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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56**  
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**AN ORDER CREATING THE SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER TEAM  
(SDECT) AND TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL DRUG  
EDUCATION CENTER FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 46 of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Drugs Act of 2002 provides that "With the assistance of the Board, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the National Youth Commission (NYC), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall establish in each of its provincial offices a Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and street children";

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the aforementioned provision, the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) promulgated Board Regulation No. 1, s. 2003, providing for the guidelines on the establishment and operationalization of the Special Drug Education Center (SDEC);

**WHEREAS**, DILG issued Memorandum Circular No. 2006-150 titled "Establishment and Operation of Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for out of school youth (OSY) and street children" dated November 07, 2006. The said circular provides the implementing policies on SDECs

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR**, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the Creation of the Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) and Temporary Designation of a Special Drug Education Center Facility for the Province of Davao Oriental with the following provisions, viz;

**SECTION 1. POLICY DIRECTION**

This policy sets forth the guidelines, processes, and tools for the implementation of Section 46 of RA No. 9165 as further elaborated, and supported by Section 46 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES**

This EO aims to protect children and young people through drug abuse prevention and education. SDEC being a community-based project aims to provide a place of learning and sharing of the ill-effects of drug abuse as well

serve as a place where they can feel free and safe and learn more about positive life-coping skills..

### **SECTION 3. SCOPE**

This policy shall cover the establishment, and operation of all SDECs controlled, and managed either directly, or indirectly thru partnerships, and tie-ups with any private entity including Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) or People's Organizations (POs), by Local Government Units.

### **SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – The following terms are defined:**

- A. For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply, unless otherwise stated:
- a. Street Children – below 18 years of age, young boys and girls found in urban areas who have adopted the streets as their habitual abode and/or source of livelihood; and
  - b. Out-of-School Youth (OSY) – 15 to 30 years old, not enrolled in any formal or vocation school, not formally employed, and not a tertiary level graduate

### **SECTION 5. CREATION OF THE SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER TEAM (SDECT)**

There shall be a Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) which shall ensure the proper implementation and dissemination of this Executive Order. The Committee shall be designated and composed of the following:

- a. **Team Leader:**
  - Provincial Social Welfare Development Officer (PSWDO);
- b. **Co-Team Leaders:**
  - Provincial SK Federation President,
  - Provincial ADAC Action Officer;
- c. **Members:**
  - Provincial Director, DILG Provincial Office,
  - Provincial Health Officer,
  - SDS, DepEd Division of Davao Oriental,
  - Area Manager, National Youth Commission,
  - Provincial Director, PNP – DOPPO,
  - President, DOBR Association (CSO).

*Note: As may be authorized by the Governor, the regular members of the committee may receive honoraria for the meetings attended.*

## f. Roles and Responsibilities of the SDEC Team

- a. Develop and implement programs services and drug abuse prevention among the OSY and street children and coordinate/integrate/utilize related activities/services of other agencies. Programs and activities may include the following components as provided for in the DDB Regulation No. 1, s. 2003. (i.e. Advocacy and Social Preparation; Technical Assistance and Capability Building for Implementers; Networking and Resource Generation; Data Banking and Documentation; Monitoring and Evaluation; Service Delivery; and Replication);
- b. Operate and manage the SDEC according to the established guidelines set by the DSWD;
- c. Provide the facilities with funds, personnel complement, supplies, materials, and equipment as may be deemed necessary in the management of the Center and implementation of drug abuse prevention activities;
- d. Identify target clientele and manage their cases;
- e. Ensure that the SDEC complies with the standards developed on the operation of the Center, as approved by the DDB;
- f. Prepare a three-year Work and Financial Plan reflecting the activities to be undertaken.
- g. Conduct Community Assemblies. Through these assemblies, the number of OSY and street children and their needs/problems could be identified. This activity and the data gathered shall be used as basis for preparing plans for the target group;
- h. Organize, and mobilize volunteers to assist in the implementation of a drug abuse prevention program.
- i. Conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of the SDEC following the standard set, including documentation of the operation of the SDEC in the implementation of drug abuse prevention program;
- j. Submit semi-annual and annual accomplishment reports as stipulated in the guidelines set by DSWD and DILG.
- k. Maintain files/records of the OSY and street children. These shall be used to monitor the progress of the child/youth and their families as a reference in providing the necessary services;
- l. Meet at least once a month or a quarter. Whenever necessary, special meetings shall be called. Proceedings of such meetings shall be properly documented; and

- m. The national agencies shall develop a handbook or manual of operations containing all essential information about the Center including policies, directives, operating guidelines, among other items, in consultation with the staff, volunteers, and concerned unit.

## **SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF A FACILITY AS A TEMPORARY SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER (SDEC)**

One of the facilities in the Balay Silangan Reformation Center located at Sitio Magay, Brgy. DMM, City of Mati, shall hereby designate as a temporary Special Drug Education Center with following management and operationalization;

- a. The temporary facility shall be utilized and may serve Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and street children of component cities, and municipalities within their area of jurisdiction;
- b. The temporary facility shall be managed and operated by the Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) headed by PSWDO in partnership with the PADAC Action Officer;
- c. It shall serve as a venue in the delivery of services/activities in the implementation of the drug abuse prevention programs for out-of-school youth and street children. The facility shall include vocational room, tutoring room, counseling room, library, conference room, comfort rooms, sleeping quarters, dining area, kitchen, and office space for the staff;
- d. The operationalization of the SDEC shall be guided by the following principles;
  - i. Child participation, in terms of involving the young people in program designing, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of activities to ensure that it is acceptable and relevant to them;
  - ii. Protection against abuse and exploitation; and
  - iii. Recognition of diverse characteristics and needs of children and youth.

**SECTION 7. FUNDING.** The sum which will be used and appropriated for the implementation of this Executive Order, chargeable against available funds under Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and/or PADAC Office under Section 51, Art. 6, of RA No. 9165, to wit;

*“Section 51. Local Government Units Assistance – Local Government Units shall appropriate a substantial portion of their respective annual budgets to assist in or enhance the enforcement of this Act giving priority to preventive or education programs and rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents.”*

**SECTION 8. 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.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the DEC 15 day of 2023 in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

  
**NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.**  
Provincial Governor