



## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 006

Series of 2023

**SUBJECT: AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN SUPPORT OF STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY NUTRITION PROGRAM BY ADOPTING THE ACT WHICH PROVIDES THE CREATION OF POSITION AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Program is a human resource development strategy of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition, which involves recruitment, training, development and supervision of volunteer workers or barangay nutrition scholars (BNS);

**WHEREAS**, the BNS project was created in 1977 to provide an effective means of disseminating nutrition information and providing nutrition services to the barangays through a trained community worker;

**WHEREAS**, the Barangay Nutrition Program is being implemented to address the malnutrition problem that afflicts the vulnerable groups particularly preschool children, pregnant women and lactating mothers and other contributory factors that affects the health and nutrition condition of the community as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, the mission in public health nutrition is to prevent both undernutrition and overnutrition and to maintain optimal nutritional status of the population;

**WHEREAS**, generally, the program aims to reduce the prevalence rate of malnutrition among moderate and severe preschoolers and school children;

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude of the malnutrition problem in the country urgently needs greater involvement and participation of the people at the grassroots level;

**WHEREAS**, the following laws and administrative issuances provide the mandates for appropriate support, promotion and implementation of strengthening the Barangay Nutrition Program in the municipality of Matnog;

**Presidential Decree 1569** mandated the deployment of one Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) in every barangay in the country to monitor the nutritional status of children and/or link communities with nutrition and related service providers.

**Senate Bill 2397** amends P.D. No. 1569 to strengthen the Barangay Nutrition Program which makes the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) a mandatory position in every barangay with monthly allowance of not less than five thousand pesos Philippine currency (P5,000.00); This Bill seeks to professionalize the position of BNW by requiring the qualification to be at least a high school graduate.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, CATTLEYA MORATA SO**, Municipal Mayor of the municipality of Matnog, Sorsogon by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by law do hereby





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Section 1: **Creation of Position**. There shall be created under the administration and supervision of the National Nutrition Council in coordination with the municipality ONE (1) Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) in every barangay with a monthly allowance of not less than FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00);

Section 2. **Appointment**: The BNS shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor with concurrence of majority of all Sangguniang Bayan or the Sangguniang Barangay concerned and upon the recommendation of the National Nutrition Council. The Barangay Nutrition Worker 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. **Qualifications**. The BNS must be a bonafide resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year, with ability to speak the dialect, high school graduate, physically and mentally fit, of legal age, willing to learn and teach what she learned to the barangay and have leadership potentials.

Section 4. **Appropriations**. For the initial appropriation, it will be from the National Treasury or the Special Activities Fund and then the difference in five thousand pesos monthly allowance per Barangay Nutrition Worker shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the year following its enactment.

Section 5. **Repealing Clause**. All laws, decrees, executive orders or any part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. **Effectivity**. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the municipality of Matnog, Province of Sorsogon this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022  
at Matnog, Sorsogon

  
HON. CATTLEYA M. SO  
Municipal Mayor