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AN ACT 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

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
2 “Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition
3 Improvement (BIDANI) Act”.

4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the
5 policy of the State to recognize nutrition as a basic human right.
6 Towards this end, the State shall vigorously promote the

1 importance of nutrition as a public good and a public concern that
2 can be satisfactorily achieved through a multisectoral support. It
3 shall work towards the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor
4 sector of the Filipino society who are deprived of said right.
5 Further, the State shall give utmost support to programs and
6 projects that are responsive to the nutritional needs of the people.

7 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* - This Act shall have the following
8 objectives:

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

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

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

18 SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated*
19 *Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement Program.* -
20 The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition
21 Improvement (BIDANI) is hereby established as a nutrition-in-
22 development research program involving SUCs and community
23 colleges which aims to assist the national government in improving
24 the nutrition and general well-being of the poor.

25 It is a comprehensive model for countryside development
26 programs which makes nutrition as an entry point, an ultimate goal
27 and objective, and an indicator and a measure of development. It is

1 a strategy to combat malnutrition, insufficiency of food, social
2 deprivation and poverty alleviation.

3 It is one of the enabling mechanisms in the implementation
4 of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and an
5 indispensable growth strategy of the National Nutrition Council
6 (NNC).

7 SEC. 5. *BIDANI Goals.* - The BIDANI Program shall
8 promote nutrition-in-development through community and other
9 stakeholders' participation in an integrated management system
10 facilitated by SUCs. The Program aims to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (c) Implementation of a Participative Nutrition Enhancement
2 Approach (PNEA) – The NNC and participating SUCs/community
3 colleges shall utilize the life cycle approach in the formulation of
4 food production policies and programs and promote market-driven
5 livelihood activities among households in order to prevent
6 malnutrition among preschool children and nutritionally-at-risk
7 families.

8 SEC. 8. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the
9 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program shall be
10 included in the budget of the participating SUCs in the annual
11 General Appropriations Act. The LGUs shall provide funding to
12 the participating community colleges for the implementation
13 of the BIDANI linkage program.

14 Participating SUCs/community colleges may also get funds,
15 donations and other forms of financial support from foreign and
16 local persons, institutions and governments for the implementation
17 of the BIDANI linkage program.

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

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

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

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

Approved,

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