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Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19-140

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AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM, GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree 1569 was enacted to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program by providing for a Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay. It is a barangay-based volunteer worker who delivers basic nutrition and related health services, and links communities with nutrition and related service providers.

The Barangay Nutrition Program is being implemented to address the malnutrition problem that afflicts the vulnerable groups particularly preschool, school children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and other contributory factors that affects the health and nutrition condition of the community as whole. Generally, the program aims to reduce the prevalence rate of malnutrition among moderate and severe preschoolers and school children.

The magnitude of the malnutrition problem in the country urgently needs greater involvement and participation of the people at the grassroots level.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in a session assembled that:

SECTION 1. BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM. To strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program, there shall be created under the administration and supervision of the Municipal Nutrition Council (MNC) in coordination with the Barangay, one (1) mandatory position of Barangay Nutrition Scholar in every barangay with a monthly allowance of not less than **Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00)**.

SECTION 2. BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR. The Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay with concurrence of the majority of all the Sangguniang Barangay concerned and upon recommendation of the Municipal Nutrition Council.

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The Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall be responsible for delivering nutrition services and other related activities such as community health, backyard food production, environmental sanitation, culture, supplemental feeding and family planning to the barangay.

SECTION 3. SERVICES. The Barangay Nutrition Scholar, while undergoing actual training under this program, shall serve the barangay on a voluntary basis for at least a period of one (1) year. Thereafter, the Municipal Nutrition Council shall assess the performance and make the necessary recommendation for his/her appointment.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS. The qualifications of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall be as follows:

- a. Bona fide resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year, with ability to speak the dialect;
- b. Possession of leadership potentials and the initiative and willingness to serve the barangay for at least one year;
- c. Willingness to learn and to teach what he/she learned to the barangay people;
- d. At least a High School graduate;
- e. Physically and mentally fit; and
- f. At least eighteen (18) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old.

SECTION 5. RECRUITMENT. The Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall be recruited from within the barangay and shall be tested on mental ability and proper work attitude.

SECTION 6. TRAINING. Before actual barangay service, the Barangay Nutrition Scholar shall undergo a ten-day training on selected topics such as nutrition, health, food production and environmental sanitation, based on defined task expectations to be conducted by a provincial training team in coordination with the municipal and barangay nutrition committee. This training shall be supplemented by a (20) twenty-day practicum to be conducted in the barangay where the worker is assigned, and such activity shall be in coordination with the local training team supervised by the Municipal Health Office.

SECTION 7. BENEFITS. The Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be entitled to a **Monthly Allowance of Two Thousand Five Hundred (Php 2,500.00)**, subject to increase and review every after three (3) years depending upon the availability of funds.

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SECTION 8. INCENTIVES. To further enhance the program, the Municipal Nutrition Council, in coordination with the Department of Education shall formulate a Scholarship Program where incumbent and deserving Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall be given preferential opportunity to avail of a scholarship grant in any State or University and pursue a course relevant to his/her present position from any available scholarship program of the government.

SECTION 9. GRATUITY PAY. Recognizing the vital role of Barangay Nutrition Scholars in the municipality, they shall be entitled to a retirement benefits amounting to Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php 25,000.00) upon reaching the age of sixty (60) and/or actively rendered primary health care services for at least twenty five (25) years, subject for increase and review every after five (5) years depending upon the availability of funds to be sourced out from the available fund of the Office of the Municipal Health Officer;

SECTION 10. NUTRITION COMMITTEE. The implementation of this project shall be the total responsibility of Municipal Nutrition Council headed by the Municipal Mayor as Chairperson.

SECTION 11. MUNICIPAL NUTRITION COUNCIL (MNC). The Municipal Nutrition Council shall formulate rules and regulations, plans and programs within the limits set forth in this Ordinance, allocate the funds for this project and for disbursement in accordance with the financial plan of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars Project.

SECTION 12. LOCAL TRAINING TEAM. The local training team of the municipality shall be composed of two members chosen from among the members of the Municipal Nutrition Committee. This team shall follow-up the activities of the trained Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

SECTION 13. ROLE OF THE MAYOR. The Municipal Mayor shall initiate activities to implement this project within the municipality, organize the local training teams and may recommend the appropriation of a local counterpart in the form of additional allowance for the Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

SECTION 14. BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKERS STAFF SECRETARIAT. There shall be a staff secretariat in the municipality under the Office of the Municipal Health Officer, which shall monitor the progress of the program, identify its problems and recommend possible solutions thereto.

SECTION 15. DONATIONS. For the purposes of this Program, the Municipal Nutrition Council and the local government, are authorized to receive grants; donations, gifts or bequests from various government agencies and government corporations, which shall be tax exempt.


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SECTION 16. APPROPRIATIONS. An additional amount to be sourced-out from the 5% GAD Fund is hereby appropriated for the Benefits and Incentives of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars every year thereafter and initial operation of the Council for the successful implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions or part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions or parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. All laws, decrees, executive orders or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days posting and publication.

ENACTED, September 18, 2023.


I HEREBY ATTEST that the foregoing ordinance, which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its **Regular Session**.


NELIA ALAMO-PLATA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:


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APPROVED:


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