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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO: 2019-100

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL/ PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, DILG-BARMM MINISTER, C/MLGOOS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF LOCAL POPULATION OFFICERS AND MOBILIZATION OF COMMUNITY OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, AND WORKERS TO INTENSIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM ON POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING (NPPFP)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has repeatedly declared as a national policy and priority strategy the intensified implementation of National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP).
- 1.2. For this purpose, he strategically and explicitly included the full implementation of Republic Act No. 10354 or the "Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act" as one of his socio-economic agenda.
- 1.3. The Philippine Development Plan (PDP) for 2017-2022 has likewise included the achievement of demographic dividend as a key strategy in harnessing the country's growth potential.
- 1.4. Furthermore, President Duterte issued Executive Order No. 12 entitled "Attaining and Sustaining 'Zero Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning' Through the Strict Implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act, Providing Funds Therefor, and for other Purposes in January of 2017. The Order mandates the Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other relevant agencies, including local government units (LGUs), to attain and sustain zero unmet need for modern family planning.
- 1.5. During the 35th Cabinet Meeting (March 4, 2019), President Duterte and the members of the Cabinet further reiterated such priority program by approving and

- 1.6. mandating relevant agencies in the aggressive and intensified implementation of the NPPFP.
- 1.7. The implementation of this priority strategy entails the mobilization and full participation of LGUs particularly in the delivery of the full range of family planning information and services especially among the marginalized and underserved population.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this circular is to provide guidelines in the implementation of key strategies at the local level towards the intensified implementation of the NPPFP through the designation of Local Population Officers or Coordinators.

3.0 LEGAL BASES

- A. The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines (Article II, Sections 12, 15, and 16; Article XIII, Section 14; Article XVIII);
- B. Republic Act No. 10354 (December 12, 2012), "Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act", and Section 5.26 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- C. Republic Act No. 7160 (October 10, 1991), "Local Government Code of 1991";
- D. Presidential Decree No. 79 (December 8, 1972), "Revised Population Act of the Philippines";
- E. Executive Order No. 12, series of 2017, "Attaining and Sustaining 'Zero Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning' through the Strict Implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes";
- F. Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and *AmBisyon Natin 2040*;
- G. NEDA, DOH, and POPCOM Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-01, "Policy Guidelines for the Intensified Implementation of the National Program on Family Planning";
- H. DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2017-85, "Guidelines on the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 2017-0005 entitled 'Achieving Desired Family Size through Accelerated and Sustained Reduction in Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning Methods'";
- I. DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-145, "Reiteration of Local Government Units' Role and Functions in the Implementation of RA 10354 entitled 'Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012' and its Implementing Rules and Regulations";
- J. DOH Administrative Order No. 2017-0005, "Guidelines in Achieving Desired Family Size through Accelerated and Sustained Reduction in Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning Methods";
- K. DOH Administrative Order No. 2012-0042, "Guidelines on the Implementation of Mobile Outreach Services for Family Planning";
- L. DOH Administrative Order No. 2012-0009, "National Strategy Toward Reducing Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning as a Means to Achieving Millennium Development Goals on Maternal Health";

- M. DOH Administrative Order No. 50-A, series of 2001, "National Family Planning Policy";
- N. POPCOM Implementing Guidelines No. GL-OED-18-01, series of 2018, "Reaching Out to Marginalized and Underserved Couples and Individuals for the Provision of Family Planning Information and Services Through Partnership with Civil Society organizations (CSO) and the Private Sector"; and
- O. POPCOM Implementing Guidelines No. 1, series of 2016, "Guidelines in Attaining and Sustaining Zero Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning Using Various Strategies, Including Use of POPCOM Online Database System for Monitoring Status of Unmet Need", including its supplemental guidelines.

4.0 COVERAGE

This Memorandum Circular covers all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional/Provincial/City Directors, DILG-BARMM Minister, C/MLGOOs, and others concerned.

5.0 POLICY CONTENT AND GUIDELINES

To support the intensified implementation of the NPPFP at the local level, all LGUs are hereby enjoined to undertake the following key strategies and activities:

5.1 Appointment or Designation of a Local Population Officer or Coordinator.

- 5.1.1 For provinces, cities, and municipalities with existing Local Population Office, ensure the appointment and mobilization of the Local Population Officer or Coordinator according to the local plantilla structure.
- 5.1.2 For provinces, cities, and municipalities without existing Local Population Office, designate or assign a Local Population Officer or Coordinator from among local officers with a regular plantilla item and supervisory function. The **Local Population Officer or Coordinator** shall primarily serve as the **focal person or action officer** for the implementation of strategies related to the program on population and family planning at the local level.

5.2 Specific Roles and Functions. The appointed or designated Local Population Officer or Coordinator shall perform the following roles and functions:

- 5.2.1 Coordinate with local departments or offices including the barangays (for cities and municipalities) the planning and conduct of critical strategies for the full implementation of the program on population and family planning which is community/barangay based within the locality;
- 5.2.2 Mobilize community workers to map and locate couples and individuals with unmet need for modern family planning methods;

- 5.2.3 Conduct intensive community-based demand generation and referral activities, and ensure provision of quality modern Family Planning information and services guided by the principle of informed choice and voluntarism;
- 5.2.4 Engage, collaborate, and partner with relevant government agencies such as DOH and POPCOM, CSOs, and other private sector in attaining and sustaining unmet need for modern family planning methods;
- 5.2.5 Generate and mobilize necessary resources for the implementation of the program within the locality; and
- 5.2.6 Sustain continuing training and capacity-building activities to be designed and supported by the national program under Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-01, series of 2018, of DOH-NEDA-POPCOM, recruitment and deployment of Barangay Service Point Officers (BSPO) and other community-based population volunteers and continually support them through logistics provision and monetary and/or non-monetary incentives as appropriate and allowable.

5.3 Mobilization of Barangay Officials and Community Workers.

All Provinces, Cities, and Municipalities are likewise enjoined to tap, capacitate, and mobilize barangay officials and their community volunteers and workers such as the BSPO, Barangay Population Volunteers (BPV), Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS), parent leaders, and other community-based workers in the promotion and advocacy for the national program on population and family planning particularly at the community level.

6.0 POLICY COMPLIANCE MONITORING

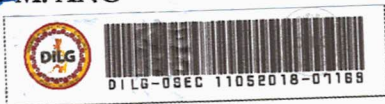
All Regional Offices are mandated to monitor LGUs' compliance to this Memorandum Circular and submit report to the Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD) of this Department.

7.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

8.0 APPROVING AUTHORITY


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9.0 FEEDBACK

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