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Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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Literal Copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-27** approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its **Regular Session on December 9, 2019** held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

Sponsored by: **HON. RONNIE A. ATIENZA, Sangguniang Bayan Member**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2019 -27

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A MUNICIPAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC DAY CARE, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11037 otherwise known as "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act" declares the policy of the state that recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being in recognition of the demonstrated relationship between food and nutrition, and the capacity of students to develop and learn;

WHEREAS, the State shall establish a comprehensive national feeding program that will address the problem of undernutrition among Filipino children;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled:

Section 1. Short Title. - This shall be known as the "**Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Palaneno Ordinance**".

Section 2. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood to mean as follows, to wit:

(a) **Cycle Menu** refers to standardized menus prepared by the National Government Agencies (NGAs), in coordination with the Municipal Nutrition Committee (MNC), which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location and/or type of school, and local cultural and/or religions eating preferences: *Provided*, That such menus shall have as many varieties and selections as may necessary taking into account its availability in the place or locality where the day care center or school is located;

(b) **Fortified Meal** refers to a meal with deliberately increased content of essential micronutrients so as to improve the nutritional quality of the food and provide the level of calories and protein as prescribed by the MNC which shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of the daily requirement based on the Philippine Dietary Reference Intake (PDRI);

(c) **Health Examination** refers to the examination conducted by NGAs, in coordination with the Municipal Health Office and LGU department heads concerned on the overall condition of the program beneficiary's height, weight and other ailments defects or deformities that may need special care or treatment;

(d) **National Government Agencies (NGAs)** refers to the Department of Education (DepED) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) which shall be the lead agencies in the implementation of this Program for public kindergarten and elementary schools and public day care centers, respectively; and

(e) **Undernourished Child** refers to a child who has been supplied with less than the minimum amount of foods essential for sound health and growth. For purpose of this Ordinance, it shall include children who are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as well as those who are considered as wastes severely wasted or stunted under the World Health Organization Child Growth Standards.

Section 3. Municipal Feeding Program. - The Municipal Feeding Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, is hereby established to address undernutrition among children in this municipality.â

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The Program shall have the following components and coverage:

(a) **Supplemental Feeding Program for Day Care Children.** - The MSWD, in coordination with the MHO concerned, shall implement a supplemental feeding program for under nourished children with ages three (3) to five years. The program shall be administered in a child development centers or in any other facility which can be used for such purpose: *Provided*, That the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year: *Provided, further*, That in the preparation of fortified meals, the MSWD shall work in collaboration with recognized parents' organizations;

(b) **School-Based Feeding Program.** - The DepED shall implement a school-based feeding program for undernourished public school children from kindergarten to grade six (6): *Provided*, That the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal to all undernourished public elementary school children for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year;

(c) **Milk Feeding Program.** - The MHO shall coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office for the incorporation of fresh milk and fresh milk-based food products in the fortified meals and cycle menu in accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as the "Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000", utilizing, as far as practicable, locally produced milk in order to enhance its nutritional content and, at the same time, help boost livelihood opportunities for local dairy farmers and local dairy industry;

(d) **Micronutrient Supplements.** - The NGAs, in coordination with the MHO, shall provide micronutrient supplements to the Program beneficiaries including the use of iodized salt in accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as the "Salt Iodization or ASIN" law;

(e) **Health Examination, Vaccination and Deworming.** - The NGAs, in coordination with the MHO, shall conduct simultaneous health examinations including, but not limited to deworming and vaccination, as the case may be, to Program beneficiaries;

(f) **Gulalayan sa Paaralan and Barangay.** - The LGU shall encourage their respective component units to devote a portion of their land or space for the cultivation of vegetables and other nutrient-rich plants as identified by the MNC: *Provided*, That component units lacking in, land shall adopt modern gardening technologies with the assistance of the Municipal Agriculture Office. Parents shall also be encouraged to maintain a similar program in their own backyards;

(g) **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).** - The NGAs, in coordination with the MHO, shall establish and maintain water and sanitation facilities, promote good hygiene and safe food preparation in all of its component units especially in areas devoted for the preparation of fortified meals under the Program; and

(h) **Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and Social Mobilization.** - The Program shall be complemented by a public health, nutrition, and values transformation campaign to promote a holistic and integrated approach to health and nutrition education. Orientation-Training on the objectives and mechanics of the Program shall be held among the personnel of NGAS and LGUs concerned, parent volunteers and the Parent-Teachers Associations (PTAs) to generate support for the Program. The NGAs concerned shall also endeavor to mobilize community organizations to continue nutrition education outside of the school.

Section 4. Prioritization in the Program Implementation. - The MHO, MAO and MSWD shall create a *three (3)-year plan* to fully implement the Program: *Provided*, That the Departments concerned shall prioritize the implementation of the Program in the LGUs and public development centers or elementary schools that meet any of the following criteria:

- (a) With the highest prevalence of undernutrition and nutrient-deficiency among children aged three (3) years up to grade six (6) level;
- (b) With available facilities or capability to implement the Program; or
- (c) Which prioritize such counterpart resources for its implementation.

Section 5. Creation of a Municipal Information System. - The MNC shall harmonize all existing local nutrition databases from barangays and other relevant agencies of government in order to identify individuals, groups, and/or localities that have the highest magnitude of hunger and undernutrition. This system shall henceforth be utilized in monitoring the health and nutrition of all children in this municipality, especially those covered by the Program.

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Section 6. Local Government Assistance. – The LGU shall assist the NGAs in the efficient and effective implementation of the Program in accordance with Section 4 of this Ordinance and shall be authorized to use a portion of the Gender and Development Fund and MCPC Fund as provided for in Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", as amended to augment the appropriations available under the Annual Budget.

Section 7. Integration to Municipal Action Plan. - Once the 3- Year Plan for the Municipal Program is created, the MNC shall ensure its integration to the Municipal Nutrition Action Plan.

Section 8. Private Sector Participation. - The LGU shall encourage the participation of the private sector in the Program which shall include, among others, PTAs, private corporations, peoples and non-government organizations and such other groups or organizations, both foreign and local, that may want to be partner in whole or in part with the implementation of the Program.

Section 9. Monitoring and Annual Report. - The LGU in coordination with the LGUs, the MNC and other stakeholders, shall regularly monitor, review and assess the impact and effectivity of the Program as well as ensure compliance with standards and guidelines of the Program for food safety, quality, accountability, community participation and the procurement and liquidation processes adopted. For this purpose, the MNAO shall prepare and submit an annual report on the status of the implementation of the Program to the Office of the Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan Office.

Section 10. Appropriations. - The LGU shall allocate for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced out from the 1% LCPC Fund. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual budget thereafter.

Section 11. Procurement of Goods and Services. – The Municipal Budget Office in consultation with the MHO, are hereby mandated to specifically establish and promulgate a community-based mode of procurement, liquidation and audit that will ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the Program: *Provided*, That this provision shall apply solely to the implementation of the Program by this Local Government Unit.

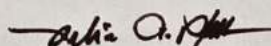
Section 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance found to be inconsistent with any law, other provisions or part/s thereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. Any provision of an Ordinance, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed accordingly.

Section 14. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

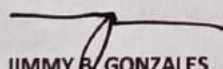
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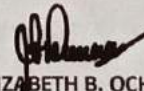
I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


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