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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-11 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 2025-11 entitled: **“Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Nutrition Code of Dulag.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 3 Paragraph 2, Article XV¹ of the 1987 Constitution in consonance with Section 447(a)(1) of the Local Government Code². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (2) *The right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;*

² (a) *The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:*
(1) *Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,*

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2025-11**, of the **Municipality of Dulag, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance adopting the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Nutrition Code of Dulag, Leyte.**


FLORINDA JHL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the 13th Sangguniang Bayan

19 November 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

Through: **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**
Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte

Subject: Endorsement of Municipal Ordinances for Review and Approval

Dear Honorable Members,

Warm greetings from the Municipality of Dulag!

In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and pursuant to the mandate of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to review municipal ordinances for their consistency with existing laws and policies, we respectfully submit for your consideration and appropriate action the following municipal ordinances duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, Leyte:

- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – I** – “An Ordinance Providing The Guidelines on the Utilization of the PhilHealth Capitation From The ‘Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (KonSulTa) Package’ of the Municipal Health Office of Dulag”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – II** – “An Ordinance Adopting The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Nutrition Code of Dulag, Leyte”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – III** – “An Ordinance Enacting The Municipal Nutrition Code of Dulag, Leyte”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – IV** – “An Ordinance Regulating The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Water Supply and the Protection of Irrigation Infrastructures Within The Territorial Jurisdiction of the Municipality of Dulag, Leyte”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – V** – “An Ordinance Declaring The Temporary Road Closure of Calle Kempis, Brgy. Serrano, Dulag, Leyte, From 7:00 o’clock In The Evening To 12:00 o’clock Midnight of May 16 – 25, 2025 For The Annual Celebration of Sta. Cruz de Mayo”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – VI** – “An Ordinance Institutionalizing The ‘Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa Para Sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita (KADIWA) ng Pangulo’ In The Municipality of Dulag, Leyte”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – VII** – “An Ordinance Establishing The Integrated Pre-Emptive and Forced Evacuation System In Case of Emergencies Caused By Natural or Human Induced Hazards and Providing Penalties, Thereof”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 - VIII** - “An Ordinance Institutionalizing The Incident Command System As An On-Scene Disaster Response and Management Mechanism and Defining The Composition of the Dulag Incident Management Team, Defining Its Functions, Operational Framework and Providing Funds, Thereof”
- ✦ **Ordinance No. 2025 – IX** – “An Ordinance Declaring The Temporary Road Closure of Capitan Ciudad, Capitan Tacio and Capitan Beroy Streets, Brgy. Buntay, Dulag, Leyte From 16 August 2025

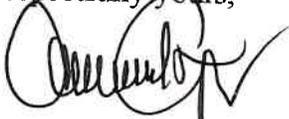
at 5:00 o'clock In The Morning Until 5:00 o'clock In The Morning of 08 September 2025 In Preparation For The 430th Araw Ng Dulag and Town Fiesta Celebrations”

- **Ordinance No. 2025 – X – “An Ordinance Declaring The Temporary Road Closure of Bautista/Yanuario Street, Brgy. Candao, Dulag, Leyte From 16 August 2025 At 5:00 o'clock In The Morning Until 5:00 o'clock In The Morning of 08 September 2025 For The Town Fiesta Celebration of Dulag, Leyte”**

These legislative measures were passed and deliberated by the Members of the Sangguniang Bayan. They are intended to promote public welfare, enhance local governance, and address specific needs and concerns of our constituents. We trust that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan will find these ordinances to be in order and consistent with national laws and policies.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in advancing responsive and effective local legislation. We look forward to your favorable endorsement and approval.

Respectfully yours,



ORLANDO L. CAGARA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-II
AUTHOR : COUN. ROMMEL D. CAPUNGCOL
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF THE NUTRITION CODE OF DULAG, LEYTE

Pursuant to the Nutrition Code of Dulag, the following Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) are hereby promulgated to ensure its effective implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

RULE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE. These rules shall be known as the **Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Nutrition Code of Dulag.**

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this IRR is to:

1. Operationalize the Nutrition Code of Dulag with clear, actionable steps.
2. Define the roles, responsibilities, and coordination among stakeholders.
3. Establish procedures for funding, implementing, monitoring, and sustaining nutrition programs.
4. Ensure alignment of local initiatives with national and international health and nutrition standards.
5. Promote accountability and transparency at all levels of program implementation.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This IRR applies to all constituents of Dulag, with special focus on:

1. Infants and children under five years old.
2. Pregnant and lactating women.
3. The elderly, persons with disabilities, and those with chronic illnesses.
4. Low-income families and marginalized groups disproportionately affected by malnutrition.

SECTION 4. GUIDING PRINCIPLES IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUTRITION CODE shall be based on the following principles:

1. *Inclusivity*: Ensure that all members of the community, regardless of socioeconomic status, benefit from the programs.
2. *Equity*: Prioritize the most vulnerable sectors of the population.
3. *Evidence-Based Practices*: Utilize data-driven methods and proven interventions in nutrition programming.
4. *Collaboration*: Foster partnerships among LGUs, barangays, schools, NGOs, private sectors, and communities.
5. *Sustainability*: Design long-term programs that build community capacity and self-reliance.
6. *Transparency and Accountability*: Promote good governance and efficient use of resources.

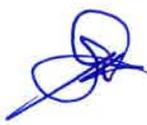
RULE II: GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DULAG NUTRITION COUNCIL (DNC). The DNC, as the primary implementing body of the Nutrition Code, shall be composed of:

Chairperson:	Mayor
Vice Chairperson:	As indicated in the recent Executive Order
Secretariat:	Municipal Nutrition Office
Members:	Sangguniang Bayan Chairperson on Health and Nutrition Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator Municipal Budget Officer Municipal Health Officer Municipal Agriculture Officer Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer Municipal Population Officer Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Municipal Engineer Municipal Treasurer Public Employment Services Officer Local Government Operations Officer DepEd District School Supervisor Liga ng mga Barangay President Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President Barangay Nutrition Scholars Federation President Barangay Health Workers Federation President Barangay Population Worker Federation President CSO Representative

Sub-Section 5.1. Core Functions of the DNC.

- a. Review, enhance and provide directional and technical inputs to the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan that shall be complementary and integrated to the development plan of the LGU and higher-level plans.
- b. Serve as advocates and champions to help mobilize support and resources to finance the plan.
- c. Keep track of the progress and status of the implementation of the plan and participate in the periodic program implementation and other monitoring and evaluation efforts



- d. Review proposed local ordinances and recommend policies and interventions for scaled up implementation of programs.
- e. Review reports on enforcements of nutrition laws and policies and recommend measures to support and strengthen assigned offices.
- f. Incorporate nutrition measures/actions into their own agency / organization plans
- g. Participate in training/orientation on technical updates on nutrition program management and endeavor to develop capability of their own organization's personnel on nutrition Serve as the Municipal Nutrition Cluster to manage nutrition services during disaster and emergency situations.
- h. Closely coordinate with Municipal Health Board for technical and financial support, augmentation of nutrition personnel and facility enhancement for nutrition as needed.

SECTION 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL NUTRITION OFFICE. The Municipal Nutrition Office (MNO) is hereby established to handle the planning, implementation, coordination, and monitoring of the Comprehensive Nutrition Program (CNP) at the municipal level. The MNO shall be the primary operational office in charge of the technical and administrative aspects of the nutrition program.

Sub-section 6.1. Functions of MNO. The functions of the MNO are as follows:

- **Data Management:** Preparing reports, tracking the integration of nutrition into development plans, and ensuring compliance with nutrition laws.
- **Training and Advocacy:** Identifying training needs for Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and organizing programs in coordination with other agencies.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Building partnerships and creating advocacy materials.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Keeping track of the budget allocated to nutrition and analyzing progress.
- **Emergency Response:** Coordinating nutrition services before, during, and after disasters.
- **MNC Secretariat Functions:**
 - o Prepare and organize meeting agendas, documentation, and logistics for the MNC.
 - o Follow up on action points from meetings and ensure tasks are executed.
 - o Perform research and maintain communication with all stakeholders.

SECTION 7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY AGENCIES. The management and implementation of the Ordinance requires the participation and involvement of all concerned local government offices and other stakeholders. The following are their roles and responsibilities as they contribute to addressing the malnutrition problem in the Municipality:

Municipal Health Office (MHO). The MHO shall be responsible for the following:

1. Providing health and nutrition services throughout the life stages, particularly interventions for the first 1000 days, PIMAM services, and nutrition commodities.
2. Becoming a member of the health care provider network and adhering to referral protocols.
3. Ensuring the incorporation of nutrition in the Local Investment Plan for Health (LIPH).

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4. Conducting health and nutrition training programs for local health staff and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs).

Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO). The MAO shall be responsible for:

1. Promoting food security through sustainable community and household food production programs.
2. Supporting the development of nutrition-sensitive agricultural programs.
3. Ensuring the availability of food in both normal and emergency situations.

Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO). The MSWDO shall be responsible for:

1. Implementing dietary supplementation programs for children in daycare centers and supervised neighborhood playgroups.
2. Integrating nutrition in programs for women, livelihood, and other marginalized groups.
3. Participating in nutrition-related emergency response during disasters.

Schools. Schools shall:

1. Conduct regular nutritional assessments of school children.
2. Provide supplementary feeding programs for students.
3. Integrate nutrition education in the school curriculum.
4. Administer health services, including deworming and immunization.

Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office.

1. Ensures environmental sanitation and promotes solid waste management.
2. Advocates for sustainable environmental practices that reduce nutrition risks.

Municipal Planning and Development Office

1. Integrates nutrition into local development plans, ensuring adequate budgeting and resource allocation.

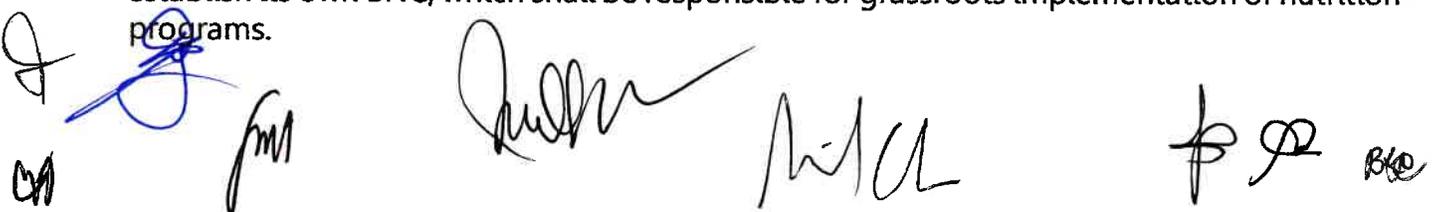
Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

1. Aligns their nutrition-related projects with the municipal plan and provides support in terms of staffing, resources, and financial backing.

Barangays

1. Develop and implement the Barangay Nutrition Program and ensure it aligns with the Municipal CNP.
2. Manage and monitor nutrition programs, including the establishment of Barangay Nutrition Committees (BNC) and the deployment of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS).

SECTION 8. BARANGAY NUTRITION COMMITTEES (BNCS). Each barangay shall establish its own BNC, which shall be responsible for grassroots implementation of nutrition programs.



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Sub-Section 8.1. Composition of the BNC.

Chairperson: Punong Barangay
Vice Chairperson: Barangay Kagawad, Committee on Health and Nutrition
Secretariat: Barangay Secretary

Members: Barangay Kagawad, Committee on Agriculture
Barangay Treasurer
Barangay Health Worker
Barangay Nutrition Scholar
Barangay Population Worker
Sanggunian Kabataan (SK) Chairperson
Child Development Worker
Elementary School Principal/Teacher Coordinator
President of Parent-Teacher-Child Association
Rural Health Midwife Assigned
Agriculturist Technician Assigned
CSO Representative (Farmer's Association, 4-H Club, etc)

Sub-Section 8.2. Functions of the BNC.

- a. Undertake the formulation of its Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP) aligned with the overall Municipal Nutrition Action Plan
- b. Coordinate the activities of the Barangay Nutrition Program
- c. Organize multi-sectoral groups to support the implementation of the Barangay Nutrition Program
- d. Assess the progress of component activities of the Barangay Nutrition Program
- e. Hold quarterly meetings to monitor program performance and regularly monitor and document community nutritional statuses and report to the DNC.
- f. Endorse appropriate policies to the Sangguniang Barangay to support program implementation
- g. Lead advocacy efforts and resource mobilization activities to ensure participation and funding for the activities of the Barangay Nutrition Program.

RULE III: FRAMEWORK OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION PROGRAMS (CNP)

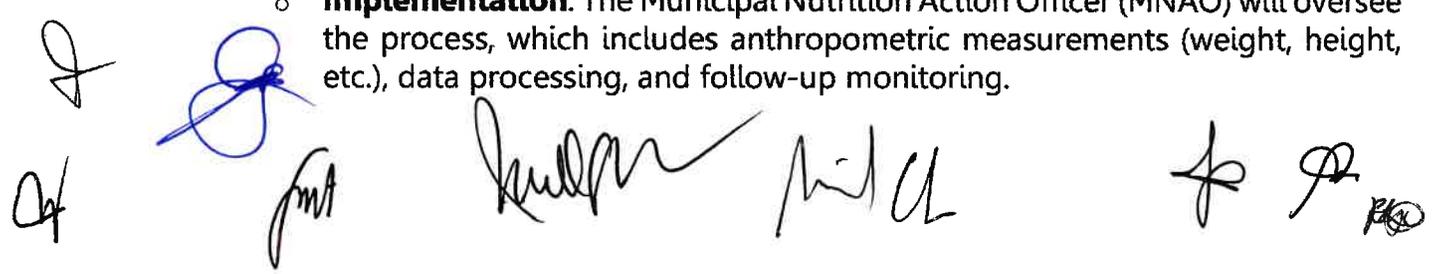
The CNP will follow the framework from the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), incorporating nutrition-specific, nutrition-sensitive, and enabling programs. It will involve various stakeholders, including local government offices and barangays, ensuring the effective and sustainable delivery of services.



SECTION 9: KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS

1. Operation Timbang Plus (OPT Plus) Protocol:

- o **Purpose:** Collect data on the nutritional status of children aged 0-59 months and locate malnourished children.
- o **Implementation:** The Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) will oversee the process, which includes anthropometric measurements (weight, height, etc.), data processing, and follow-up monitoring.



2. **Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (PIMAM):**
 - **Focus:** Address severe and moderate malnutrition in children under 5.
 - **Actions:** Includes outpatient therapeutic care (OTC), referrals, training health workers, and monitoring interventions.
3. **First 1000 Days Program:**
 - **Target:** Pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children in their first 1000 days (conception to two years old).
 - **Key Interventions:** Prenatal visits, iron-folic acid supplementation, exclusive breastfeeding, dietary supplements for infants and young children, and micronutrient supplementation.
 - **Support:** Policies, financing, social mobilization, and collaboration with other sectors.
4. **National Government and NGO Funded Programs:**
 - These programs, like the **School-Based Feeding Program** and **Dietary Supplementation in Child Development Centers**, are implemented with support from agencies such as DSWD, DepEd, and DOH.
 - **Implementation:** The concerned agencies lead the projects, with the municipal government helping where necessary.
5. **Nutrition-Sensitive Programs:**
 - **Goal:** Ensure food security and nutrition resilience during emergencies, disasters, or epidemics.
 - **Focus Areas:** Sustainable agriculture (e.g., fisheries, coconut farming), food production programs, and infrastructure projects.
6. **Enabling Programs for Nutrition:**
 - **Focus:** Advocacy, policy development, local government mobilization, and capacity-building for nutrition.
 - **Support:** Mobilizing Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and providing logistical support for nutrition services, especially during emergencies.

SECTION 10: OTHER PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

1. Breastfeeding Promotion and Support

Objective: Encourage exclusive breastfeeding for infants up to six months and sustained breastfeeding for two years.

Activities:

- Establishment of breastfeeding-friendly spaces in public facilities.
- Creation of mother support groups for peer counseling.
- Barangay-level workshops on complementary feeding practices.

2. Community-Based Food Security Initiatives

1. Establish community gardens in all barangays, prioritizing areas with high food insecurity.
2. Promote urban agriculture (e.g., container gardening) for households with limited space.

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3. Support farm-to-market initiatives to link local farmers with community feeding programs.
4. Partner with local cooperatives for affordable food distribution.

3. Nutrition Education and Advocacy

1. Conduct seminars, workshops, and house-to-house education drives on proper nutrition.
2. Develop and distribute IEC materials (posters, leaflets, infographics) tailored to the community.
3. Integrate nutrition education into school curricula and co-curricular activities.

SECTION 11: STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

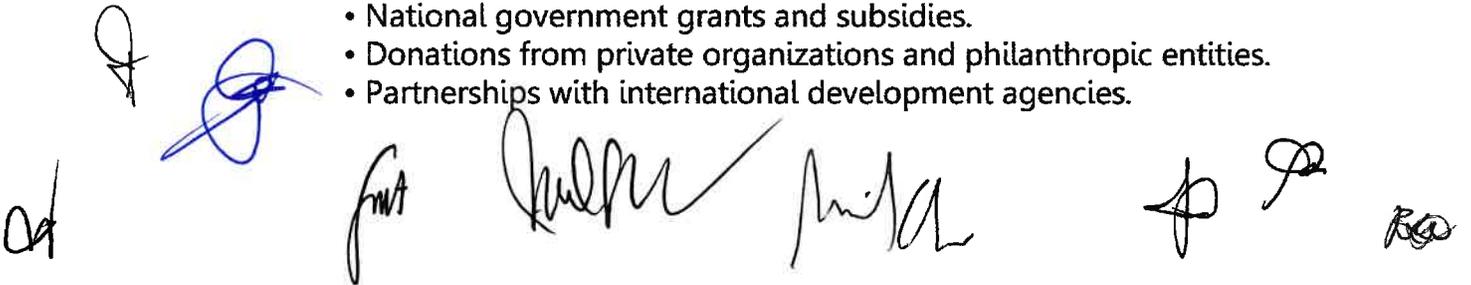
- **Whole-of-government and society approach:** The CNP will be implemented in collaboration with all stakeholders, from municipal to household levels.
- **Key Strategies:**
 1. **Maximize stakeholder involvement**, particularly engaging youth through local youth organizations (e.g., SK).
 2. **Strengthen service delivery systems** by utilizing community-based platforms.
 3. **Ensure food security** by supporting community food production linked to feeding programs.
 4. **Prioritize First 1000 Days interventions** for pregnant women and young children.
 5. **Expand resource generation and mobilization** to sustain the CNP.
 6. **Improve monitoring and evaluation systems** through modern technology and capacity building.

The **CNP** is designed to be flexible and adaptive to emerging nutrition concerns and will require active coordination between local government units, various health and nutrition workers, and the communities. The strategies emphasize comprehensive, community-driven actions to improve nutrition outcomes, focusing on vulnerable populations, especially in areas with high poverty rates.

RULE IV: BUDGET AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

SECTION 12. FUND ALLOCATION.

1. The LGU shall allocate at least 1% from the National Tax Allotment (NTA) for nutrition programs than can be taken from the 1% LCPC, 5% GAD, 5% LDRRM and 20% Development Fund.
2. Barangays must also allocate funding for BNAPs from their local development funds.
3. Additional resources shall be sourced from:
 - National government grants and subsidies.
 - Donations from private organizations and philanthropic entities.
 - Partnerships with international development agencies.



- Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation
- PhilHealth package for the management of OTC SAM clients.
- Community fund-raising activities

SECTION 13. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

1. All funds intended for nutrition programs shall be managed by the Municipal Treasurer in coordination with the Dulag Nutrition Council (DNC) in accordance with existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
2. Funds or donations received from private organizations, philanthropic entities, and other resource mobilization efforts shall be deposited in a trust fund and shall be used exclusively for nutrition-related activities, subject to the approval and oversight of the DNC, in compliance with relevant laws, rules, and regulations on the utilization and disbursement of public and donated funds.
3. Semestral financial reports must be submitted by barangays to the DNC for auditing evaluation.

RULE V: MONITORING, REPORTING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

SECTION 14. MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E)

1. The DNC shall establish a Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) system.
 - Reduction in malnutrition rates (stunting, wasting, underweight).
 - Beneficiary reach and participation rates.
 - Improvements in food security and health outcomes.

SECTION 15. REPORTING FRAMEWORK

1. Barangays must submit monthly reports to the DNC detailing program progress, challenges, and expenditures.
2. The DNC shall consolidate data and submit quarterly and annual reports to concerned offices.
3. Reports must include:
 - Program accomplishments.
 - Financial expenditure breakdowns.
 - Recommendations for ordinance adjustments.

SECTION 16. ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

1. Non-compliance by barangays or stakeholders will result in:
 - Written warnings.
 - Withholding of program funds.
 - Administrative sanctions as prescribed by the ordinance.
2. A grievance committee under the DNC shall investigate complaints related to program implementation.

RULE VI: FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. This IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication and dissemination to all implementing offices and stakeholders.

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SECTION 18. AMENDMENTS. Proposals for amendments to this IRR shall be submitted to the DNC and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this IRR is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan on their 107th Regular Session on **26 February 2025.**

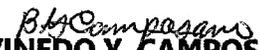
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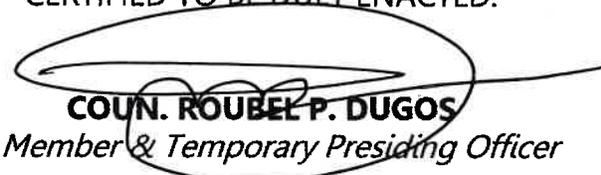

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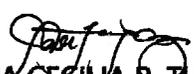

PRES. MANUEL SIA QUE
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PRES. JERIC M. TUMANDAO
Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:


COUN. ROUBEL P. DUGOS
SB Member & Temporary Presiding Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-II.


MARIA CECILIA R. TUPAZ
*Administrative Officer III (Records Officer II) /
Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian*

APPROVED: 03 MAR 2025, 2025


ATTY. MILDRED JOY P. QUE, CPA
Municipal Mayor