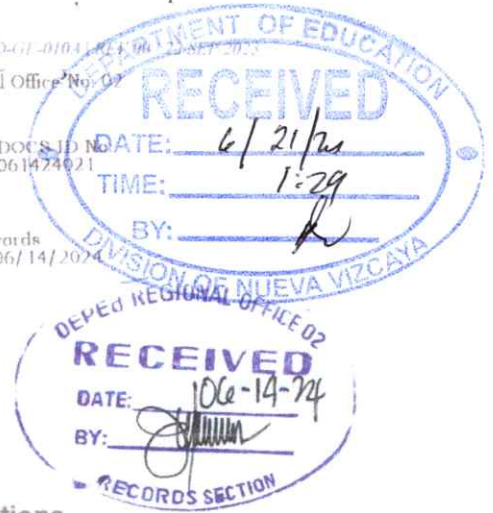




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**DIR. BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS**  
Regional Director  
Department of Education  
Regional Field Office 02, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

RE : **Endorsement of the RDC Approved Resolutions**

Dear **Director Paragas**:

Greetings of peace!

Respectfully furnishing your Office copies of the RDC-approved Resolutions to wit:

- Memorandum Circular no. 47 Series of 2024** - Directing all Government Agencies and Instrumentalities, and encouraging all local Government Units, to support the implementation of the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty Program;
- Resolution No. 02-41 Series of 2023** - "Encouraging Line Agencies and Local Government Units of Region 2 to Adopt the GPPB Resolution 18, S.2021 On Negotiated Procurement-Community Participation on the Direct Purchase of Agricultural and Fishery Products from Accredited Farmers and Fisherfolks Cooperatives and Enterprise/Community Social Groups Enrolled in the EPAHP Program"; and
- Resolution No. 02-42 Series of 2023** - "Enjoining Partner Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units to Support the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty"

For your guidance and reference. Thank you

Very truly yours,

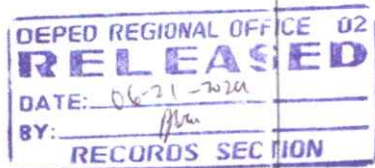
  
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Regional Director


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June 19, 2024

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

For information and guidance.



  
**BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, PhD, CESO III**  
Director IV/Regional Director

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**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 47**

**DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND ENCOURAGING ALL LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AGAINST HUNGER AND  
POVERTY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health, and other social services available to all at affordable cost;

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 2, Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights provides that States Parties, such as the Philippines, shall recognize the fundamental right of every person to be free from hunger, and undertake efforts to improve production, conservation, and distribution of food;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 101 (s. 2020), as amended by EO No. 27 (s. 2023), established the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger (Task Force on Zero Hunger) and mandated the same to, among others, coordinate and rationalize all government efforts to attain zero hunger, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 underscores the importance of a whole-of-government approach to ensure food security and proper nutrition;

**WHEREAS**, the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) Program, one of the banner programs of the Task Force on Zero Hunger, aims to institutionalize efforts to mitigate hunger, and promote food and nutrition security by linking Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to prospective markets and providing credit assistance to support food production, processing and distribution;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for all government agencies and instrumentalities to support the continuous and effective implementation of the EPAHP Program to bolster government efforts towards attaining zero hunger, food and nutrition security, and sustainable agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all Executive departments, bureaus and offices, and the duty to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the following are hereby ordered.

The Task Force on Zero Hunger is hereby directed to ensure the continuous and effective implementation of the EPAHP Program. To this end, the Task Force on Zero Hunger, in coordination with relevant government agencies, shall carry out the following measures, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations:

- a. Strengthen institutional feeding programs of partner agencies;
- b. In partnership with government financial institutions (GFIs), extend credit assistance to support food production, processing, and distribution;
- c. Link participating CBOs to prospective markets;
- d. Enhance provision of farm production technologies and extension of services to government-assisted family farms and rural-based organizations;
- e. Enhance sustainability of the EPAHP Program through implementation of policies that will engage the private sector, and institutionalize mechanisms in LGUs;
- f. Adopt Community Participation Procurement to encourage CBOs to participate in the EPAHP Program; and
- g. Construct, repair, and improve irrigation facilities and appurtenant structures in irrigable areas in the countryside.

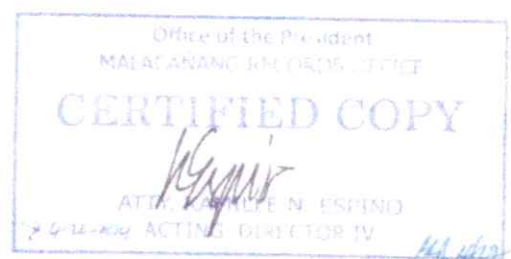
All national government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and GFIs, are hereby directed, and all local government units are hereby encouraged, to extend full support and cooperation to the Task Force on Zero Hunger relative to the implementation of the EPAHP Program.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

By authority of the President:

  
**LUCAS P. BERSAMIN**  
Executive Secretary





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL II

129<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting  
December 7, 2023

### Resolution No. 02-41 -Series of 2023-

**“ENCOURAGING REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF REGION 2 TO ADOPT THE GPPB RESOLUTION 18, S. 2021, ON NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT-COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION ON THE DIRECT PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM ACCREDITED FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS COOPERATIVES AND ENTERPRISE/COMMUNITY SOCIAL GROUPS ENROLLED IN THE EPAHP PROGRAM”**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order 27 series of 2023, re-organizing the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger and amending Executive Order No.101 s.2020 which established the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger and mandated the same to ensure that government policies, initiatives and projects on attaining zero hunger shall be coordinated, responsive, and effective;

**WHEREAS**, Article 1, Section 1.5 of Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) Regional Convergence Team Memorandum of Understanding signed on 17 July 2023, promotes the use of Negotiated Procurement-Community Participation (NP-CP) under R.A. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act, for needed goods, services or small infrastructure projects;

**WHEREAS**, Section 12 of Republic Act No. 11037 or the “Masustansiyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act” signed on 20 June 2018, specifically establishes and promulgates a community-based mode of procurement, liquidation and audit that will ensure the effective implementation of the Program;

**WHEREAS**, Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11321 or the “Sagip Saka Act” signed on 17 April 2019, promotes and supports farmers and fisherfolks enterprise development and national and local government agencies to directly purchase agricultural and fishery products from these accredited farmers and fisherfolk cooperatives and enterprises;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Development Committee (SDC) during its 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Regular Business Meeting on 05 December 2023 favorably endorsed to the Regional Development Council (RDC 2) the adoption of GPPB Resolution No.18, s. 2021 in the procurement activities of Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units of Region 2;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to encourage Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units of Region 2 to adopt the Government Procurement Policy Board Resolution No. 18, s. 2021, on Negotiated Procurement-Community Participation on the direct purchase of agricultural and fishery products from accredited farmers and fisherfolks cooperatives and enterprise/community social groups enrolled in the EPAHP Program;

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all partner Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units for their information, support, and adoption.

**APPROVED** during the 129<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 in Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya.

Certified Correct:



**ARD FERDINAND P. TUMALIUAN**  
Secretary

Approved:



**RD DIONISIO C. LEDRES, JR.**  
Vice-Chair and Presiding Officer



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL II

129<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting  
December 7, 2023

### **Resolution No. 02-42** -Series of 2023-

#### **“ENJOINING PARTNER REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUPPORT THE ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY”**

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty are among the significant challenges in the Philippines, affecting around 19.99 million and 1.04 million Filipinos below the poverty and food poverty lines, respectively, as of 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), and Department of Agriculture (DA) established the Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (PAHP) Program in July 2016 to address the prevalence of hunger, poverty, and food and nutrition insecurity through collaborative efforts among rural communities, government agencies, and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs);

**WHEREAS**, the successful implementation of the PAHP led to its continuation and its enhancement through a signing of the MOU for the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) Program in December 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the EPAHP contributes to national government efforts in addressing hunger and poverty through the synergy and convergence of essential services of participating EPAHP partners directly benefiting the poorer sector of the country;

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative efforts of the EPAHP partners would create greater synergy and convergence in engaging the rural communities to enhance social capital and optimize economic resource base through supplementary feeding and other government feeding programs, food production programs and essential support services, including the participation of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in government procurement as partners and/or service providers;

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**WHEREAS**, among the salient features of the EPAHP is the inclusion of additional partners, as follows:

- a) Office of the President-Office of the Cabinet Secretariat (OP-OCS);
- b) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- c) Department of Education (DepEd);
- d) Department of Health (DOH);
- e) Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
- f) Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
- g) National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC);
- h) National Irrigation Administration (NIA);
- i) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);
- j) Commission on Population and Development (CPD);
- k) Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP);
- l) Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP); and
- m) Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

**WHEREAS**, the EPAHP also identified other agencies that play a critical role in the implementation of the program, to wit:

- a) National Nutrition Council (NNC);
- b) Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP);
- c) Philippine Carabao Center (PCC);
- d) National Dairy Authority (NDA);
- e) Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
- f) DA-Agricultural Technical Institute (DA-ATI);
- g) Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA); Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);
- h) DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI); and
- i) National Food Authority (NFA);

**WHEREAS**, the EPAHP is aligned with the Cagayan Valley Regional Development Plan 2023-2028, particularly the outcomes of Sub-Chapter 5.1 (Ensuring Food Security and Proper Nutrition) and Sub-Chapter 5.2 (Strengthening Social Protection) towards the attainment of a *Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay para sa Lahat by 2040*;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Development Committee (SDC) during its 4th Quarter Regular Business Meeting via zoom on 05 December 2023, favorably endorsed the EPAHP to the Regional Development Council (RDC2) for endorsement and support;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to enjoin partner regional agencies and Local Government Units to support the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty;



**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to concerned Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units for support and appropriate action.

**APPROVED** during the 129<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 in Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya.

Certified Correct:



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