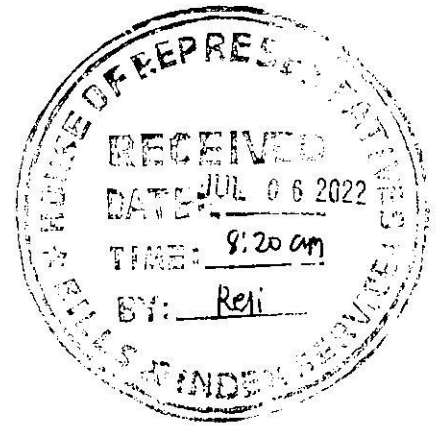




HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **1349**

Introduced by Representative Christian Tell A. Yap

The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) has been existing since 1978 and in 1984, expanded to more universities and local government units. The University of the Philippines College in Los Banos (UPLB), Central Luzon State University (CLSU), University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), and Central Mindanao University (CMU) are some of the state universities that implement the BIDANI.

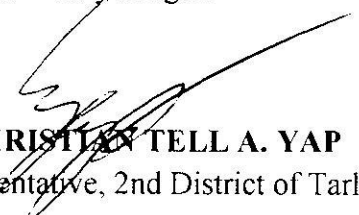
In terms of funding, in 1990-2000, the Netherlands Government Directorate for Development Cooperation (DGIS) provided a 10-year bilateral assistance grant of P 103.5 million to strengthen and institutionalize the existing BIDANI Network program partnership between SUCs and LGUs. The Philippine Government also provide funds to BIDANI programs through the SUCs. Continuous funding for BIDANI is needed because of the on-going trends of malnutrition in the country especially among children.

Chronic malnutrition rate among children aged 0-2: 26.2%, the highest in 10 years. Philippine chronic malnutrition rate for 2015 among children aged 0 to 2: 26.2%, the highest in 10 years. From 2013 to 2015, 10% of the stunting children increased to an average of 40% and is expected to increase in 2016. For the complete data on malnutrition.

The problem of malnutrition, therefore, calls for a more lasting solution. It requires a comprehensive strategy that complements traditional nutrition intervention. The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement or BIDANI is one such approach to address the recurring problem of hunger, especially malnutrition.

BIDANI will be an active research program to be spearheaded by participating state colleges and universities as a regular program addressing the nutritional and general well-being of the poor. It will encourage every family and community to maintain children's normal growth, through proper diet and regular growth monitoring.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of the bill is earnestly sought.



CHRISTIAN TELL A. YAP
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 1349

Introduced by Representative CHRISTIAN TELL A. YAP

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR
NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE
PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND
COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Barangay Integrated Development Approach
for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize
nutrition as a basic human right. Towards this end, the State shall vigorously promote the importance
of nutrition as a public good and a public concern that can be satisfactory achieved through a
multisectoral support. It shall work towards the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor sector
of the Filipino society who are deprived of said right. Further, the State shall give utmost support to
programs and projects that are responsive to the nutritional needs of the people.

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

- (a) To encourage the cooperation and participation of academic institutions and local government
units (LGUs) in promoting the nutritional well-being of the people;
- (b) To develop among state universities and colleges (SUCs) and community colleges an
effective research-action network program that will improve the nutrition and general well-
being of the rural poor; and
- (c) To enhance the productivity and employability of the rural poor by improving their nutrition
and life status.

SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition
Improvement Program.*– The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition

Improvement (BIDANI) is hereby established as a nutrition-in-development research program involving SUCs and community colleges which aims to assist **the local government units (LGUs)** and the national government in improving the nutrition and general well-being of the poor.

It is a comprehensive model for **building LGU capacity in integrating nutrition concerns in countryside development programs**. It is a strategy to combat malnutrition, insufficiency of food, social deprivation and poverty alleviation.

It is one of the *institutional* initiatives in mobilizing the LGUs for nutrition improvement in the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN).

SEC. 5. *BIDANI Goals*.- The BIDANI Program shall promote nutrition-in-development through community and other stakeholders' participation in an integrated management system facilitated by SUCs. The Program aims to:

- (a) Require all SUCs and community colleges to assist towards the achievement of the nutrition targets of the national plan of action for the NNC;**
- (b) Engage the SUCs and community colleges in the conduct of training and capacity-building activities for all BIDANI stakeholders on the BIDANI strategies and innovative practices to ensure that in-planning nutrition shall be integrated in all areas of local governance;
- (c) Promote the best nutrition practices of successful LGUs through the participation of local nutrition management teams; and
- (d) Build partnership among SUCs/community colleges and other stakeholders to support the citizenry towards self-help and self-reliance: encourage citizen action through the involvement of various stakeholders: and coordinate with government organizations (GOs), nongovernment organizations (NGOs), private organization (Pos) and private sectors in linking the community with existing resources.

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

- (a) State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)/Community Colleges – A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall formalize the partnership between the University of the Philippines-Los Baños, as the national coordinator of the Program, represented by its Chancellor, and the President of the concerned SUCs/community colleges. Upon approval of the partnership, the BIDANI Program shall be implemented and attached to the Office of the Vice President for

1 Research and Extension (OVPRE) in each partner SUC or community college shall then
2 choose and coordinate with its LGU partners.

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4 (b) City/Municipal Local Government Units-The implementation of the BIDANI as a
5 development strategy in the LGUs will commence upon the approval of the city or
6 municipality of the nutrition plans formulated by the SUC concerned through a MOA or
7 city/municipality resolution. Each city or municipality shall create a City/Municipal
8 Organizational Machinery, composed of heads and representatives of different city/municipal
9 line agencies who shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and
10 replication of the BIDANI strategy in the locality;

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12 (c) Barangay Units – The realization of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall be
13 accomplished at the barangay level. The Barangay Development Council (BDC) shall be
14 enhanced through an expansion of BDC membership that shall be called the Program
15 Planning and Implementing Committee. The Committee shall be composed of representatives
16 from the Sangguniang Barangay, BDC, Purok and other community leaders who shall be
17 trained on the BIDANI strategy to ensure that the processes for planning and management of
18 development programs, projects and activities will be participative and responsive to the
19 needs of the members of the barangay; and

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21 (d) Other Stakeholders – The participation and inputs of the NGOs, other government agencies
22 and offices, and Pos shall be sought in the formulation of plans by the members of the
23 barangay.

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25 **SEC. 7. *BIDANI Innovative Strategies.*** – To facilitate the local implementation of the
26 BIDANI, the Program shall be implemented using the following innovative strategies:

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28 (a) Formulation of the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) – Upon approval of this
29 Act, each barangay shall formulate its BIDP which shall include the barangay's plans and
30 programs relative to nutrition, which plans shall be integrated to the municipal development
31 plan;

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33 (b) Development of a Barangay Management Information system (BMIS)- In the conduct of its
34 research activities, the concerned SUC/community college shall develop a people-based
35 information system which shall focus on the identification of the needs of the barangay
36 through efficient and effective data collection. The data shall be the basis for program
37 planning, management and implementation of various projects and activities in the barangay;
38 and

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

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7 **SEC. 8. *Funding.*** – The amount necessary for the implementation of the BIDANI linkage
8 program shall be included in the budget of the participating SUCs in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act. The LGUs shall provide funding to the participating community colleges for the
10 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program.

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12 Participating SUCs/community colleges may also get funds, donations and other forms of
13 financial support from the foreign and local persons, institutions and governments for the
14 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program.

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16 **SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***– Within sixty (60) days from the approval of
17 financial support from the foreign and local persons, institutions and governments for the
18 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program.

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20 **SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full
22 force and effect.

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24 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.***– All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, other
25 issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
26 accordingly.

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28 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
29 Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.