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Senate Bill No. 1088

Introduced by SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under nourishment or malnourishment has always been a great problem in the country. The malnutrition is a manifestation of widespread poverty in the country. Thus, it is prevalent in most depressed barangays in the country where basic social services are lacking.

Malnutrition hampers the physical growth of the child and later affects the mental health, productivity and prospect for employment. The problem of malnutrition, therefore, calls for a more lasting solution. It calls for an integrated development approach that complement with the traditional nutrition intervention. The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is one of such approach.

BIDANI will be an active research program to be spearheaded by the participating State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) that will address the nutritional and general well being of the poor. In a way, it will seek to encourage every family and community to maintain children's normal growth, through proper diet and regular growth monitoring, a household habit.

This bill seeks to establish the BIDANI network program. There is a need to put nutrition at the forefront of learning and expose the different principles of medicines in relation to nutrition. Once passed, the government is assured of a

partner in providing proper nutrition to the people, particularly the poor. Likewise, it shall ensure the promotion of a healthy and productive citizenry.

With the foregoing reasons, the passage of this bill is fervently sought.

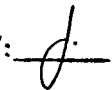
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Barangay
2 **Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)**
3 **Act of 2016”.**
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5 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
6 State to recognize nutrition as a basic human right, just as the rights to health
7 and to life are. Towards this end, the State shall promote vigorously the
8 importance of nutrition as a public good and public concern that can be
9 achieved only through multisectoral efforts and democratic process. It shall
10 work towards the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor sector of the
11 Filipino society who are deprived of said right. Further, the State shall give
12 utmost support to programs and projects that are responsive to the nutritional
13 needs of the people.
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15 **SECTION 3. Objectives.** – This Act shall have the following objectives:
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17 (a) Encourage cooperation and participation of academic institutions and
18 local government units in promoting the nutritional well-being of the country;
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20 (b) Evolve among state colleges and universities an effective action-
21 research network program that will improve the nutrition and general well-

1 being of the rural poor, thereby assisting in the development of local
2 communities; and

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4 (c) Enhance the productivity and employability of the rural poor by
5 improving their nutrition and life status.

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7 **SECTION 4.** *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development*
8 *Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Program.* - The Barangay
9 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is
10 hereby established as a nutrition-in-development research program involving
11 state colleges and universities, which aims to assist the national government
12 in improving the nutrition and general well-being of the poor.

13 **SECTION 5.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The National
14 Nutrition Council (NNC), in coordination with the participating state colleges
15 and universities, shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations
16 for the effective implementation of this Act.

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18 **SECTION 6.** *Funding and Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the
19 implementation of the BIDANI network program is hereby annually
20 appropriated and included in the budget of participating state colleges and
21 universities in the annual General Appropriations Act.

22 Participating state colleges and universities may also get funds, donations and
23 other forms of financial support from foreign and local persons, institutions
24 and governments for the implementation of the BIDANI network program.

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26 **SECTION 7.** *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
27 and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the
28 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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30 **SECTION 8.** *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
31 following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
32 circulation.

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