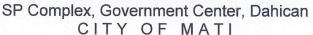


## Republic of the Philippines Province of Davao Oriental

## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN





EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 124TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO ORIENTAL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT THE CITY OF MATI, THIS PROVINCE.

#### PRESENT:

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Vice Governor – Presiding Officer

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President, Philippine Councilors League

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Hon. Jossone Michael G. Dayanghirang President, Liga Ng Mga Barangay (LNB)

Davao Oriental Chapter

Hon. Eleuterio C. Manaytay

Indigenous Peoples Mandatory

Representative (IPMR)

Hon. Shanine C. Lintogonan

Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation President (SKPFP)

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Hon. Stephen Paul L. Uy

SP Member, District I

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SP Member, District II – OIC – Governor

# PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-43-11-2024

: Hon. Andy A. Monday Author Sponsor : Hon. Andy A. Monday

**ESTABLISHING** AN ORDINANCE THE LOCAL KARINDERYA AS DESIGNATED COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION, FOR FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY DURING DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, AND OTHER NUTRITION-RELATED INITIATIVES IN THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition 2017-2022, as an integral part of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, considers and directs its interventions toward improving maternal, infant, and young child nutrition for the realization of the development pillars of Ambisyon 2040: malasakit (protective concern), pagbabago (transformation), and kaunlaran (development);

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act 11148 or the Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act stipulates the scaling up of health and nutrition interventions in the first one thousand (1,000) days of life, and warrants the allocation of resources in a sustainable manner to improve the nutritional status of, and to address malnutrition in

infants and young children from zero to two years old, nutritionally-at-risk adolescent females, and pregnant and lactating women;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the same law requires implementation of health and nutrition interventions at the level of the barangay, through, or in coordination with the rural health units and/or barangay health centers, and with the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Health Workers (BHW) provided with sufficient resources and benefits to carry out the relevant tasks;

WHEREAS, Section 30 of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Healthcare Act (UHC) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) similarly direct local government units (LGUs) to enact effective policies and programs that promote health literacy and healthy lifestyle, and prevent and control diseases and their risk factors to advance population health and individual well-being;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every LGU shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, LGUs shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, the promotion of health and safety, the improvement of public morals, the maintenance of peace and order, and the preservation of inhabitants' comfort and convenience:

WHEREAS, Section 17(b)(4) in relation to Section 17(b)(2)(iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991, further provides that the City Government shall exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities, social welfare services, nutrition services, livelihood and other pro-poor services;

**WHEREAS**, Section V(1) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2018-42, mandates that local governments formulate, revise, or update, and implement, monitor, and evaluate local nutrition active plans in alignment with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2.8 of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Local Budget Memorandum No. 80, s. 2020, enjoins local governments to prioritize in the allocation of local funds programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) included in their respective local nutrition action plans formulated in accordance with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Andy A. Monday, duly and jointly seconded by SP Members Anna Cheryl N. Castro, Shella Marie S. Go, Harold A. Montes, Marietta D. Palmera, and Michelle M. Centeno, it was

Be it ordained by the 17<sup>TH</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Davao Oriental in session duly assembled, that:

### **CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Karinderya Project Para sa Healthy Pilipinas or the Karinderya Project Ordinance".

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- **Section 2. Declaration of Principles and Policies.** It is the policy of the Province to ensure the general health and well-being of all its constituents by protecting their nutritional status and its determinants. Towards this end, the Province of Davao Oriental shall adopt:
  - a. A participatory approach to the overall implementation of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, by engaging local karinderya and Barangay-level nutrition patrollers in the promotion, preparation, delivery, monitoring, and follow-up activities.
  - b. A life course approach to more strategically address or prevent malnutrition, focuses on children under five, and prioritizes as well the first 1,000 days of a child's life, beginning from the pregnancy stage which effectively include the nutrition of mothers and women of reproductive age.
  - c. A settings-based approach to nutrition interventions, where efforts are not limited to conduct of dietary supplementation, but also include changes in local food environments, specifically in the availability, affordability, and accessibility of healthy food options in the community.

### Section 3. General Objectives. This Ordinance seeks to:

- Promote proper diet and protect the nutritional status of children under five years old and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant and undernourished lactating women.
- b. Mobilize and institutionalize engagement with the local karinderya as a site and as partners in the implementation of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project. For this purpose, the Karinderya Project shall comprise three components: nutrition counseling and education, dietary supplementation, and food relief operations during disaster emergencies.
- **Section 4. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following are operationally defined:
  - a. **Barangay Nutrition Patroller** shall refer to community member-volunteers who will assist the Barangay Nutrition Scholar in conducting routine notification, reminder, and follow-up with project beneficiaries on required activities and any information related to the operations of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project.
  - Dietary Supplementation shall refer to the component of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project wherein food, in addition to regular meals eaten at home, are prepared for and provided to identified undernourished children aged 24-59 months and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women, and undernourished lactating women by the Partner Karinderyas, to help them meet their daily nutritional requirements.
  - c. **Minimum Acceptable Diet** is a composite indicator which refers to minimum dietary diversity and minimum feeding frequency, as appropriate for an age group.
  - d. **Nutrition counseling** refers to one-on-one sessions between the Nutrition Action Office and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women and undernourished lactating mothers of children under 2, wherein individual nutritional status is assessed, specific nutritional requirements are analyzed, and appropriate guidance is provided to achieve the intended change in nutritional status.
  - e. **Nutrition education** refers to nutrition education classes between the BNS and the guardians of undernourished children aged 2-5 years old, designed to

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- facilitate improvement in relevant knowledge, attitudes, and practices that affect his/her child's nutrition.
- f. Nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women refers to pregnant women, including teenage mothers, with a low pregnancy Body Mass Index (BMI) or those who do not gain sufficient weight during pregnancy, with predisposing factors including, but not limited to narrowly-spaced pregnancies and births, situated in families with low income, with large number of dependents where food purchase is an economic problem, has previously given birth to a preterm or low birth weight infant, or other unfavorable prognostic factors such as obesity or anemia, with diseases that influence nutritional status such as diabetes, tuberculosis, drug addiction, alcoholism, or mental disorder.
- g. Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) shall refer to the annual weighing and height measurement of all preschoolers 0-59 months old or below five years old in a community to identify and locate the malnourished children, and is a program by the National Nutrition Committee (NNC) primarily implemented by the BNS.
- h. **Partner Karinderya** shall refer to a local neighborhood karinderya, formally engaged by the Province for the provision of food and nutrition-related services in the community.
- Undernourished children refer to children under five years old who are not receiving the right amount of energy and nutrients, resulting in them being underweight, stunted, or wasted, as identified by the BNS during the OPT+ operations.
- j. **Undernourished lactating women** refers to lactating women who are identified as undernourished by the BNS during the measurement activities.

#### CHAPTER II. THE LOCAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE

- Section 5. The Local Nutrition Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee, chaired by the Local Chief Executive, shall be designated as the steering and decision-making body, in charge of all policy, implementation, and resource-related decisions pertaining to the operations of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project. The minimum composition of the Committee shall include representatives from relevant local departments, such as, but not limited to:
  - a. The Local Chief Executive or representative as Committee Chairperson
  - b. The Nutrition Action Officer as Deputy Committee Chairperson
  - c. The Health Officer
  - d. The Agricultural Officer
  - e. The Social Welfare and Development Officer
  - f. The Budget Officer
  - g. One (1) representative from the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS)
- **Section 6.** The Committee shall oversee the planning and development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of all components of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, including the nutrition education activities, dietary supplementation, and food relief operations during disaster emergencies.

For the dietary supplementation component of the project, the Committee shall:

a. Develop the operational plan for the dietary supplementation activities based on data from the Operation Timbang Plus (OPT+) and other routine monitoring

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- b. Concur with or approve the number of project beneficiaries
- c. Concur with or approve the number of partner karinderyas based on the number of and home addresses of the beneficiaries
- d. Prepare budget proposals for presentation and lobbying to the Local Council
- **Section 7.** The **Provincial Nutrition Action Office (PNAO)** shall act as the secretariat for the Local Nutrition Committee. Specifically, the PNAO shall:
  - a. Develop all plans, proposals, and reports related to the implementation of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project;
  - b. Develop relevant information, education, and communication materials:
  - c. Develop the cycle menu to be used for the dietary supplementation activities;
  - d. Lead the monitoring and evaluation activities related to the implementation of this Ordinance; and
  - e. Recommend to the Committee additional evidence-based actions for the improvement of nutrition in the community.
- Section 8. Barangay Nutrition Scholar. The LGU shall ensure that at least one (1) BNS shall be deployed to or present in each of the local barangays to facilitate and coordinate the operations of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, and other nutrition-related activities in the community. Further, the Province shall ensure proper compensation, dignified working conditions, and an adequate number of BNS. A general scope of work for the BNS is stated in the community Health Promotion Playbook 2 of the Department of Health, for reference and use of the Province.

#### CHAPTER III. NUTRITION COUNSELING AND EDUCATION

- **Section 9. Nutrition Counseling.** The Provincial Nutrition Action Office shall conduct periodic nutrition counseling with the pregnant and lactating women beneficiaries of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project to properly monitor their nutritional status and effectively respond to their specific nutritional needs. The Provincial Nutrition Action Office shall emphasize *exclusive* breastfeeding for infants up to six months, with appropriate complementary foods up to age two years or beyond, as part of the nutrition counseling sessions.
- Section 10. Nutrition Education. The BNS shall conduct active nutrition education classes with guardians of undernourished preschool children aged two to five, to improve food preparation and feeding habits that affect their children's nutritional status.

The BNS shall measure the relative effectiveness of nutrition counseling and education efforts, for the monitoring and evaluation of this component of the Ordinance.

# CHAPTER IV. BENEFICIARIES OF THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Section 11. Identification of Beneficiaries. The beneficiaries of the dietary supplementation component, for whom the Partner Karinderyas will be preparing and serving supplementary hot meals, shall include:

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- a. Children two to five years old identified as undernourished per results of the OPT+ activities;
- b. Pregnant women identified as nutritionally-at-risk, and Lactating women identified as undernourished
- Section 12. Minimum Benefits and Services. All identified beneficiaries of the dietary supplementation activities shall be entitled to receive supplementary food products for the rehabilitation of their nutritional status. They or their legal guardian/s shall be given regular nutrition counseling, among other services, by the assigned BNS for the duration of the project.
- **Section 13. Attendance and Participation.** Completion of the 120-day attendance among beneficiaries of the dietary supplementation activities shall be ensured and taken note of by the BNS for optimal results. Under no circumstance shall the entitlement of beneficiaries to the minimum benefits and services be withheld by project implementers, as penalty or disincentive for non-attendance or non-participation in the required activities.
- Section 14. Barangay Nutrition Patroller (BNP). To maximize community engagement, community member-volunteers shall be mobilized as Barangay Nutrition Patrollers (BNP), who will assist the BNS in conducting routine notification, reminder for, and follow-up with beneficiaries and/or their legal guardian/s on the required activities and any information related to the operations of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project.

# CHAPTER V. PARTNER KARINDERYA FOR THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

- Section 15. Service Contract Agreement. The partner karinderya, by virtue of this Ordinance, shall be engaged as the designated community kitchen, and shall function consistent with the terms of a formal service contract agreement, jointly signed by the karinderya owner-operator and the Province. The partner karinderya, for its services, shall be properly remunerated per beneficiary fed under existing accounting and audit rules of the LGU.
- Section 16. Functions of Partner Karinderya. The partner karinderya shall assist the Province in providing services to identified beneficiaries of its food or nutrition-related programs and activities. Specifically, for the dietary supplementation component of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, the partner karinderya shall:
  - a. Lead the preparation of healthy and nutritious supplementary food items or hot meals based on the cycle menu and recipes provided by the Province
  - b. Provide handwashing stations in their karinderya
  - c. Ensure and maintain food safety and sanitation standards in the karinderya
  - d. Prepare the logistics necessary for the day-to-day activities
  - e. Assist the BNS in monitoring attendance and ensuring participation of beneficiaries to the required activities
- Section 17. Screening Criteria. The partner karinderyas which shall be formally engaged by the Province for the performance of the tasks set in the previous section shall be selected based on the following screening criteria:
  - a. The owner-operator is a resident of the community.

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- b. The owner-operator is physically healthy and willing to participate in the project; Partner karinderyas, prior to signing of the service contract agreement shall undergo a medical examination, sponsored by the Province, to ensure good health status and avoid possible transmission of food-borne diseases, if any.
- c. There is an existing karinderya stall, operating for at least five (5) years, as well as sanitation and business permits; Partner karinderyas, prior to signing of the service contract agreement, may be assisted by the Province to acquire such permits.
- d. The karinderya has sufficient funds to jumpstart the project.
- e. The karinderya can accommodate at least ten (10) project beneficiaries.
- f. The karinderya can prepare and serve healthy and nutritious meals using the prescribed cycle menu and recipe.
- g. The owner-operator can commit to the 120-day duration of the project.
- Section 18. Minimum Capacity Requirements. Prior to commencement of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project activities, the partner karinderyas shall undergo the minimum required capacity and skills development sessions on:
  - a. Basic nutrition, including nutrition in emergencies
  - b. Food safety and sanitation
  - c. Food preparation and portion control, to manage the quality and standard of service delivery across all participating partner karinderyas in the Province, and ensure comparable results for all beneficiaries

# CHAPTER VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

- Section 19. Monitoring and Evaluation of Nutritional Status. Data from the annual OPT+, or other anthropometric measurement activities for children and pregnant and lactating women shall be the basis for determining the baseline data, against which periodic and post-implementation weight status of project beneficiaries will be analyzed to determine the relative effectiveness of the dietary supplementation activities in improving the nutritional status of the beneficiaries. For this purpose, the Province shall provide the necessary resources for the conduct of related measurement activities including, but not limited to, measuring equipment, human resources, and referral assistance for beneficiaries needing additional medical attention, if any.
- Section 20. Re-enrolment. Beneficiaries who fail to meet the intended change/s in nutritional status after the 120-day cycle of the dietary supplementation activities shall automatically be re-enrolled in the immediately succeeding cycle. Guardians of the children beneficiaries and nutritionally-at-risk pregnant and lactating women referred to in the section shall be provided with additional nutrition counseling.

The BNS assigned to the location of said beneficiaries shall conduct a rapid probing on the settings, environmental, and/or behavioral conditions to determine other potential barriers affecting their nutritional status. Findings shall be reported to the Committee and the BLGU for their information and action.

Section 21. Incentives for Participation. To provide further incentive for the satisfactory participation of both partner karinderyas and beneficiaries, the LGU shall endeavor to develop and provide incentives for:

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- a. Beneficiaries in each category with most improved nutritional status, and the karinderya owner-operators who served them
- b. Karinderya owner-operators with the highest percentage of beneficiaries with improved nutritional status
- c. Beneficiaries in each category with perfect attendance
- d. Karinderya owner-operators with the highest percentage of beneficiaries with perfect attendance

# CHAPTER VII. PARTNER KARINDERYA DURING DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

- **Section 22**. The partner karinderya, as designated community kitchen, shall form part of the Province's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management plan and protocol as preparer and/or provider of food and nutrition-related relief services to individuals and families affected by natural or man-made disasters and fragile environments including, but not limited to:
  - a. Families and individuals with limited or no access to healthy food due to pandemic protocols and related barriers
  - b. Victims of flooding, landslide, and typhoons in evacuation centers
  - c. Victims of fire incidents
  - d. Refugees or survivors from conflict areas, among others

For this purpose, the partner karinderya owner-operators shall be capacitated on food and nutrition-related knowledge and principles specific for the abovementioned fragile environments in order to ensure the quality and standard of service to be provided. The partner karinderya shall also be compensated fairly for all disaster relief services provided.

## **CHAPTER VIII. AUXILIARY NUTRITION-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- Section 23. To complement the minimum benefits and services provided as part of the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, the Barangay level LGUs, shall endeavor to:
  - a. Ban the sale of junk foods, sugar sweetened beverages, and the like inside and within the immediate radius of the school premises, to limit children's access to unhealthy food products
  - b. Encourage BLGUs to implement separate dietary supplementation activities, parallel and in coordination with the Provincial level implementers, to ensure the achievement of minimum acceptable diet and the improvement of the overall nutrition status
  - c. Implement nutrition standards and mainstream healthy food options (i.e. no trans-fat, salt, and/or refined sugars in meals served) across local karinderyas and street food owner-operators in the Province
  - d. Create and dedicate bicycle lanes, ample pedestrian walkways, and open spaces in the community to encourage active lifestyle and promote physical activity among the community members
  - e. Institutionalize and provide assistance in the establishment of satellite fresh produce markets in the local barangays, to improve the availability and accessibility of healthy food options in the local neighborhoods
  - f. Set up and mainstream a supply chain between local agricultural workers and partner karinderyas, to support the development of both these small-scale enterprises

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#### **CHAPTER IX. APPROPRIATIONS**

- **Section 24. Appropriations.** The funding and other resources necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance may be sourced from the local government's annual Internal Revenue Allotment or IRA; national government subsidy to related programs, projects, and activities through the relevant agencies; and/or funding support or grants from other external development partners or non-government organizations.
- **Section 25. Donations.** Cash or in-kind donations for the Karinderya Para sa Healthy Pilipinas Project, from private citizens or organizations, or from the private sector may be accepted, provided that:
  - a. The donor is not a representative of, or associated with any company or organization from the tobacco, alcohol, sugar-sweetened beverage, junk food, fast food, breast milk substitute, or additives industries;
  - b. Cash donations are made with no conditionality attached;
  - c. In-kind donations may include equipment for use of the BNS or partner karinderyas, and/or fresh food ingredients; provided that tobacco, alcohol, sugar-sweetened beverage, junk food, fast food, breast milk substitute or additive products may not be donated and that donations will be equitably distributed.

#### **CHAPTER X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- Section 26. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The Provincial Governor may issue appropriate and relevant rules and regulations, as necessary for the proper implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance.
- **Section 27. Repealing Clause.** All other orders and issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
- **Section 28. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect three (3) consecutive weeks after its publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation, or posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the Province.

#### **ENACTED:** November 13, 2024

**CARRIED**, by eleven (11) affirmative votes of SP Members Shella Marie S. Go, Anna Cheryl N. Castro, Harold A. Montes, Rotchie M. Ravelo, Marietta D. Palmera, Andy A. Monday, Michelle M. Centeno, Joselito B. Villademosa, Jossone Michael G. Dayanghirang, Eleuterio C. Manaytay, and Shanine C. Lintogonan; negative votes – none; and abstention - none.

I hereby Certify to the Correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

MAXIMINO A. WAZARENO II
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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Attested and Certified to be duly Adopted:

NELSON R. DAYANGHIRANG, JR. Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.

Governor

Date approved and signed NOV 2 7 2024

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