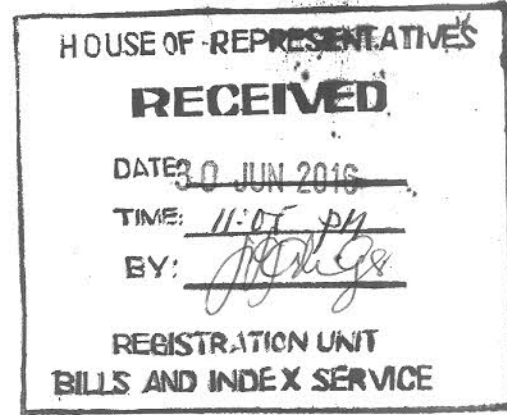


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines faces a "serious" level of hunger in 2015, according to the latest Global Hunger Index (GHI). The measuring tool of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) gave the country a score of 20.1 based on available data collated by government agencies and non-governmental organizations. Although it is two points lower than in 2005, the Philippines' score is still 6.8 points higher than the East and Southeast Asia average of 13.2 points.

Malnutrition hampers the physical growth of a child and affects his mental health, productivity and prospects for employment. In fact, according to a report by Save the Children, the shortness of Filipino adults is attributed to generations of stunted growth. Results from the National Nutrition Survey spanning two decades show no significant change in the incidence of stunting in the country – from 1993's 39% to 2013's 30%. The Philippines is also part of the 14 countries which is home to 80% of the world's stunted children.

The problem of malnutrition, therefore, calls for a more lasting solution. It requires an integrated development approach complementing traditional nutrition intervention. The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is one such approach.

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.

This bill seeks to establish the BIDANI network program. This will place nutrition at the forefront of learning and integrate modern principles of medicine in national nutrition. BIDANI shall serve as a government partner in providing proper nutrition to the people, particularly the poor. Likewise, it shall ensure the promotion of a healthy and productive citizenry.

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



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Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Tarlac

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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 Integrated*  
2 *Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act*".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (a) Develop competent SUCs which shall assist in achieving the nutrition-in-development  
8 objectives of the NNC. These SUCs shall capacitate its core team members to ensure that in-  
9 planning nutrition shall be integrated in all areas/sectors of local governance. To realize this goal,  
10 continuous training of trainers on the BIDANI strategy and on the different BIDANI innovative  
11 strategies for all BIDANI stakeholders at different levels shall be conducted by the NNC; and

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

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

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

26 (b) City/Municipal Local Government Units. - The implementation of the BIDANI as a  
27 development strategy in the LGUs will commence upon the approval by the city or municipality of  
28 the nutrition plans formulated by the SUC concerned through a MOA or city/municipal resolutions.  
29 A city/municipal organizational machinery called the City/Municipal Technical Action Committee  
30 (CIMTAC), composed of the heads and representatives of different city/municipal line agencies  
31 who shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and replication of the  
32 BIDANI strategy in the locality shall be created.

33 (c) Barangay Units. - The realization of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall be  
34 accomplished at the barangay level. The Barangay Development Council (BDC) shall be enhanced  
35 through an expanded BDC membership called Program Planning and Implementation Committee  
36 which shall include representatives from the sangguniang barangay, BDC, purok and other  
37 community leaders who shall be trained on the BIDANI strategy to ensure that the processes for  
38 planning and management of development programs, projects and activities will be participative and  
39 responsive to the needs of the members of the barangay.

1 (d) Other Stakeholders. - The participation and inputs of NGOs, other government  
2 agencies and offices, and POs shall be sought to contribute to the realization of the plans  
3 formulated and agreed upon by the members of the barangay.

4 **SEC. 7. BIDANI Innovative Strategies.** - To facilitate the local implementation of the  
5 BIDANI, the program shall work on the following innovative strategies:

6 (a) Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP). - Upon approval of this Act the BIDP  
7 shall include the barangays' plans and programs relative to nutrition, which plans shall be integrated  
8 into the municipal development plan;

9 (b) Barangay Management Information System (BMIS). - In the conduct of its research  
10 activities, the concerned SUC shall develop a people-based information system which focuses on the  
11 identification of the needs of the barangay through an efficient and effective data collection needed  
12 for program planning, management and implementation of various projects and activities at the  
13 barangays; and

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

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

21 **SEC. 9. Funding.** - The amount necessary for the implementation of the BIDANI network  
22 program shall be included in the budget of participating SUCs in the annual General Appropriations  
23 Act. Participating SUCs may also get funds, donations and other forms of financial support from  
24 foreign and local persons, institutions and governments for the implementation of the BIDANI  
25 network program.

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

29 **SEC. II. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
30 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

31 Approved.