


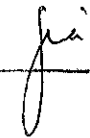
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In a survey conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, it was revealed that three out of ten children have poor nutritional status either having low weight-for-age, low height-for-age, or suffering from anemia. The data showed that there are more underweight, stunted, anemic, and iodine deficient in lower income groups.

Indeed, malnutrition remains one of the major problems of the country today with an observed improvement in statistics of only 0.6% per year. Malnutrition continues to jeopardize the physical and mental development of the youth. This issue affects the very survival of an alarming number of Filipino children.

Thus, it is imperative that the National Nutrition Program be strengthened to address the problem of malnutrition and effectively guide every Filipino towards a healthy lifestyle and improved quality of life.

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


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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "**Accelerate Nutrition**
2 **Improvement (ANI) Act of 2013.**"

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4 **SEC. 2.** **Declaration of Policy.** - It is the declared policy of the State to
5 promote the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and
6 special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other
7 conditions prejudicial to their development.

8 The State maintains that nutrition is both an end-goal and a means to achieve
9 development. It is a multi-factorial concern requiring inputs from all sectors. As such,
10 nutrition shall be a priority of the government to be implemented by all its branches in
11 collaboration with non-government organizations, the business sector, and people's
12 organizations, in an integrated manner with focus to nutritionally and economically
13 depressed areas, communities and households.

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15 **SEC. 3.** **Objectives.** - This measure aims to improve the nutritional status
16 of the country and its citizenry. In order to achieve improved nutrition, it aims to:

17 a) Strengthen the National Nutrition Council ("NNC") as the highest policy
18 making and coordinating body on nutrition to ensure coherence of the nutrition
19 programs of national government agencies ("NGA's"), local government units ("LGU's")
20 and non-government organizations ("NGO's") with the national nutritional plan;

21 b) Provide a policy environment conducive to nutrition improvement in both
22 social and economic development sectors;

1 c) Provide mechanisms, strategies and approaches in implementing
2 programs and projects to improve nutritional status and to eradicate hunger and
3 malnutrition; as well as prescribe standards and criteria for efficient and effective
4 intervention to maximize the impact for the nutritionally-at-risk; and

5 d) Ensure participation and cooperation on the NNC member agencies, other
6 NGA's or instrumentalities, LGU's, NGO's, and the academe in an integrated manner
7 for the promotion of the nutritional well-being of the population.
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9 **SEC. 4. Definition Terms.** - As used in this Act, the following terms shall
10 mean:

11 a) Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition
12 Improvement ("BIDANI") – shall refer to the strategy and network program for nutrition
13 improvement and the mechanism for integrating nutrition in development spearheaded
14 by key Regional State Universities and Colleges ("SUC's") in partnership with LGU's.
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16 b) Household food security - access by all people at all times to nutritionally
17 adequate and safe food needed for an active and healthy life.
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19 c) Local nutrition plan - the medium term and annual integrated nutritional
20 plan formulated by an LGU to address its nutritional problems
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22 d) National nutrition plan - the medium-term and annual integrated nutrition
23 plan formulated by the NNC.
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25 e) Nutritionally depressed areas - barangays, cities, municipalities, or
26 provinces which, based on nutrition and other socioeconomic indicators, are at a
27 nutritional disadvantage compared to others.
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29 **SEC. 5. The National Nutrition Council ("NNC").** - The National Nutrition
30 Council (NNC) composed of a governing board and a secretariat, is the highest
31 policymaking body on nutrition. It shall formulate the medium-term and annual nutrition
32 plan, and coordinate its implementation. It shall provide over-all directions for the
33 nutrition plans and programs and coordinate with all other agencies which contribute
34 resources and expertise for nutrition development. It shall meet at least two (2) times a
35 year, without prejudice to holding of more frequent meetings as may be needed.

36 In order to increase its efficiency and effectiveness, the composition of the NCC
37 governing board is hereby expanded:

1 a) The governing board - The governing board shall be composed of
2 secretaries or head of the following agencies:

3 1. Department of Agriculture - who is hereby designated as
4 Chairperson;

5 2. Department of Health -who shall be the Vice-Chairperson;

6 3. Department of Social Welfare and Development - Member;

7 4. Department of Education, Culture and Sports - Member;

8 5. Department of Interior and Local Government - Member;

9 6. Department of Science and Technology - Member;

10 7. Department of Budget and Management - Member;

11 8. Department of Labor and Employment - Member;

12 9. Department of Agrarian Reform - Member;

13 10. Department of Trade and Industry - Member;

14 11. National Economic and Development Authority - Member;

15 12. Commission on Higher Education - Member; and

16 13. Three (3) representatives from the private sector to be appointed by
17 the President.

18 The Board shall create a permanent technical committee and ad hoc committees
19 of experts as it may deem necessary, to act as the Council's advisory body on policy
20 and program matters. The members of the technical committee shall also facilitate intra-
21 agency and sectoral coordination of efforts for nutrition improvement.

22 The chairperson and the members of the board and technical committee and
23 committees of experts shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to honoraria
24 and other emoluments as may be fixed by the Board for every meeting actually
25 attended, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

26 b) The secretariat shall serve as the executive arm of the governing board. It
27 shall be headed by an executive director, assisted by two (2) deputy executive directors,
28 all of whom shall be appointed by the President.

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30 **SEC. 6. *Functions and Powers.*** - The Council shall have the following
31 functions and powers:

32 a) Formulate national nutrition policies, plans, strategies and approaches for
33 nutritional improvement;

34 b) Formulate standard and criteria for efficient and effective interventions to
35 maximize impact for the nutritionally at-risk populations;

36 c) Educate the public on nutrition and its importance to individual,
37 community, and national development;

1 d) Oversee and serve as local point in the coordinated implementation of
2 policies and programs of all member and government instrumentalities as well as other
3 concerned non-government organizations charged with the execution of existing laws,
4 policies, rules and regulations concerning nutrition;

5 e) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate programs and projects of both public
6 and private sectors as well as LGUs in order to ensure integration of nutrition with
7 national policies;

8 f) Generate resources either by direct solicitation or by fund raising activities
9 from various entities, agencies, and the general public; acting as trustee of funds
10 generated to support nutrition program and projects;

11 g) Call upon any government agency and instrumentality comprising the
12 pillars of the executive and legislative systems for such assistance as may be required
13 to implement the provisions of this Act in order to reduce and eventually eliminate
14 malnutrition in the country; and

15 h) Do such act, adopt such measures, enter into such arrangements to issue
16 such rules and regulations as may be proper for the integration, systematization,
17 administration and implementation of all nutrition programs.

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19 **SEC. 7. Role of NNC Member-Agencies, other National Government**
20 **Agencies and Local Government Units, the Academe, and Non-government**
21 **Organizations in the ANI Act.** - The NNC member agencies shall ensure the
22 successful implementation of programs and projects, development of promotional,
23 preventive and curative nutrition programs, and integration of nutrition concerns in their
24 respective policies and plans. They shall provide additional resources in any form in
25 support of the local nutrition plan as a continuing involvement of the national
26 government to local plans and programs.

27 They shall likewise submit to the NNC governing board through the NNC
28 secretariat yearly accomplishment reports on nutrition and nutrition related activities for
29 the assessment and evaluation of the government delivery system on nutrition.

30 Other national government agencies shall serve as important links in promoting
31 nutrition in development through participation in the continuing advocacy for nutrition
32 improvement, and integration of nutrition consideration in their sectoral plans and
33 programs. The local government units (LGUs), pursuant to the Local Government Code
34 of 1991, shall provide and deliver basic nutrition services and facilities to the
35 community. As such, they shall formulate, implement, manage, monitor and evaluate
36 medium-term and annual local nutrition plans. The LGUs shall organize inter-agency
37 local nutrition committees which shall be chaired by the local chief executive either as a
38 committee of the local development council (LDC) or as a subcommittee of a committee

1 of the LDC. LGUs shall integrate nutrition considerations in their short, medium and
2 long-term development plans and programs and shall coordinate with the NNC in the
3 enforcement of the Act.

4 LGUs shall recruit, train and deploy nutritionist-dietitians in every municipality,
5 city, and province; and recruit, train and deploy barangay nutrition scholars in every
6 barangay in support of the local nutrition plan. LGUs shall also submit to the NNC
7 annual reports of accomplishments of their respective nutrition plans. State universities
8 and colleges (SUC) and DEPED - supervised schools and colleges shall intensify
9 nutrition-related training, research and extension support activities through the BIDANI
10 network program and other relevant approaches, thereby accelerating community
11 development in partnership with the LGUs. They shall likewise coordinate with their
12 respective LGUs in connection with nutrition and related initiatives. They shall also
13 submit to their respective LGUs quarterly reports of accomplishments on nutrition and
14 related concerns.

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16 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the initial
17 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of
18 the National Nutrition Council. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its
19 continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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21 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The NNC in coordination
22 with the agencies concerned, shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the
23 effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its approval.

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25 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If any part or provision of this Act shall be
26 held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby
27 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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29 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive
30 orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions
31 of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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33 **SEC. 12. Saving Clause.** - Powers, functions and rights already acquired
34 and existing at the time of the passage of this Act shall not in any way be abridged,
35 modified nor abated, unless repealed, amended or modified under the preceding
36 sections.

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1 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
3 circulation.

Approved,