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ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT
APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE
RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND COMMUNITY
COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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 SECTION 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 SECTION 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;

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

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

6 SECTION. 4. **Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development**
7 **Approach for Nutrition Improvement Program.** – The Barangay

8 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is
9 hereby established as a nutrition-in-development research program
10 involving SUCs and community colleges which aims to assist the national
11 government in improving the nutrition and the general well-being of the
12 poor.

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

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

20 SECTION. 5. **BIDANI Goals.** – The BIDANI Program shall promote
21 nutrition-in-development through community and other stakeholders'
22 participation in an integrated management system facilitated by SUCs. The
23 Program aims to:

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

26 (b) Engage the SUCs and community colleges in the conduct of training
27 and capacity-building activities for all BIDANI stakeholders on the
28 BIDANI strategies and innovative practices to ensure that in-planning
29 nutrition shall be integrated in all areas of local governance;

30 (c) Promote the best nutrition practices of successful LGUs through the
31 participation of local nutrition management teams; and

1 (d) Build partnerships among SUCs/community colleges and other
2 stakeholders to support the citizenry towards self-help and self-
3 reliance; encourage citizen action through the involvement of various
4 stakeholders; and coordinate with government organizations (GOs),
5 nongovernment organizations (NGOs), private organizations (POs) and
6 private sectors in linking the community with existing resources.

7 SECTION. 6. **BIDANI Structural/Organizational Linkages.** – The BIDANI
8 partners and stakeholders shall work at different levels, as follows:

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

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

26 (c) Barangay Units – The realization of the BIDANI as a development
27 strategy shall be accomplished at the barangay level. The Barangay
28 Development Council (BDC) shall be enhanced through an expansion of
29 BDC membership that shall be called the Program Planning and

1 Implementation Committee. The Committee shall be composed of
2 representatives from the Sangguniang Barangay, BDC, Purok and other
3 community leaders who shall be trained on the BIDANI strategy to ensure
4 that the processes for planning and management of development programs,
5 projects and activities will be participative and responsive to the needs of the
6 members of the barangay; and

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

10 SECTION. 7. **BIDANI Innovative Strategies.** – To facilitate the local
11 implementation of the BIDANI, the Program shall be implemented using the
12 following innovative strategies:

13 (a) Formulation of the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) –
14 Upon approval of this Act, each barangay shall formulate its BIDP which
15 shall include the barangay’s plans and programs relative to nutrition, which
16 plans shall be integrated into the municipal development plan;

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

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

1 SECTION 8. **Funding.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of
2 the BIDANI linkage program shall be included in the budget of the
3 participating SUCs in the annual General Appropriations Act. The LGUs
4 shall provide funding to the participating community colleges for the
5 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program.

6 Participating SUCs/community colleges may also get funds, donations
7 and other forms of financial support from foreign and local persons,
8 institutions and governments for the implementation of the BIDANI linkage
9 program.

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

14 SECTION 10. **Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act
15 is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
16 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

20 SECTION 12. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
21 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
22 circulation.

Approved,