



Executive Order No. 31
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AN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZING COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND MOBILIZATION STRATEGIES IN COMBATTING COVID-19 AND OTHER EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ERID) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “NO LOSSES IN DISEASES (NLD): KABARANGAY KONTRA COVID-19” IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 112 imposing an enhanced community quarantine in high-risk areas and a general community quarantine in other parts of the country and adopting the omnibus guidelines of the national task force on COVID 19;

WHEREAS, Recognizing the role of the barangays in the fight against COVID-19, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has instructed the Department of the Interior and Local Government to see to it that the barangays are following government-mandated health guidelines through series of memoranda;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-023 entitled “Amended Guide to Action Against the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease” recognizes the lead role of local government units (LGUs) in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for, and containment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak at the local level;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-064 entitled “Provincial/City/Municipal Special Care Facilities and Isolation Units Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic”, directs all local chief executives (LCE) to identify government facilities that may be temporarily converted into isolation and quarantine facilities, and to immediately identify, designate and establish their respective COVID-19 special care facilities

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Provincial Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, I, **NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**, do hereby order:

Section 1. COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND MOBILIZATION STRATEGY. In order to provide timely and appropriate case management of COVID 19 suspects and contacts and to ultimately flatten the curve and if possible prevent local transmission, the finding, isolating, tracing and monitoring of COVID-19 cases and other emerging and re-emerging infectious disease shall now be at the community/barangay level. This flagship community integration and mobilization strategy shall be collectively known as “**NO LOSSES IN DISEASES (NLD): KABARANGAY KONTRA COVID-19**”. The over-all sustainable strategy in the long term fight of NLD: KABARANGAY KONTRA COVID 19 and other ERID shall be hinged upon community-mobilized active case finding, testing, isolation and monitoring, and a thoroughly coordinated referral system.

Section 2. NLD KABARANGAY KONTRA COVID 19 STRATEGIC PILLARS

To effectively carry out the NLD Kabarangay Kontra COVID 19 strategy, the strategic pillars shall be anchored on its structure, system, service capability building for manpower, and source of funding for barangay COVID-19 response.



2.1 Structure

Every Barangay shall set-up the following structure in their respective barangay with suggested composition hereto attached as Annex A. The Punong Barangay in his/her capacity as the over-all chairperson of the NLD Kabarangay Kontra Covid-19, may however revise the suggested composition as may be deemed warranted. The following COVID-19 response arms shall be put up:

- 2.1.1 Screening and Surveillance** – The Screening and Surveillance team shall be responsible for screening new entrants in the barangay specifically persons who are Returning Overseas Filipinos, Locally Stranded Individuals, and those who are with history of travel to areas of high local transmission and exposure to COVID suspects.
- 2.1.2 Monitoring and Reporting** – The monitoring and reporting team shall be responsible for monitoring cluster influenza-like illness (i.e. several households with flu-like symptoms in one purok or barangay), returning overseas Filipinos, arriving locally stranded individuals in their barangay. This shall be conducted by way of weekly scheduled visits in their respective puroks or whenever the situation so warrants.
- 2.1.3 Contact Tracing** – The contact tracing team shall be responsible for identifying the contacts of COVID positive and suspects and tracing their exposure history respectively.
- 2.1.4 Isolation** – The isolation team shall be responsible for isolating COVID 19 probable, suspects, and positives. They should also man and manage the barangay isolation units
- 2.1.5 Referral and Reporting** – The referral team shall be responsible for the safe and timely transport and referral of patients to and from referral units such as LGU Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities and/or hospitals. The Barangay Health Midwives, being the focal person of the referral team shall regularly report to the City/Municipal Health Office.
- 2.1.6 Decontamination** – The decontamination team shall be responsible for the disinfection and sanitation of barangay isolation units and they should also ascertain that the minimum infection prevention and control measures including waste disposal protocols are being carried out in their respective barangays.

2.2 Coordination and Support System

- 2.2.1 Referral System** - A thoroughly coordinated system shall be set up in the province of Davao Oriental following emerging and re-emerging infectious disease response. The barangay, being the smallest and strongest political unit shall be the prime mover in this response. The city/municipal LGU shall aid the barangay in terms of testing and referral while the province shall provide technical and capacity-building assistance to all



LGUs. All barangays through their Punong Barangay/ Barangay Health Station Midwives and/or other designated personnel shall be in close coordination with their C/MLGU in the implementation of this referral system.

2.2.2 Service Capability Building - The province, together with the provincial Department of Health Office along with other national line agencies, shall be the lead agency in providing capacity building activities for selected personalities under this NLD: Kabarangay Kontra COVID 19 initiative. The city/municipal LGU shall assist in the roll-out of training to their respective barangays.

2.2.3 Reporting System (Setting up of Barangay Hotline)- All barangay in the province of Davao Oriental shall set-up their own barangay COVID hotline. This hotline number shall be used to report COVID suspects, follow up contacts, process referrals, and transfers and shall be a tele-info desk for residents of the said barangay. The barangay hotline number shall be posted in barangay hall, public market, purok and other conspicuous places. All barangays are directed to submit a copy of their hotline number to their respective C/MLGU IMT and C/MHO, respectively.

2.3. HEALTH FACILITY

2.3.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY TREATMENT AND MONITORING FACILITY (TTMF) IN ALL LGUS OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

All Local Government Units in the Province of Davao Oriental shall have at least one **Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility per city/municipality**. The C/MLGU shall seek the accreditation of the Department of Health to ascertain that the TTMF are compliant to its standards. Testing of COVID 19 suspects, probable screened at the barangay level including those direct contacts should be done in the city/municipal level preferably in the TTMF.

2.3.2 Establishment of Barangay Isolation Units

All barangays should establish their respective barangay isolation units as mandated by the Department of Interior and Local Government. These BIUs shall be compliant to the minimum standards prescribed by the Department of Health.

SECTION 3. Source of Funding - The provincial together with the city/municipal LGU are encouraged to allocate funds for this community integration and mobilization response. This shall include but not limited to augmentation for BHWs, BHERTS, and the like, purchase of disinfectants, and other COVID 19 response needs.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Order shall be found unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.



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Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Previous issuances or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the 1ST day of July 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG".

NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG
Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19