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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A NETWORK PROGRAM OF THE PARTICIPATING STATE UNIVERSITIES AND 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 “Barangay  
2 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act”.

3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the  
4 State to recognize nutrition as a basic human right, just as the rights to health  
5 and to life are. Towards this end, the State shall promote vigorously the  
6 importance of nutrition as a public good and a public concern that can be  
7 achieved satisfactorily through a multi-sectoral support. It shall work towards  
8 the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor sector of the Filipino society  
9 who are deprived of said right. Further, the State shall give utmost support to  
10 programs and projects that are responsive to the nutritional needs of the  
11 people.

1           SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall have the following objectives:

2           (a) To encourage the cooperation and participation of academic  
3 institutions and local government units (LGUs) in promoting the nutritional  
4 well-being of the country;

5           (b) To evolve among state universities and colleges (SUCs) an  
6 effective action research network program that will improve the nutrition and  
7 general well-being of the rural poor, thereby assisting in the development of  
8 local communities; and

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

11           SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development*  
12 *Approach for Nutrition Improvement Program.* – The BIDANI Program is  
13 hereby established as a nutrition-in-development research program involving  
14 SUCs which aims to assist the national government in improving the nutrition  
15 and general well-being of the poor.

16           It is a comprehensive model for countryside development programs  
17 which makes nutrition as an entry point, ultimate goal and objective, indicator  
18 and measure of development. It attempts to attack malnutrition at its root  
19 cause, which is linked to poverty, insufficiency of food, social deprivation and  
20 underdevelopment.

21           It is one of the enabling mechanisms in the implementation of the  
22 Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) and an indispensable growth  
23 strategy of the National Nutrition Council (NNC).

24           SEC. 5. *BIDANI Goals.* – The BIDANI Program shall promote  
25 nutrition-in-development through community and other stakeholders’  
26 participation in an integrated management system facilitated by SUCs. The  
27 program aims to:

28           (a) Develop competent SUCs which shall assist in achieving the

1 nutrition-in-development objectives of the NNC. These SUCs shall capacitate  
2 its core team members to ensure that in-planning nutrition shall be integrated in  
3 all areas/sectors of local governance. To realize this goal, continuous training  
4 of trainers on the BIDANI strategy and on the different BIDANI innovative  
5 strategies for all BIDANI stakeholders at different levels shall be conducted by  
6 the NNC; and

7 (b) Ensure the inclusion of best nutrition practices of successful LGUs  
8 through the participation of local nutrition management teams. Partner SUCs,  
9 through the BIDANI, shall build the capabilities of the citizenry for self-help  
10 and self-reliance, catalyze action through the involvement of various  
11 stakeholders, complement with the efforts of government organizations (GOs),  
12 nongovernment organizations (NGOs), private organizations (POs) and private  
13 sectors, and link the community with existing resources.

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

16 (a) State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). – Partnership with SUCs  
17 shall be formalized and operationalized through an execution of a  
18 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of the Philippines  
19 – Los Baños represented by its Chancellor, and the President of the concerned  
20 SUCs. Upon approval of the MOA, the BIDANI Program shall be  
21 operationalized under the Office of the Vice President for Research and  
22 Extension (OVPRE) of the partner SUC. A BIDANI SUC will then choose  
23 their partner LGUs.

24 (b) City/Municipal Local Government Units. – The implementation of  
25 the BIDANI as a development strategy in the LGUs will commence upon the  
26 approval by the city or municipality of the nutrition plans formulated by  
27 the SUC concerned through a MOA or city/municipal resolutions.  
28 A city/municipal organizational machinery called the City/Municipal Technical

1 Action Committee (C/MTAC), composed of the heads and representatives of  
2 different city/municipal line agencies who shall be responsible for the  
3 implementation, monitoring, evaluation and replication of the BIDANI strategy  
4 in the locality shall be created.

5 (c) Barangay Units. – The realization of the BIDANI as a development  
6 strategy shall be accomplished at the barangay level. The Barangay  
7 Development Council (BDC) shall be enhanced through an expanded BDC  
8 membership called Program Planning and Implementation Committee which  
9 shall include representatives from the sangguniang barangay, BDC, purok and  
10 other community leaders who shall be trained on the BIDANI strategy to  
11 ensure that the processes for planning and management of development  
12 programs, projects and activities will be participative and responsive to the  
13 needs of the members of the barangay.

14 (d) Other Stakeholders. – The participation and inputs of NGOs, other  
15 government agencies and offices, and POs shall be sought to contribute to the  
16 realization of the plans formulated and agreed upon by the members of the  
17 barangay.

18 SEC. 7. *BIDANI Innovative Strategies.* – To facilitate the local  
19 implementation of the BIDANI, the program shall work on the following  
20 innovative strategies:

21 (a) Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP). – Upon approval  
22 of this Act, the BIDP shall include the barangays' plans and programs relative  
23 to nutrition, which plans shall be integrated into the municipal development  
24 plan;

25 (b) Barangay Management Information System (BMIS). – In the  
26 conduct of its research activities, the concerned SUC shall develop a  
27 people-based information system which focuses on the identification of the  
28 needs of the barangay through an efficient and effective data collection needed

1 for program planning, management and implementation of various projects and  
2 activities at the barangays; and

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

8 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within the period of  
9 sixty (60) days, the NNC, in coordination with the participating SUCs, shall  
10 prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
11 implementation of this Act.

12 SEC. 9. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of  
13 the BIDANI network program shall be included in the budget of participating  
14 SUCs in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

18 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
19 rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the  
20 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

21 SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
22 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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