



Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**National Food and Nutrition Council and Agency
Establishment Proclamation**

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Whereas, the repeated occurrence of natural and manmade calamities and failure to ensure food security at household level has exposed citizens to acute food shortage and associated problems.

Whereas, the need to coordinate the prevention and control of post-harvest loss, food Adulteration, food safety and quality related problems.

Whereas, to reduce and eliminate the impact of stunting and other diet related communicable and non-communicable diseases on health, productivity and the overall economy of the country.

Whereas, Food and Nutrition is a multisectoral issues which demands strong coordination, linkages and accountability among stakeholders, hence the establishment of appropriate structure at all levels, food and nutrition council and agency is required.

Now, therefore, in accordance with article 55 sub article 1 of the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, it is proclaimed as follows:

Part I

General Provisions

1.

Short title

This proclamation may be cited as the “National Food and Nutrition Council and Agency establishment proclamation No.-----2020.

2.

Definitions

In this proclamation, unless the context requires otherwise;

- 1) “Council” means the National Food and Nutrition Council.
- 2) “Food” means any substance that is culturally and spiritually accepted by the people living in different areas of the country, whether, processed, semi processed or raw which is intended for human consumption, and includes plants, plant and animal products placed on the market or offered for use by the public excluding medicine, beauty care products and tobacco.
- 3) “Nutrition” means and includes feeding, digestion, absorption of food by the body, use of nutrients to physical and mental growth and development, prevention and control of diseases.
- 4) “Agency” means the Food and Nutrition Agency established in accordance with the provisions of this Proclamation.
- 5) “Implementing office” means a public office that implements food and nutrition interventions.
- 6) “Person” shall mean any physical or juridical person.
- 7) ” Ministry” means the Ministry of Health.
- 8) Any expression in the masculine gender includes the feminine.

Part II

National Food and Nutrition Council

3.

Establishment

1. National Food and Nutrition Council (hereinafter referred as the “council”) is hereby established by this proclamation.
2. The council shall be accountable to the Deputy Prime Minister.

4.

Objective of the Council

The objective of the council shall be to ensure the food and nutrition security of the country through effective leadership, collaboration, creating appropriate organizational structure, ensuring accountability, following the implementation of the food and nutrition policy and strategy

5.

Members of the Council

The council shall be chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and shall have a secretariat and the below designated members

- 1) Minister of Agriculture
- 2) Minister of Health
- 3) Minister of Education
- 4) Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy
- 5) Minister of Labor and Social Affairs
- 6) Minister of Women, Children and Youth
- 7) Minister of Trade and Industry
- 8) Minister of Finance
- 9) Minister of Science and Higher Education
- 10) Minister of Technology and Innovation
- 11) Minister of Transport
- 12) Minister of Culture and Tourism

- 13) National planning and development commissioner
- 14) National Disaster Risk Management Commissioner
- 15) Federal Job Creation Commissioner
- 16) Environment, forest and Climate Change Commissioner
- 17) Director General of the Federal Cooperatives Agency
- 18) Presidents of the Regional States and Mayors of City Administrations
- 19) Director General of Food and Nutrition Agency
- 20) Director General Ethiopia Public Health Institute
- 21) Director General Ethiopia Agriculture Institute
- 22) Director General Ethiopia Food and Drug Authority
- 23) Director General Ethiopia Veterinary drug and feed administration and control Authority
- 24) Representatives of Higher Education Institutions delivering Food and Nutrition Education
- 25) Representative of the Inter religious council of Ethiopia
- 26) Representatives of Mass Media
- 27) Representatives of Development partners
- 28) Representatives of Civic and Professional Associations
- 29) Representatives from the private sector
- 30) Other bodies delegated by the council

6.

Powers and Functions of the Council

The council shall have the following powers and functions

- 1) Consult and brings innovative ideas on issues that promote food and nutrition security
- 2) Follow up the performance of implementing offices based on the agency's reports.
- 3) Set directions for food and nutrition implementing offices to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of Food and Nutrition interventions.
- 4) Review and approve the agency's plan.
- 5) Set directions on national capacity building and resource mobilizations strategies that shall be used to implement Food and Nutrition policy and strategy.
- 6) Sets directions to establish appropriate organizational structure for Food and Nutrition Council in all Regions and city administrations
- 7) Performs all other duties relevant to implement the objectives

7.

Council meeting

- 1) The council shall hold two regular meetings in a year.
- 2) The council chairperson can call an adhoc meetings as appropriate.
- 3) The council's secretariat shall share the meeting agenda and related documents to members before a month.
- 4) The council shall hold the meeting using pre-communicated documents, reports and minutes and set directions based on the decision made.
- 5) Any member in the meeting can set additional agenda. It will be discussed if only supported by the majority.
- 6) There shall be a meeting where more than half of the members of the council are present.
- 7) Council members can delegate to regular and Adhoc meetings if they only get permission from the chairperson.
- 8) Decisions of the meeting shall be endorsed by majority vote. The chair person shall have a decisive role in case the votes are equally divided.
- 9) The council can develop meeting directives of its own.

Part III

Food and Nutrition Agency

8.

Establishment

- 1) The Food and Nutrition Agency (hereinafter referred as the “Agency”) is here by established as an autonomous Government Agency having its legal personality.
- 2) The Agency shall be accountable to the Minister.

9.

Organization of the Agency

The agency shall have

- 1) A Director General and Deputy Director General/s to be appointed by the government,
- And
- 2) The Required and Qualified staffs

10.

Objective

The objective of the Agency shall be to coordinate, monitor and in place accountability for the implementation of the food and Nutrition interventions comprehensively to ensure Food and Nutrition Security in the country.

11.

Powers and Functions of the Agency

The agency shall have the following powers and functions

- 1) Coordinate, monitor and create accountability framework and identify challenges during the implementation of the National Food and Nutrition policies and strategies and present to the council for their decision.

- 2) Serve as secretariat of the Council
- 3) Ensure that all implementing offices are incorporated and allocated adequate budget for interventions that addressed in the food and nutrition policy and strategy in their policies, strategies and programs.
- 4) Follow up on the implementation of the food and Nutrition indicators performance, conduct evaluation, provide feedback and submit to the council and ensure decisions made in council meetings are implemented.
- 5) Support to Identify, documents, scale up best practices for better implementation of the food and nutrition policy and strategy
- 6) Calls regular and adhoc meetings of the council
- 7) Identify and submit meeting agendas, research papers and other relevant documents to the council to be presented.
- 8) Shall prepare and share the minutes and action points of the meetings to the council members and stakeholders on time and ensure the implementation and report back to the council.
- 9) Shall evaluate, decide and ensure the execution of the human resource, infrastructure, capacity building activities and systems that designed for the implementation of food and nutrition policy and strategy are in compliance with the country's development programs.
- 10) Prepare the council annual work plan, request budget and submit to the council
- 11) Establish and lead the National Food and Nutrition technical committee.
- 12) Prepare the agency's strategic plan, annual work plan and budget, get approval, implement and submit the performance to the Ministry and the council.
- 13) Design, implement and coordinate the communication strategy that address Advocacy, Socio behavioral changes communication, interpersonal community to support the effective implementation of food and nutrition policy and strategy at all levels.
- 14) Support and ensure the establishment of food and nutrition council, appropriate structures and technical committee in all Regional states and City Administrations.
- 15) Shall be entitled to own sue or be sued, accuse or be accused.
- 16) Support monitor and control coordination and linkages among Food and Nutrition implementing offices for the effective execution of the food and nutrition policy and strategy.
- 17) Establish and strengthen National and Regional research institutes that support the Food and Nutrition Policy and Strategy through research and technology dissemination.

- 18) Coordinate, monitor and support nutrition related risk management, response and rehabilitation tasks implemented by different actors and forward sustainable solutions.
- 19) Identify critical food and nutrition sectors, provide recommendations on staffing and infrastructure fulfillment to help grow into centers of excellence, submit for approval and follow the implementation.
- 20) Confirm strategies are developed and implemented to control safety and quality of food produced in the country, imported or exported. Ensure the existence of linkages and coordination for implementation and provide the necessary supports.
- 21) Coordinate, lead and ensure the implementation of regional and international Food and Nutrition declarations and commitments that are ratified by our country.
- 22) Coordinate, monitor and give corrective measures for nutrition development partners who implement food and nutrition policy and strategy.
- 23) shall include other activities to achieve its objectives

12.

Head Office

The head office of the Agency shall be in Addis Abeba. It shall have lower level similar structures.

13.

Powers and Functions of the Director General

- 1) The Director General shall lead and manage the activities of the agency.
- 2) Without prejudice to the generalities of the sub-article (1) of this article, the Director General shall:
 - (a) Serves as secretary of the council
 - (b) Exercise the powers and functions of the Agency specified under the article 12
 - (c) Hire and administer employees of the agency in accordance with basic principles of Federal Civil Service laws.
 - (d) Prepare and submit annual work plan and budget of the Agency to the Ministry of Finance and implement upon approval.
 - (e) Effect expenditures in accordance with approved work plan and budget of the Agency.

- (f) Represent the Agency in dealing with third parties.
 - (g) Prepare activity and financial reports of the Agency and submit to the Council and the Ministry of Finance.
- 3) The Director may delegate his powers and functions to the Deputy Director/s as well as to employees.

14.

Powers and functions of the Deputy Director/s General

The Deputy Director/s General shall be accountable to the Director General and, he shall:

- 1) Assist the Director General in planning, organizing, leading and coordinating the Agency's activities.
- 2) Performs the activities of the Director General in his absence.
- 3) Performs the activities assigned by the Director General.

15.

Budget

- 1) The budget of the Agency shall be allocated by the Government.
- 2) The Agency shall mobilize resources (to implement the strategies and programs) from Government, Funding agencies, Private business firms and from the community. Utilization of such resources shall follow the financial procedures of the Government.

16.

Books of Account

- 1) The Agency shall keep complete and accurate books of account.
- 2) The Agency's books of account and other financial documents shall be inspected every year by the Auditor General or by any Auditor who is assigned by the Auditor General.

Part IV

Miscellaneous Provisions

17.

Power to enact regulations and Directives

1) The Council of Ministers may enact Regulations necessary to give effect to this Proclamation.

2) Based on this article sub article one, the Agency may issue the Directives for the implementation of the regulations.

18.

Obligation for cooperation

Any person has the duty to cooperate due process of implementing this proclamation.

19.

Repealed and inapplicable Laws

No laws (proclamation, directives, guidelines) or customary practices shall, in so far as it is inconsistent with this proclamation, have effect with respect to matters provided for in this proclamation.

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Effective date.

This Proclamation shall enter into force on the Date of publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

DONE AT ADDIS ABEBA, ON _____, DAY OF _____

SAHLEWORK ZEWDE

**PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
ETHIOPIA**