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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 83

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Thursday, the 15th day of September 2022.

**AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO NUTRITION COMMISSION IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANDATE, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Nutrition Commission Act of 2025.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The Bangsamoro Government recognizes the importance of nutritional improvement as the key component in human resource development. It is thus the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to promote and protect access to adequate food and nutrition among all inhabitants of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Towards this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall establish a mechanism to facilitate collaboration and cooperation among various agencies, sectors, and stakeholders in addressing hunger and malnutrition in the region. This shall be carried out through policies, plans, monitoring, and programs that are responsive to the needs of its constituents, especially vulnerable groups.

SEC. 3. *Creation of the Bangsamoro Nutrition Commission.* – To carry out the declared policy, there is hereby created a Bangsamoro Nutrition Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “*Commission*”, which shall be attached to the Office of the Chief Minister.

SEC. 4. *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be composed of a Board of Commissioners headed by a Chairperson, with five (5) *ex officio* members, and the Executive Director of the Commission Secretariat as a member.

The Chairperson shall be a nutrition expert with wide experience and understanding of nutrition concerns in the BARMM.

The Chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister, shall serve for a term of six (6) years, subject to reappointment.

The following shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Commission:

- a) Minister of Health;
- b) Minister of Basic, Higher and Technical Education;
- c) Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform;
- d) Minister of the Interior and Local Government; and
- e) Minister of Social Services and Development.

SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall be the policy-making and coordinating body in all matters related to food and nutrition, nutrition and health, and food security issues in the BARMM. To this end, it shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Prescribe and promulgate regional food and nutrition, nutrition and health, and food security policies and strategies;
- b) Coordinate the planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the regional food and nutrition programs carried out by BARMM ministries, offices, and agencies, including the private sector concerned with improving the nutrition of the people; As part of this function, the Commission shall conduct periodic in-depth programmatic reviews to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment of such programs with the Bangsamoro Plan of Action for Nutrition (BPAN). The Commission shall have the authority to require the submission of all necessary data, records, and reports pertinent to this review, and shall regularly submit its findings and policy recommendations to the Office of the Chief Minister and the Parliament for appropriate action;
- c) Promote food security and good nutrition through education, training, and public awareness;
- d) Lead in the formulation of the BPAN and the Bangsamoro Food Security and Nutrition Plan (BFSNP);
- e) Represent the Bangsamoro Government in food and nutrition, nutrition and health, related planning, monitoring, and evaluation activities called for or initiated by the National Government, along with other BARMM ministries, offices, and agencies;
- f) Lead the conduct of research on the state of food security and nutrition in the region;
- g) Ensure that all Local Nutrition Action Plans (LNAPs) of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Bangsamoro Region are consistent with the BPAN;
- h) Strengthen stakeholders' ownership of food and nutrition plans, programs, and strategies by ensuring meaningful and sustained participation at every stage – from planning and implementation to monitoring and evaluation;
- i) To call on any ministry, office, agency, and other instrumentalities of the Bangsamoro Government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities, and resources as the need arises;
- j) Create Technical Working Committees as the need arises;
- k) Accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests, or gifts, in cash or in kind, from domestic or foreign sources for purposes relevant to its functions, subject to the appropriate policies and

guidelines set by the Bangsamoro Government and the rules promulgated by the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board; and

- l) Exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be necessary in carrying out the objectives and provisions of this Act, including but not limited to the intent of existing national laws in support of health, nutrition, and food security.

SEC. 6. *Organizational Structure.* – The Commission shall consist of the Office of the Chairperson, the Office of the Commission Secretariat, and such other appropriate divisions or units as may be necessary, including an Administrative and Finance Division.

SEC. 7. *Commission Secretariat.* – The Commission Secretariat shall provide secretariat support and technical assistance to the Commission. It shall be headed by the Executive Director.

The staffing pattern, qualification standards, and placement of personnel shall be in accordance with civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

SEC. 8. *Qualifications of the Executive Director.* – No person shall be appointed as Executive Director of the Commission unless he/she is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the BARMM, at least 30 years of age, of good moral character, a college graduate, and has at least three (3) years of relevant experience in the following fields: nutrition, public health administration, or social services.

SEC. 9. *Functions of the Commission Secretariat.* – The Secretariat shall have the following functions:

- a) Provide secretariat support and technical assistance to the Board of Commissioners;
- b) Formulate and recommend nutrition policies, directives, and guidelines for consideration of the Commission;
- c) Coordinate and monitor the formulation of the BPAN and the BFSNP;
- d) Provide technical and administrative support for the conduct of in-depth programmatic reviews and evaluations as mandated under Subparagraph (b), Section 5 of this Act; and
- e) Exercise such other functions as may be directed by the Board of Commissioners.

SEC. 10. *Internal Rules and Procedures.* – In its first regular session, the Board of Commissioners shall adopt and promulgate its internal rules and procedures.

SEC. 11. *Coordination.* – The Commission shall work closely with the Ministry of Health (MOH) for health policies and programs coordination, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform for food security, the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG) for local government policies, the Ministry of Social Services and Development for the development and implementation of Supplementary Feeding Program, the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education for the development and implementation of School-Based Feeding Program, the Ministry of Science and Technology for the innovation of complementary foods, other relevant agencies with nutrition-related activities, and the LGUs in the BARMM.

SEC. 12. *Alignment of Regional Nutrition Plans to National Nutrition Plans.* – In line with the principle of subsidiarity, the Commission shall ensure the alignment of regional nutrition plans, such as the BPAN and the BFSNP, among others, with national nutrition plans.

Regional nutrition plans shall make reference to the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition as the foundation for developing the LNAP. Furthermore, LGUs shall integrate the LNAP into their Annual Investment Programs (AIP) and ensure implementation through the institutionalization of appropriate programs, policies, and the enactment of necessary ordinances.

SEC. 13. *Integration of Nutrition Programs and their Components in Local Governance Awards and Recognition Programs.* – Consistent with the provisions of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 49, also known as the “*Bangsamoro Local Governance Code of 2023*”, and in line with the commitment to public health and sustainable development, nutrition programs shall be integrated as a mandatory component criterion for any local governance awards and recognition programs in the BARMM.

- a) Local Governance Awards and Recognition Programs. – The LGUs shall observe the following indicators:
 - 1. Activation of Local Nutrition Committees;
 - 2. Integration of the LNAP to LGUs’ AIP;
 - 3. Recruitment of Barangay Nutrition Scholars; and
 - 4. Hiring of a Registered Nutritionist-Dietitian as Nutrition Action Officer.
- b) Implementation and Compliance. – The MILG, in coordination with the Commission, shall develop specific guidelines and assessment tools to operationalize this provision.

SEC. 14. *Appropriations.* – The amount of not less than Fifteen Million Pesos (PHP15,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated to implement the provisions of this Act. The succeeding budget of the Commission shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro Government.

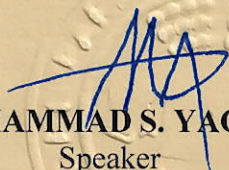
For efficiency of operation, the budget allocated for the Commission shall be directly transferred to it, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The MOH shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section, or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

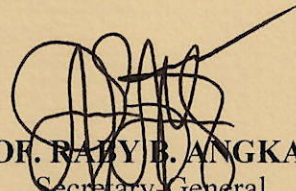
SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All regional laws, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 18. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in a newspaper of regional circulation within the BARMM.



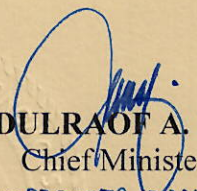
MOHAMMAD S. YACOB
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on *Jumada Al-Awwal* 28, 1447/November 19, 2025.



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