**ETHICS CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**Protocol Code: 2023-0028**

**Protocol Title: Global Research Group for Community Food and Health (NIHR134663)**

**Investigators/Researchers: Prof. Lota, Alcantara-Creencia; Dr. Acosta, Roy Albert**

This is to certify that the protocol mentioned above underwent ethical review and has been given ethical approval by the Palawan State University Research Ethics Review Committee (PSURERC). Should any changes in the approved protocol be made, these require separate review and authorization from the PSURERC before continuing with the study. The researcher may therefore commence with the research from the date this certificate is signed.

Please note that the PSURERC must be informed immediately of the following during the conduct of the study:

* All reportable negative events
* All unexpected and inadvertent changes in the protocol
* All suspected unexpected serious adverse reactions
* All serious adverse events observed

The researcher/s must report to the PSURERC using the prescribed form the study’s progress on July 28, 2025 and November 28, 2025. The final report should be submitted within a month after its completion.

The PSURERC retains the right to:

* Withdraw or amend this Ethics Clearance Certificate if any unethical principles or practices are revealed or suspected, the relevant information has been withheld or misrepresented, there are required regulatory changes of whatsoever nature or the conditions provided have not been adhered to.
* Request access to any information or data at any time during the course or after the completion of the study.

This certificate is valid for one year from June 25, 2025 to June 25, 2026.

**Jemimah G. Pizarro-Ompad** Date: June 30, 2025

Chair, PSURERC