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Dear Dr. Nuñez,

Growing up as the son of a public school teacher who led feeding programs for underserved students, I witnessed the challenges of addressing food insecurity and undernutrition in our communities here in Leyte. These experiences instilled in me a passion to use research to empower communities and inform policies that tackle systemic issues like hunger and poverty. The opportunity to join VSU-BIDANI as a Science Research Specialist excites me as it aligns with my professional and academic background in development research and my commitment to advancing nutrition improvement and sustainable development in Leyte and beyond.

What draws me to this role is BIDANI's holistic approach to development: combining data-driven e-governance tools like the Barangay Management Information System (BMIS) with participatory strategies such as the Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA). I believe change happens when barangays are equipped with the knowledge and tools to take ownership of their development. In this context, I see an exciting opportunity to explore how data from the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS), led by the Philippine Statistics Authority, could complement and enrich BMIS implementation. CBMS's disaggregated data on barangay profiles, poverty indicators, and service facilities could provide valuable insights for enhancing BMIS's capacity to support evidence-based decision-making at the barangay level.

Throughout my short career, I have sought opportunities where research can drive meaningful impact. Whether developing tools to capture local perspectives or collaborating with diverse stakeholders, I focus on people-centered approaches that create lasting social change. My technical expertise in data analysis and my commitment to grassroots action position me well to support VSU-BIDANI's mission of improving nutrition and governance at the barangay level.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to bring my dedication to inclusive and sustained community development to your team. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can support VSU-BIDANI's mission.

Sincerely,



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