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## **GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BARANGAY AT PULISYA LABAN SA KRIMEN (BPLK)**

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### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

In support to the national government's effort to maintain peace and order, the Department initiates a program to combat criminality to promote public safety by strengthening local government's capability towards effective delivery of basic services to the citizenry. This ensures that the Barangay's duties and functions to suppress and prevent criminality under the Local Government Code of 1991 are fulfilled. And that, to further ensure that said fulfillment is consistent with Philippine Development Plan 2017- 2022, the Barangay at Pulisya Laban Sa Krimen (BPLK) Program is therefore established.

The program intends to contribute to the attainment of security and public order as envisioned under chapter 18 of PDP 2017-2022, as foundations for ensured peace and order in the community and suppressed security risk to the citizens.

### **2.0 PURPOSE**

The policy aims to provide guidelines in the implementation of Barangay at Pulisya Laban sa Krimen (BPLK) as a vehicle to prevent and thwart criminality that will involve not only the barangays and the police but also with the participation of business sectors, non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), and all other relevant sectors of the society in establishing peaceful communities.

### **3.0 SCOPE/COVERAGE**

This policy covers all provincial governors, city/municipal mayors, punong barangays, DILG regional and field officers, DILG ARMM regional secretary, PNP regional and field officers, and other relevant sectors of the society such as the youth, senior citizens, professionals, government agencies, NGOs, CSOs, and FBOs.

## **4.0 POLICY CONTENT AND GUIDELINES**

### **4.1 Program Description**

The Barangay at Pulisya Laban sa Krimen (BPLK) is a crime prevention program that aims to promote safe, peaceful, and orderly communities which involves the efforts of citizens in partnership with the local enforcement entities such as the police, the punong barangay, and the barangay tanod.

It is designed to increase awareness on the importance of collaboration among various stakeholders in the community through the organization of a **Neighborhood Watch**, the main implementing strategy of the BPLK program, and serves as the auxiliary team of the Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC).

Through the Neighborhood Watch, citizens remain alert for suspicious activities and report such to the appropriate authorities like the barangay officials and the police. In this way, collaboration and partnership as one of the means in addressing the problem of criminality is strengthened.

### **4.2 Program Components**

- **Partnership building**  
Sustain the effort of the program by seeking and mobilizing support from various stakeholders. To work and collaborate efficiently through this, the barangay creates an enabling environment for these participating stakeholders.
- **Community Organizing**  
In order to ensure the effective implementation of BPLK, community organizing is one of the strategies wherein volunteers in the community are encouraged to be members of the Neighborhood Watch.
- **Capacity Enhancement**  
This is one of the key elements for the overall effectiveness of the program. It aims to enhance the capacity of the volunteers to formulate plans, execute strategies and evaluate outcomes through access to knowledge, draw from multiple sources including, but not limited to, government agencies, and most importantly adapt them to local peace and order conditions and to tap opportunities offered by new and emerging approaches in community-led crime prevention.
- **Information and Advocacy Campaign**  
This is an intervention to raise the awareness of the community on the organized Neighborhood Watch group together with their roles and responsibilities in maintaining peace and order in the community and to value their participation in crime prevention.

### **4.3 Program Implementation**

#### **a. Organization of Neighborhood Watch**

- The BPOC shall identify and convene relevant partners, stakeholders or organizations in the barangay such as the People's Organizations

- (POs), Faith-based Organizations (FBOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Business Sector and volunteer groups to be members of the Neighborhood Watch.
- The Punong Barangay shall then issue an Executive Order organizing the Neighborhood Watch.
  - The Punong Barangay shall conduct orientation on Neighborhood Watch and designate Neighborhood Watch leader per area/cluster in the barangay.

**Functions of the Neighborhood Watch**

- Build rapport between the barangay, police and the community;
- Report untoward incidents to proper authorities;
- Conduct regular visitation in their area of jurisdiction within the barangay;
- Conduct planning sessions, regular meetings and attend relevant orientations and trainings; and
- Conduct anti-criminality advocacy campaign in their area of jurisdiction.

**Responsibilities of a Neighborhood Watch member**

- Assist with educational and social neighborhood meetings;
- Attend organizational meetings;
- Pass important information to Neighborhood Watch area/cluster leader;
- Have a heightened awareness for neighbors' welfare and be more than willing to report suspicious activity to the barangay or to the police; and
- Conduct regular visitation together with the barangay tanods and other citizen volunteers in the area of jurisdiction within the barangay.

**b. Orientation on the BPLK Program**

The DILG C/MLGOO, in partnership with the city/municipal PNP, shall conduct the orientation on the BPLK Program to the organized Neighborhood Watch using the manual "Preventing Criminality: Barangay at Pulisya Laban sa Krimen."

**c. Distribution of IEC materials**

IEC materials developed by the DILG central office shall be distributed by the Neighborhood Watch.

**5.0 INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**DILG LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR**

**5.1 DILG CENTRAL OFFICE**

The Office of the Undersecretary for Barangay Affairs with the assistance of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Barangay Affairs shall:

- Oversee the implementation of the program; and
- Issue appropriate policies and guidelines;

The National Barangay Operations Office shall:

- Develop a policy for the implementation of the program.
- Ensure the timely implementation of deliverables;
- Monitor the implementation of the program; and
- Maintain and update the consolidated number of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch.

## 5.2 DILG REGIONAL OFFICE

- Orchestrate the implementation of the activities at the regional level;
- Mobilize and ensure the broad participation of partners to the program;
- Consolidate and submit to the National Barangay Operations Office the number of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch using **BPLK Regional Form 4**; and
- Provide necessary support to the concerned DILG Field Offices to ensure that they perform their respective roles, duties, and functions.

## 5.3 DILG PROVINCIAL OFFICE

- Oversee the provincial implementation of the activities;
- Coordinate with the regional office in setting the targets and delivery of results;
- Coordinate closely and ensure the participation of their counterparts from the members of the DILG attached agencies involved in program implementation;
- Ensure smooth and orderly conduct of the roll-out trainings; and
- Consolidate and submit to the DILG Regional Office the number of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch using **BPLK Provincial Form 3**.

## 5.4 DILG CITY/MUNICIPAL OFFICE

- Serve as the over-all coordinator of the roll-out trainings within their areas of jurisdiction;
- Assist the concerned barangays with the requirements in the organization of their respective Neighborhood Watch;
- Maintain and update the **list** of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch;
- Submit to the DILG Provincial Office the consolidated **list** of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch using **BPLK City/Municipal Form 2**; and
- Maintain close coordination and mobilize active participation of stakeholders in the city/municipality.

## 5.5 DILG ATTACHED AGENCY – THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

- The Philippine National Police (PNP) representatives shall serve as resource persons on capacity development activities relative to BPLK and act as a co-implementer of the BPLK program.

## 5.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

### City/Municipality

#### Thru the Municipal Peace and Order Council

- Provide appropriate administrative and technical support to the barangays in the implementation of the BPLK program;
- Ensure organization of Neighborhood Watch in component barangays; and
- Monitor the compliance of barangay to anti-criminality measures and policies.

### Barangay

#### Thru the Barangay Peace and Order Committee

- Exercise overall supervision in the implementation of the BPLK program;
- Steer the planning and implementation of related undertakings to realize the targets set by the program;
- Regularly monitor the anti-criminality activities;
- Organize the Neighborhood Watch and issue EO for the purpose using the attached template; and
- Submit to the DILG C/M Office the list of members of the organized Neighborhood Watch using **BPLK Barangay Form 1**.

## 6.0 REPORTING

Citizens may report any concern regarding criminality and other threats to peace and security using their preferred modality:

- a. National Emergency Hotline 911
- b. Local Hotline
- c. A dedicated cellphone number intended to receive SMS which shall be handled by a BPOC member, if applicable.

When reporting, the concerned citizen should have captured enough information and take note of the **4Ws and 1H**:

**WHAT** – What happened?

**WHO** – Who is/are involved?

**WHERE** – Where did it happen?

**WHEN** – When did it happen?

**HOW** – How did it happen?

## 7.0 MONITORING AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

- The National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO) shall closely monitor the implementation of the program and shall maintain and update, whenever necessary, the consolidated list of barangays with organized Neighborhood Watch submitted by the DILG ROs.

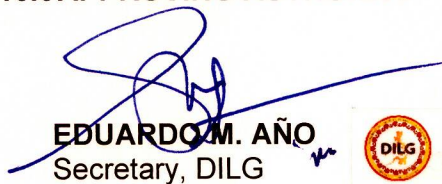
## 8.0 REFERENCES

- Local Government Code of 1991
- Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022
- Ugnayan ng Barangay at Simbahan (UBAS) Manual on Organizing and Monitoring
- Barangay Neighborhood Watch Group, Barangay Novaliches Proper, District V, Quezon City Barangay Neighborhood Watch Group (BaNnaWaG)
- MC 2008-101 re: Reorganization and Guidelines in Monitoring the Functionality of Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC)
- Dangerous Drugs Board Regulation No. 5 Series Of 2007 Subject: Institutionalizing The Barkada Kontra Droga Program

## 9.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect upon its approval.

## 10.0 APPROVING AUTHORITY

  
**EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
Secretary, DILG



## 11.0 FEEDBACK

For related inquiries and clarifications, kindly contact the National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO) at telephone number (02) 925-03-28 or (02) 876-34-54 loc. 4403, or email address [dilg.nationaladvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:dilg.nationaladvocacy@gmail.com)

**BPLK Barangay Form 1**

**ORGANIZATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

As of \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Barangay \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Affiliated Organization (People's Organization, Faith-Based Organization, Civil Society Organizations, etc., if applicable)</b>
Leader:	
Members:	

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Punong Barangay

**Attachment: Executive Order**

**CONSOLIDATED LIST OF BARANGAYS WITH  
ORGANIZED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

As of \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Barangays: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Barangays with Organized Neighborhood Watch: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of Barangay</b>	<b>Number of Neighborhood Watch organized</b>	<b>EO Number and Date Issued</b>
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Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Director/C/MLGOO



**BPLK Provincial Form 3**

**CONSOLIDATED NUMBER OF BARANGAYS WITH  
ORGANIZED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

As of \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of City/Municipality</b>	<b>Total Number of Barangays</b>	<b>Total Number of Barangays with Organized Neighborhood Watch</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
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Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Provincial Director

**BPLK Regional Form 4**

**CONSOLIDATED NUMBER OF BARANGAYS WITH  
ORGANIZED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

As of \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name of Province</b>	<b>Total Number of Cities/ Municipalities</b>	<b>Total Number of Barangays</b>	<b>Total Number of Barangays with Organized Neighborhood Watch</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
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Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Director

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ORGANIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**WHEREAS**, threat to peace and order posed by criminality, illegal drugs, insurgency and subversion requires the dedicated efforts of all government officials and citizens;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Executive Order No. 366 Series of 1996, signed by former President Fidel V. Ramos, provides that every barangay shall organize a Peace and Order Committee to serve as implementing arm of the City/Municipal Peace and Order Council at the Barangay level which shall include at least three (3) members of existing Barangay-Based Anti-Crime or Neighborhood Watch Groups or an NGO Representative well-known in his community;

**WHEREAS**, government efforts at peace and order need to be fully coordinated to effectively prevent and suppress criminality and to maintain public order and safety in the community;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to organize a Neighborhood Watch Group to help the barangay in addressing the peace and order concern in the locality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I \_\_\_\_\_, Punong Barangay of Barangay \_\_\_\_\_, City/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order and direct the following:

**SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** - There shall be in Barangay \_\_\_\_\_ a Neighborhood Watch composed of the following:

1. *(Name of NGO/CSO/PO/FBO)* represented by *(Name)*
2. *(Name of NGO/CSO/PO/FBO)* represented by *(Name)*
3. *(Name of NGO/CSO/PO/FBO)* represented by *(Name)*
4. *(Name of Business Sector representative)*
5. *(Name of other volunteer groups)* represented by *(Name)*

**SECTION 2. ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** - The Neighborhood Watch shall serve as an auxiliary team to the Barangay Peace and Order Council. As such, they shall have the following roles and functions:

- a. Build rapport between the barangay, police and the community;
- b. Conduct regular visitation in the area of jurisdiction within the barangay;
- c. Report untoward incidents to proper authorities;
- d. Conduct anti-criminality advocacy campaign in the area of jurisdiction; and
- e. Conduct planning sessions, regular meetings and attend relevant orientations and trainings.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_ in Barangay \_\_\_\_\_, City/Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_, Philippines.