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“AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.”

WHEREAS, with the increasing threats about public health being reported around the country, it is necessary that the Provincial Government should be proactive in disease surveillance to make the right decisions. In the Philippines, at an average, 500,000 people die every year, where 80% of these deaths is caused by diseases;

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, Administrative Order No. 2005-0023 (Implementing Guidelines for Fourmula One for Health as Framework for Health Reforms), Section C2.c.iii, states that, “Disease surveillance shall be intensified to ensure that the targets for disease elimination, prevention and control are attained”;

WHEREAS, disease surveillance is recognized as the cornerstone of public health decision-making and practice. Surveillance data provide information which can be used for priority setting, policy decisions, planning, implementation, resource mobilization and allocation, prediction and early detection of epidemics in the province;

WHEREAS, the surveillance system generates data that is helpful to the Public Health Officials in understanding the existing and emerging infectious and non-infectious diseases. Without these quality data, interventions may become misguided and wasteful. With the functional surveillance and proper understanding of health problem it will not be difficult to ameliorate the health issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROSALINA G. JALOSJOS, Governor of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the establishment of Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte with its composition, duties and responsibilities which are specifically defined:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. – The Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) shall be composed of the following ZNMC and PHO Staff in addition to their present functions;

Team Leader : **DR. OSWALDO J. LAMDAG**
Acting Chief of Hospital, ZNMC

Members : **MR. ROMMEL C. JAMOLOD**
Nurse III / EOC
Disease Surveillance Officer

MS. MA. ABIGAIL B. KHIO
Medical Technologist II

Members : **MR. RALPH ROLOG**
Sanitation Inspector I

MR. RALPH VINCENT A. ANG
HEPO II
Encoder/Data Bank

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. – The Provincial Epidemiology Surveillance Unit under the direct supervision of the Provincial Health Officer shall perform the following functions;

2.1. Set up and maintain a functional provincial disease surveillance system equipped with the necessary resources and adequate local financial support. Financial support may come from the disaster, calamity or other appropriate funding sources as determined by the Provincial Governor;

2.2. Collect, organize, analyze and interpret surveillance data in their respective areas;

2.3. Report all available essential information (e.g., clinical description, laboratory results, numbers of human cases and deaths, sources and type of risk) immediately to the next higher level;

2.4. Assess reported epidemics immediately and report all essential information to Center for Health Development and DOH central office;

2.5. Provide on-site assistance (e.g., technical, logistics, and laboratory analysis of samples) as requested to supplement local epidemic investigations and control;

2.6. Facilitate submission of weekly notifiable disease surveillance reports from public and private hospitals; and

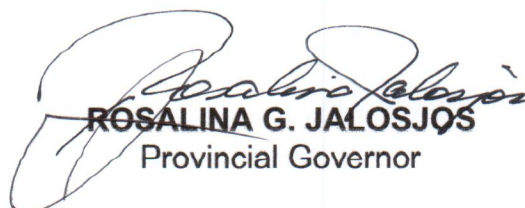
2.7. Establish, operate and maintain a Provincial Epidemic Preparedness and Response Plan, including the creation of multidisciplinary/multi-sectoral teams to respond to events that may constitute a public health emergency of local and international concern.

SECTION 3. OFFICE. – The Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) shall hold office at designated area in the Provincial Health Office.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE.– All orders, issuances and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, cancelled and/or revoked.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 1st day of July 2022 at Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.


ROSALINA G. JALOSJOS
Provincial Governor