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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Malnutrition continues to be a significant and entrenched problem in the Philippines, especially in rural barangays where poverty and food insecurity are most severe. Findings from the 2020 Rapid Nutrition Assessment Survey conducted by the Department of Science and Technology – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) revealed that 20% of Filipino children were underweight, with the highest rates among those from households experiencing extreme food insecurity. These figures highlight the urgent need for a holistic, community-driven strategy to address nutrition challenges at the grassroots level.

This bill seeks to institutionalize the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) as a formal linkage program involving State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), and local government units (LGUs). Its primary objectives are to:

- Establish BIDANI as a national framework for nutrition and rural development.
- Enable barangays to take an active role in the planning, execution, and evaluation of nutrition-focused initiatives.
- Harness the technical expertise and research capabilities of SUCs and LUCs to support evidence-based, community-responsive interventions.

Strategic Framework

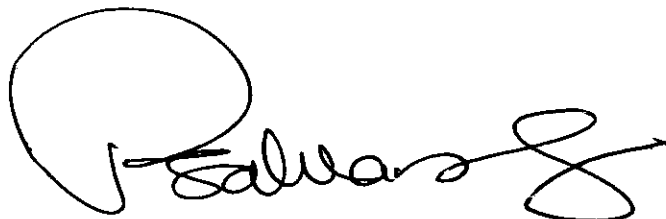
BIDANI builds upon the Barangay Integrated Development Approach (BIDA), which emphasizes participatory governance and local empowerment. Under this model:

- SUCs and LUCs organize BIDANI teams that work closely with LGUs to identify local needs, craft targeted programs, and monitor progress.
- Community leaders and residents receive training to engage in nutrition-sensitive planning and policy-making.
- Nutrition improvement is integrated with broader development goals, including education, livelihood enhancement, and health services.

The institutionalization of BIDANI is expected to yield the following outcomes:

- A measurable decline in malnutrition rates among children and other vulnerable groups in rural communities.
- Enhanced local governance through sustained capacity-building and technical assistance from academic institutions.
- Long-term, inclusive development anchored in community engagement and data-informed decision-making.

This proposed House Bill offers a forward-looking and inclusive solution to the country's persistent nutrition issues. By forging strong partnerships between academic institutions and local communities, the BIDANI program creates a dynamic platform where science, policy, and grassroots action intersect to uplift the well-being of the rural poor.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH
FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE PROGRAM OF
PARTICIPATING STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND LOCAL UNIVERSITIES
AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - 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 that shall be promoted as a public good and a public concern that can be satisfactorily achieved through multi-sectoral support and cooperation. To this end, the State shall vigorously work towards the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor and vulnerable especially in the rural areas, and give utmost support to programs and projects that are responsive to the health needs of the Filipino 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 local universities and colleges (LUCs) an effective action research and extension network program that will improve the nutrition and general well-being of the community; and
- c) To enhance the productivity and nutritional well-being of the poor in the rural areas in order to enhance their health and productivity.

SEC. 4. Establishment of the BIDANI Program. - The BIDANI Program is hereby established as a nutrition-in-development action research and extension network program of the participating SUCs/LUCs which aims to assist the national government and LGUs in improving the nutritional status and general well-being of the community.

It is a comprehensive model for building the capacity of LGUs to integrate nutrition concerns in countryside development programs that supports the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) to combat malnutrition, food and nutrition insecurity, social deprivation, and poverty alleviation.

SEC. 5. BIDANI Program 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 shall:

- a) Induce the participating SUCs/LUCs to assist the government in achieving the nutrition targets of the PPAN;
- b) Engage the participating SUCs/LUCs in the conduct of training and capacitybuilding 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-in-development practices of successful LGUs through the participation of local nutrition committees; and
- d) Build partnership among SUCs/LUCs 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 relevant national government agencies

(NGAs), non-government organizations (NGOs), private organizations (POs) and other private sector groups in linking the community with existing resources.

SEC. 6. Participation of SUCs in the BIDANI Network Program. - The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall require all SUCs to participate in the BIDANI Network Program: Provided, That they qualify with any of the parameters as follows:

(a) Existing Partnerships with LGUS. SUCs with existing partnerships with LGUs on the development and implementation of any nutrition-improvement program;

(b) Operating Capability. SUCs with adequate operating capabilities to implement and undertake partnerships on nutrition-improvement related projects such as the BIDANI program; or

(c) Interest to Participate. SUCs who have expressed their willingness to participate in the BIDANI Network Program. Notwithstanding the above-mentioned parameters, the CHED shall designate at least one (1) SUC per administrative region to participate in the BIDANI Network Program.

Within five (5) years upon the approval of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with the UPLB BIDANI Network, develop a BIDANI Network Roadmap Plan that shall identify potential participating SUCs in the BIDANI Network Program. After such period, the CHED shall include at least one (1) SUC per province, if any, and induce potential SUCs to participate in the BIDANI Network Program, as provided in the BIDANI Network Roadmap Plan.

SEC. 7. BIDANI Structural/Organizational Linkages - To adopt the BIDANI as a program, the SUCs/LUCs shall have the manpower capabilities and facilities to conduct applied research and extension activities. The BIDANI partners and stakeholders shall work at different levels, as follows:

a) Participating State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) - Partnership with participating SUCs/LUCs shall be formalized through an execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), being the national coordinator of the BIDANI Program, represented by its Chancellor, and the President of the participating SUCs/LUCs.

The BIDANI Program in each participating SUC/LUC shall set up their respective organizational structure for the implementation of the Program, subject to the rules and regulations of the SUC/LUC concerned. It shall also be attached to a unit that the concerned SUC/LUC deems appropriate. The BIDANI SUC/LUC shall select its own LGU partners based on the prescribed criteria as stated in the MOA;

b) City or Municipal Local Government Units - The implementation of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall commence upon the approval by the city or municipality of the nutrition plans formulated by the SUC/LUC concerned through a MOA or a city/municipality resolution, whichever comes first. The existing City/Municipality Nutrition Committee shall be capacitated to implement, monitor, evaluate and replicate the BIDANI strategy in the locality;

c) Barangay Units - The realization of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall be accomplished at the barangay level. The barangays implementing the BIDANI program shall pass a resolution adopting the strategy. The Barangay Development Council (BDC) and Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC) shall be facilitated by the City/Municipal Nutrition Committee to ensure that the process of planning and management of nutrition development programs, projects, and activities will be participatory and responsive to the needs of the community; and

d) Other Stakeholders - The participation and inputs of relevant NGAs, NGOs, and POs shall be sought in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs, projects and activities of the barangay.

SEC. 8. BIDANI Innovative Strategies. - To facilitate the local implementation of the BIDANI, the Program shall be implemented using the following innovative strategies:

a. Barangay Integrated Development Approach (BIDA) - The participatory process of implementing the BIDANI strategy involves organizing, capacity building, advocacy, mobilization, and collaboration to accelerate local development. Each barangay shall be mobilized and capacitated to formulate their sectoral plans for the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP). All BIDPs shall be integrated into the City/Municipal development plans.

(b) Barangay Management Information System (BMIS) - In the conduct of its research activities, the concerned SUC/LUC shall develop a people-based information system

which shall focus on the identification of the needs of the barangay through efficient and effective data collection. The data shall be the basis for program planning, management and implementation of various projects and activities in the barangay; and

(c) Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA) - The National Nutrition Council (NNC) and participating SUCs/LUCs shall utilize the life cycle approach in the formulation of food production policies and programs, and promote market-driven livelihood activities and formulation of Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP) to support the PPAN.

SEC. 9. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the participating SUCs in the annual General Appropriations Act. The LGUs concerned may allocate funds for the implementation of BIDANI program, including the necessary funds for the LUCs.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the UPLB-BIDANI as the National Network Coordinator and the CHED shall, in coordination with the NNC and representatives from participating SUCs/LUCs, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 13. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,