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“AN ORDER CREATING THE PROVINCIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (PIATF-MERID) IN ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, DEFINING ITS COMPOSITIN, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.”

WHEREAS, the Province of Zamboanga del Norte still consider COVID-19 as a public health threat to its constituents which recorded a total of 11,714 positive cases, 588 deaths, 11,126 recoveries, and 0 active cases as of June 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units are mandated under the Local Government Code to promote health and safety for its constituents by providing measures to prevent and control the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Guides to Action Against 2019 novel Coronavirus with Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018, ensuring all government units to effectively intensify information education campaign against Coronavirus and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the health and well-being of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued Interim Guidelines on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus-Acute Respiratory Disease (nCov-ARD) which directs all hospitals and health facilities to heighten its disease surveillance activities through the Influenza like Illness Surveillance under the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response System and manage suspected Person Under Investigation accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROSALINDA G. JALOSJOS, Governor of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases in Zamboanga del Norte with the composition, duties and functions hereunder specifically defined:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. - The Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases (PIATF-MERID) shall be composed of the following offices;

- a. Provincial Governor's Office
- b. Office of the Provincial Vice Governor
- c. Provincial Health Office
- d. Zamboanga del Norte Medical Center (Referral Hospital for Moderate to Severe)
- e. Corazon C. Aquino Hospital (Referral Hospital for Mild to Moderate)
- f. Dr. Jose Rizal Memorial Hospital (Referral Hospital for Mild to Moderate)
- g. Provincial DOH Office
- h. Department of Education – City and Provincial Schools Division
- i. Department of Interior and Local Government – Provincial Office
- j. Bureau of Quarantine
- k. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
- l. Dapitan City Port Office
- m. Dipolog City Port Office
- n. Dipolog City Integrated Bus Terminal Office
- o. Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- p. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office

- q. Provincial Engineering Office
- r. Office of the Provincial Veterinarian
- s. Office of the Provincial Agriculturist
- t. Provincial Information Center
- u. Philippine Information Agency
- v. Philippine National Police – Provincial Police Office
- w. Armed Forces of the Philippines
- x. Bureau of Fire Protection
- y. Overseas Workers Welfare Association

SECTION 2. CHAIRPERSONS. - The Task Force shall be chaired by the Provincial Governor and Co-chaired by the Provincial Health Officer. The Provincial Vice Governor and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairman on Health Committee shall serve as Vice-Chairpersons.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. - The Provincial Governor, through the PIATF-MERID, shall perform the following functions;

A. General Mandate:

1. Establish accessible communication lines so that reliable and timely information are received and disseminated to appropriate offices or persons responsible;
2. Coordinate Inter-Agency management efforts;
3. Coordinate and implement responses to crisis in an integrated manner;
4. Ensure that the perspective of government agencies and other stakeholders are integrated into the overall government response;
5. Provide and mobilize available resources through an established inter-agency resource sharing protocol; and
6. Ensure that operational demands during crisis are met and all actions are coordinated and complemented.

B. Other Roles and Functions as specified in DILG MO No. 2020-018;

1. All Local Chief Executives shall assume and perform roles as;

1.1. Anti-Coronavirus Information Manager:

1.1.a. Consult Local Health Offices on the guidelines and protocol relative to the safety measures, prevention and control of the Coronavirus in their respective localities;

1.1.b. Disseminate information materials i.e. flyers, brochures, posters, billboards against Coronavirus;

1.1.c. Tap the local media in communication what Coronavirus is, what Coronavirus is not, and the measures to prevent Coronavirus;

1.1.d. Conduct public dialogues with health authorities, police authorities, business community, civil society and the general public on Coronavirus prevention and control; and

1.1.e. Dispel rumors and calm down the people when hysteria and panic grip the community due to false and misleading information about Coronavirus.

1.2. Local Crisis Manager:

1.2.a. Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to help manage Coronavirus and their contacts;

1.2.b. Provide, when necessary, protective gadgets such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves, etc. to each member of the BHERTs and other local health personnel;

1.2.c. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the referral and transport of a Coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;

1.2.d. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the establishment of check points, as need arises;

1.2.e. In coordination with health and police authorities, see the protection from necessary harm of a coronavirus suspect, the next of kin and contact(s); and

1.2.f. As Head of the Local Price Coordinating Council, monitor prices of medicines and preventive gadgets and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

1.3. Environmental Health Manager:

1.3.a. Ensure that garbage is properly disposed;

1.3.b. Ensure that public places and areas such as offices, malls, theaters, enclosed recreational areas, restaurants, public markets, schools, churches, public toilets, etc. are disinfected and maintained of their cleanliness;

1.3.c. Esteros and canals are cleaned regularly; and

1.3.d. An ordinance on Health, Sanitation and Cleanliness is enacted and/or enforced.

1.4. On Containments and Control

1.4.a. Receive copy of record directly from the Bureau of Immigration record and other sources on persons arriving in the province from a coronavirus-affected country and sent it immediately to the Punong Barangay for monitoring and surveillance. In the absence of such record, generate information on arrivals from a corona-virus affected country through the Punong Barangays, City or Municipal Barangay Health Workers or through other sources, e.g. Barangay Intelligence Network;

1.4.b. Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment and control of coronavirus;

1.4.c. Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;

1.4.d. Through the Provincial Health Office, direct City or Municipal Health Office to supervise the BHERTs and submit report(s) to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit on the outcome of home confinement;

1.4.e. Refer and transport a coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;

1.4.f. Order the Philippine National Police and the Punong Barangay to effect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from a coronavirus affected country who violate home confinement to complete the 14-day prescribed period, in case the Punong Barangay or the BHERT fails to impose the 14-day home confinement; and

1.4.g. Extend appropriate assistance and support those in home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

1.5. On Prevention:

1.5.a. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, train City or Municipal Health Workers especially hospital or rural health personnel in handling and managing coronavirus suspects;

1.5.b. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers, members of the BHERTs and Barangay Tanods on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;

1.5.c. In coordination with the DOH, DILG-PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers, members of the BHERTs and Barangay Tanods in enforcing the 14-day home confinement procedures for persons arriving from coronavirus-affected country;

1.5.d. Conduct a province-wide information campaign on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;

1.5.e. Coordinate with the Punong Barangays in the conduct of a province-wide clean-up campaign; and

1.5.f. Monitor prices of medicines and coronavirus preventive gadgets, and charges against hoarding or overpricing.

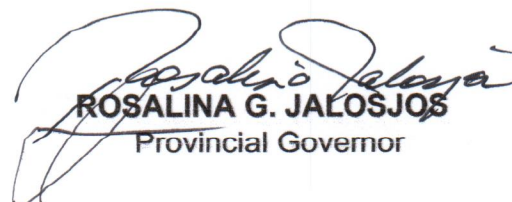
SECTION 4. MEETINGS. - The Task Force shall meet regularly on the date agreed upon by the majority of the members on the initial meeting. The Chairperson shall convene such special meetings as maybe necessary. In case of absence of the regular member, the particular agency shall send its representative.

SECTION 5. QUORUM. - A majority of the members of the PIATF-MERID shall be present before a quorum can be declared. Without this required quorum, no official business may proceed and no voting, among others, can be had.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All orders, issuances and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, cancelled and/or revoked.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 4th day of July 2022 at Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.


ROSALINA G. JALOSJOS
Provincial Governor