shall be implemented using the
3 following innovative strategies:

4 (a) Formulation of the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) –
5 Upon approval of this Act, each barangay shall formulate its BIDP which
6 shall include the barangay's plans and programs relative to nutrition, which
7 plans shall be integrated into the municipal development plan;

8 (b) Development of a Barangay Management Information System (BMIS)
9 – In the conduct of its research activities, the concerned SUC/community
10 college shall develop a people-based information system which shall focus
11 on the identification of the needs of the barangay through efficient and
12 effective data collection. The data shall be the basis for program planning,
13 management and implementation of various projects and activities in the
14 barangay; and

15 (c) Implementation of a Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach
16 (PNEA) – The NNC and participating SUCs/community colleges shall utilize
17 the life cycle approach in the formulation of food production policies and
18 programs and promote market-driven livelihood activities among households
19 in order to prevent malnutrition among preschool children and nutritionally-
20 at-risk families.

21 SEC. 8. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of the
22 BIDANI linkage program shall be included in the budget of the participating
23 SUCs in the annual General Appropriations Act. The LGUs shall provide
24 funding to the participating community colleges for the implementation of
25 the BIDANI linkage program.

26 Participating SUCs/community colleges may also get funds, donations
27 and other forms of financial support from foreign and local persons,
28 institutions and governments for the implementation of the BIDANI linkage
29 program.

30 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days
31 from the approval of this Act, the NNC, in coordination with the
32 participating SUCs/community colleges shall prepare and issue the
33 necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

1 SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this
2 Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision
3 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

4 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
5 rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent
6 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

7 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
9 circulation.

Approved.