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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 342
October 16, 2003

**AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING
VARIOUS NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELATED
SERVICES OF THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in
conjunction with the following provisions:

ARTICLE I. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be entitled as "ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE VARIOUS NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND OTHER
RELATED SERVICES OF THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall likewise be known as the "NUTRITION AND OTHER
RELATED SERVICES ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY."

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. It is a national vision for the Philippines, and likewise for Bacolod City, to
achieve NICHood in a nutrition sense - a Nutritionally Improved Country / City whose
people are well-nourished, healthy, intelligent, and socially and economically-
productive with a high sense of human dignity.

2. It is a national policy, as well as that of the City of Bacolod, that the right to
health and nutrition shall be protected and promoted and that conditions for health and
nutrition empowerment shall be provided, where each individual has access to information
and services that will bring about a well-nourished, healthy, intelligent, and socially and
economically - productive citizenry.

3. The City of Bacolod has been initiating and instituting nutrition programs and
services to its citizenry, among others, thru the UBSD Insumix, other nutrition related and
family planning / reproductive health services, and the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS)
pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1569 (Strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program
By Providing For A Barangay Nutrition Scholar In Every Barangay, Providing
Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes).

4. The Barangay Nutrition Scholars of the City of Bacolod, who have
been serving the people for quite a number of years now despite just
receiving meager honorarium, shall be accorded the proper recognition and

support, so that in uplifting their economic and social well-being, they can more effectively assist in the delivery of nutrition programs and other related services, such as family planning and reproductive health to the people, in particular, and participate in the attainment of the development and NICHOOD of the City, in general.

5. The implementation of Presidential Decree No. 1569 and other pertinent laws, shall be strengthened so as to effectively address the needs and situations of the times, as well as systematize the mechanisms of recruitment or hiring of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars - Workers, and the monitoring of their work, so as to ensure an effective and efficient delivery of nutrition services and other related programs to the people of Bacolod City.

ARTICLE III. DEFINITION OF TERM

7. Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Worker - under this Ordinance is a barangay based worker responsible for delivering nutrition intervention services such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, malnutrition, mental feeding, family planning and other related services such as reproductive health and others, to the barangays, and gathering data thereon for local and national purposes.

ARTICLE IV. NUTRITION PROGRAMS

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS

Pursuant to the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition and this Ordinance, the following programs, among others, shall be implemented by the City of Bacolod, subject to availability of funds, to wit:

MICRONUTRIENT SUPPLEMENTATION

Distribution of iron, iodine and vitamin A supplements to infants, young children, pregnant and lactating women, adolescents, and older persons in preventive and curative dosage.

FOOD FORTIFICATION

Addition of micronutrients that are deficient in the diet to a food or seasoning widely consumed by specific at-risk population groups, salt iodization, and fortification of staples like rice, flour, cooking oil, and sugar.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Center-based regular supplementary feeding for preschoolers and malnourished Grade I students of public schools, and emergency feeding during calamities; insumix, soup kitchens, and the like.

HOME, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCTION

Establishment of community or backyard / kitchen gardens in the barangays, schools, unused public open spaces and idle private lands using

the bio-intensive gardening approach and other regenerative agricultural technologies, raising of small animals and fish; and provision of water supply.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Promotion of Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos through the integration of nutrition concepts in the elementary and secondary curricula; and multi-media and community-based information campaigns.

OTHER RELATED SERVICES

These programs and activities shall include the following: Population and Development Integration, Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Adolescent Health and Youth Development and Resource Mobilization.

SECTION 1.1 BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program (BNSP), under P.D. 1569 is a strategy under the Philippine Food and Nutrition Plan and undertaken by the City of Bacolod which involves training, deployment and supervision of volunteer workers or Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) who assist the City Government in the delivery of nutrition intervention services and other related activities to its people in the grassroots level.

SECTION 2. CITY MAYOR

The City Mayor, thru its Urban Basic Services Office, in coordination with the Department of Social Services & Development and the City Health Office, shall be responsible for the implementation of the various nutrition programs throughout the City under this Ordinance and P.D. 1569, and shall ensure that an amount sufficient to support these programs are budgeted annually.

The implementation of these programs shall likewise be under the supervision of the City Nutrition Committee headed by the City Mayor as chairman thereof, and the National Nutrition Council.

ARTICLE V. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS

SECTION 1. BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR - WORKER

To strengthen the implementation of the Barangay Nutrition Scholar Program and the other nutrition programs of the City of Bacolod, including the City Population Management Program, there shall be one (1) barangay nutrition scholar-worker in each barangay which shall assist in the delivery and implementation of the City's nutrition intervention services and other related activities such as, but not limited to, community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture mental feeding, and family learning and reproductive health, and gathering pertinent data thereon for the use of the Urban Basic Services Division - City Mayor's Office, or the City Health Office, or the Department of Social Services & Development, or the

Population Office, and the Barangay Unit served and its corresponding local agencies.

SECTION 1.1 QUALIFICATIONS OF A BNS-W

The qualification of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Worker shall be as follows:

- a. Bonafide residence in the barangay for at least four (4) years, with ability to speak the dialect.
- b. Possession of leadership potentials and the initiative and willingness to serve the barangay for at least one (1) year.
- c. Willingness to learn, and to teach what he/she has learned to the barangay people;
- d. At least a high school graduate;
- e. Physical and mental fitness,
- f. At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty-five (65) years old.
- g. Must not have run for an elective position in the city and barangay elections.

SECTION 1.2. TRAINING AND PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

Before actual barangay service, the barangay nutrition scholar-worker shall undergo a ten-day didactic training on selected topics such as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation, family planning and productive health, and other nutrition-related topics based on a defined task expectations, to be conducted by a City training team in coordination with the Barangay Nutrition Committees created in accordance with the guidelines issued by the National Nutrition Council. This training shall be supplemented by a twenty-day practicum to be conducted in the barangay where the nutrition scholar-worker is assigned, and such activity shall be in coordination with the said City training team.

Additional training on the early detection, prevention and intervention of disabilities in infants and children, and rehabilitation of the elderly may be conducted by the City or barangay, in cooperation with government agencies or non-government organizations to all BNS-Workers which shall thereafter be part of the training requirements provided for under this Section.

SECTION 1.3. RECRUITMENT OF BNS-Ws

The barangay nutrition scholar-worker shall be recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested on mental ability and proper work attitude

SECTION 1.4. BNS-W SCREENING COMMITTEES

The interested BNS-W applicant shall be screened by the Barangay and City Screening Committees in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 1.4.1. BARANGAY BNS-W SCREENING COMMITTEE

The Barangay BNS-W Screening Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a) Punong Barangay
- b) Chairperson, Health & Nutrition Committee of the Barangay Council
- c) Representatives from the line agencies:
 - (1) Health Program (Nurse, Doctor, Midwife, Sanitary Inspector)
 - (2) Population Program (Population Program Worker, Population Program Officer)
 - (3) Social Services (Social Welfare Officer, Day Care Worker, Nutritionist-Dietician)

SECTION 1.4.2. CITY BNS-W SCREENING COMMITTEE

The City BNS-W Screening Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. City Nutrition Action Officer, as Chairman
2. City Nutrition Program Coordinator
3. City Population Officer
4. two (2) representatives from the City Nutrition Council

SECTION 1.4.3. FUNCTIONS OF THE SCREENING COMMITTEES

A. BARANGAY SCREENING COMMITTEE:

- 1) Recommends at least three (3) prospective applicants for BNS-W position
- 2) The Punong Barangay submits to the City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO) the list of qualified applicants endorsed by the majority of the members of the Barangay BNS-W Screening Committee.
- 3) Affix minutes of the meeting/resolution signed by each line agency representatives to the endorsement letter.

- 4) Submit application letter of each prospective applicant to the City Nutrition Action Officer

B. CITY SCREENING COMMITTEE

The City Screening Committee shall convene to choose the best qualified from among the applicants. The City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO) endorses the final recommendees to the City Mayor for approval. Once approved by the City Mayor, the new BNS-W shall undergo the training and practicum mentioned in Section 1.2 of Article V hereof.

The Screening Committee shall likewise hear written complaints, under oath, against BNS-Ws or their activities, and after due hearing, shall recommend to the City Mayor, the appropriate action warranted under the circumstances.

SECTION 1.5. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

After successful completion of the training and practicum requirements as stated, a Memorandum of Agreement, as required by P.D. 1569, shall be signed by the BNS-W and the City Mayor, stipulating among others, that the BNS-W shall serve in his/her respective barangay for at least one (1) year with corresponding benefits and incentives.

The BNS-W shall work for one (1) year and his/her covering Memorandum of Agreement shall be renewable every year depending upon the performance evaluation after one year of the BNS-W's service, subject to the ratings guidelines issued by the City Nutrition Council and the National Nutrition Council.

The services of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Worker who gets a 85% and above performance rating or a satisfactory rating shall automatically be renewed.

The services of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Worker shall not be terminated before the expiration of the one year period, except for just cause and with due process.

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION OF BNS-Ws

The City Nutrition Program Coordinator (CNPC) of the Urban Basic Services Division of the Office of the City Mayor, and the City Population Officer shall supervise and evaluate their respective activities and accomplishments of the BNS-Ws per their defined tasks and targets of the BNS-W Action Plan and the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP), respectively, identify the weak points of BNS-Ws as they relate to the community and institute remedial measures; and together with the City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO) conduct weekly barangay visits and monthly meetings and continuing trainings of BNS-Ws, as well as institute measures to enhance their performance.

SECTION 3. BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BNS-Ws

The availment of benefits and allowances under this Ordinance shall be in addition to any benefit or incentive given to Barangay Nutrition Scholars by the National Nutrition Council or the National Population Commission. Nor shall Ordinance No. 342 shall it diminish or be a cause for the suspension or revocation of grant of allowances, honorariums and other benefits given at present or in the future, or any increase thereof to the Barangay Nutrition Scholars-Workers from the Barangay Units in which they are rendering nutrition and related services.

SECTION 3.1 CITY MONTHLY ALLOWANCE

The Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Workers shall receive from the City Government of Bacolod a monthly allowance of P2,500.00

There shall be an automatic review by the City Nutrition Committee and the City Local Finance Committee after three (3) years from the passage of this Ordinance, and every three (3) years thereafter, to determine the necessity or propriety of any additional increase to said monthly allowance, taking into consideration the City's personnel ceiling requirements, availability of funds, and to submit its recommendations to the City Council and the Sangguniang Panlungsod for consideration and approval.

SECTION 3.2 CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE

Considering that P.D. 1569 provides for a grant of civil service eligibility equivalent to second grade after completion of at least two (2) years of continuous service in the barangay among other requirements, the Human Resource & Management Office and the Office of the City Mayor / or the Basic Services Office shall assist the qualified BNS-Ws and facilitate the submission of their documentary requirements to the Civil Service Commission for the availment of said eligibility.

SECTION 3.3 PREFERENCE IN CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

All factors considered, a child of a qualified BNS-W shall be given preference in the selection of beneficiaries for the scholarship programs undertaken, now and thereafter by the City under the auspices of the City Mayor's Office or PESO and / or the Bacolod City College. Provided however, that all qualifications and requirements of such City Program are complied with and that each qualified BNS-W is entitled to only one child.

SECTION 3.4 PREFERENCE IN CITY PHILHEALTH PROGRAMS

The Barangay Nutrition Scholar-Workers shall be given priority in the inclusion and coverage of any PhilHealth Program of the City of Bacolod.

Any insurance coverage that the said BNS-Ws may avail under the preceding paragraph shall be in addition to the insurance coverage granted by the National Nutrition Council and the barangay unit to them.

SECTION 4. CITY NUTRITION COMMITTEE

In order to effectively and efficiently implement the Food and Nutrition Program of the City of Bacolod, the City Nutrition Committee shall be created to

ordinate planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition activities at all levels of program operations.

The Committee shall be composed of the City Mayor as Chairman, the Sangguniang Panlungsod representative as Vice-Chairman, and the City Nutrition Action Officer (CNAO), City Health Office (CHO), Department of Social Services & Development (DSSD), City Agriculture Office (CAO), City Population Office (CPO), Department of Interior & Local Government (DILG), Liga Ng Mga Barangay, PAAO, Department of Education (DepEd), City Cooperative & Livelihood Development Office (CCLDO), City Treasurer's Office (CTO), City Budget Office (CBO), City Planning & Development Office (CPDO), Ateneo de Manila University City College and a representative from the private sector as members.

The Urban Basic Services Division shall likewise serve as Secretariat of the City Nutrition Committee.

SECTION 4.1 BARANGAY NUTRITION COMMITTEE

The Barangay Nutrition Committee shall recommend to the Barangay Council the necessary measures or schemes for, and/or assist the Punong Barangay in the implementation of the various nutrition and population programs provided for in this Ordinance and other laws.

SECTION 5. CITY NUTRITION ACTION OFFICER (CNAO)

The Head of the Urban Basic Services Division of the Office of the City Mayor shall ipso facto be the City Nutrition Action Officer and shall perform, in addition to his/her regular functions the following:

Coordinate all policies of the City Nutrition Committee with the various agencies involved in the nutrition program work,

Coordinate with the barangay leaders and supervise the barangay network,

Submit reports to the National Nutrition Council, the City Nutrition Committee, and the City Mayor, copy furnished the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Device measures that will facilitate the effective and efficient implementation of the over-all activities and programs of the Local Nutrition Committee;

Assist the City Mayor in implementing the Nutrition Intervention Programs help solve the malnutrition problems and/or attainment of the NICHood of the City, and,

Coordinate with the City Population Officer in the implementation of the City Population Management Program in the barangay level,

Perform other tasks as the City Mayor may assign in the pursuit of the objectives of the City Nutrition Committee and the National Nutrition Council.



ARTICLE VI. FUNDING

SECTION 1. FUND ALLOCATION

For the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance and the Integrated Nutrition And Other Related Services Programs of Bacolod City, an amount no less than Four Million Five Hundred Pesos (P4,500,000.00) shall be appropriated annually and included in the City's Annual Budget, to be drawn from the General Fund and/or from any other available source of funds.

Said amounts shall cover for the allowances granted to Barangay Nutrition Scholars-Workers, and for the continued operationalization of existing nutrition and population programs such as the Micronutrient Supplementation (distribution of iron, iodine and Vitamin A supplements), Food Fortification (salt iodization), Food Assistance, (Insumix, Soup Kitchens, Community/School Feeding), Home, School and Community Food Production, Nutrition Education, Family Planning, and Reproductive Health, and other programs and related services that may be established and implemented pursuant to this Ordinance.

In the event that the amount so appropriated annually will not be sufficient, the same can be supplemented upon request by the City Nutrition Committee thru the City Mayor, and submission of its corresponding Program Works, to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for approval and appropriation.

SECTION 2. DONATIONS

As provided for in Presidential Decree No. 1569 and this Ordinance, the City of Bacolod is authorized to receive grants, donations, gifts or bequests, from various government agencies and government and private corporations, which shall be tax exempt.

Any such donation, grant, gift or bequest, received by the City Government of Bacolod, if in monies, shall be deposited in a Trust Fund and shall be disbursed in accordance with this Ordinance and existing laws.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. 2004 ANNUAL BUDGET

Upon the passage of this Ordinance, the City Mayor and Budget Officer shall see to it that the provisions of this Ordinance shall already be reflected and given the corresponding budgetary amounts in the 2004 Annual Budget of the City of Bacolod and every year thereafter.

SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and / or approval
of.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Celia Matea R. Flor, Jose H. Gabuat, Lyndon P. Caña, Elmer T. Sy, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Arturo V. Parreño, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa.

Negative : None.

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Absent : None.

Passed : October 16, 2003 (119th Regular Session)

Comments: Passed.

RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

11/11/03

TESTED:

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: November, 2003

**10 DAYS LAPSED
AS OF 11/22/03**

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor

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