



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA
CITY OF MUNTINLUPA
Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 10
Series of 2023

**PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON
ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF
THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that *“(t)he State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being;”*

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, provides that *“(e)very local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;”*

WHEREAS, Section 106 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 provides that *“(e)ach local government unit shall have a comprehensive multi-sectoral development plan to be initiated by its development council and approved by its sanggunian. For this purpose, the development council at the provincial, city, municipal, or barangay level, shall assist the corresponding sanggunian in setting the direction of economic and social development, and coordinating development efforts within its territorial jurisdiction”;*

WHEREAS, Section 3b of Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, in its guiding principles, states that *“respect for protection and fulfillment of reproductive health and rights which seek to promote the rights and welfare of every person, particularly couples, adult individuals, women, and adolescents,”* shall be upheld;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 141, issued by the Office of the President of the Philippines, dated 25 June 2021, signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, directs for the *“adoption of, as a national priority, the implementation of measures to address the root causes of the rising number of teenage pregnancies and mobilizing government agencies for the purpose;”*

WHEREAS, the City of Muntinlupa recognizes that the Adolescent Health and Development Programs aims to improve the health of adolescents and to address the challenge of adolescent pregnancy and other adolescent health issues such as: (1) alcohol and substance abuse and other mental health problems; (2) injuries, conditions and death related to violence and risk for exploitation and abuse; (3) exposure to HIV/AIDS/STI; and (4) malnutrition as a consequence of poor service delivery and poor health-seeking behavior; (*Adolescent and Young Adult Health, 2022*)





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WHEREAS, the City of Muntinlupa has a total number of 773 adolescent pregnancies in 2022, 23 of which are 10 to 14 years old and 750 are 15 to 19 years old based on records in the health centers. Although the adolescent pregnancy in the Philippines has declined to 5.4 percent in 2022 per (*Philippine Statistics Authority, 2023*) report, data on pregnancy in the City of Muntinlupa among those aged 10 to 14 years are alarming;

WHEREAS, Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) as one of the key program strategies of the Philippine Population Development Program (PPDP), adopted by the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), is essential in aiming a reduced number of adolescent pregnancies and engagements in risky behaviors through promotion of positive values, creation of a supportive and enabling environment for adolescents to maximize their potentials, including responsible sexuality and effective life skills among young people;

WHEREAS, as a key strategy for Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP), the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) is providing technical assistance to local government units (LGUs) in reinforcing and harmonizing efforts of the concerned offices to develop responsive and efficient interventions among adolescents;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) on Adolescent Health and Development Program that comprises individuals of concerned offices with adolescent-related activities to ensure harmonized interventions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, City Mayor of Muntinlupa, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:

Section 1. Creation and Composition.

The Technical Working Group on Adolescent Health and Development Program (TWG-AHDP, *for brevity*) of the City of Muntinlupa is hereby created, and it shall be composed of the following individuals, with their respective designations, namely:

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| (a) | Rozzano Ruffino B. Biazon,
City Mayor | Chairperson; |
| (b) | Mildred P. Andaleon,
Muntinlupa Population Development Office | Co-Chairperson; |
| (c) | Juancho H. Bunyi, MD, MPH,
City Health Office | Member; |
| (d) | Geraldine O. Araullo MD,
City Health Office | Member; |
| (e) | Nicanor L. Echavez, MD,
City Health Office | Member; |





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| (f) | EnP. Alvin F. Veron,
City Planning and Development Office | Member; |
| (g) | Cynthia B. Viacrusis,
Youth Affairs and Sports Development Office | Member; |
| (h) | Reggie V. Salonga,
Gender and Development Office | Member; |
| (i) | Analyn A. Mercado, RSW,
Social Services Department | Member; |
| (j) | Adelfa R. de Guzman,
Saklolo at Gabay ng Ina at Pamilya | Member; |
| (k) | Carleen S. Sedilla, CESO V,
Schools Division Office, Muntinlupa | Member; |
| (l) | Sharon Sorolla, RN,
City Health Office | Member; |
| (m) | Mariel Eugene L. Luna,
Schools Division Office, Muntinlupa | Member; |
| (n) | Bishop Jaime B. Gustilo,
City Bible Church,
Private Sector Representative | Member. |

Membership in the TWG-AHDP, among public officials and officers, is a function of their respective offices. As such, the resignation, removal, termination, transfer, severe incapacity, grave illness, death, or any other similarly-situated circumstance of the member shall entitle the successor to assume membership without the need for the issuance of another order or instrument.

For those belonging to the private sector, they shall be bound by the same measure of fidelity and integrity, and in the event any of the circumstances above-mentioned happens, the successor shall be named by the City Mayor from a list of individuals, submitted for consideration, prepared by the rest of the members.

Section 2. Functions.

The TWG-AHDP shall perform the following functions, namely:

- (a) Develop and advocate evidence-based policies related to the reduction of adolescent pregnancy and improvement of adolescent health;
- (b) Lead the formulation and operationalization of a comprehensive and inter-sectoral AHDP Plan;
- (c) Ensure that the comprehensive AHDP Plan is funded by mobilizing external and internal resources from member agencies of the Committee;





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- (d) Provide support in strengthening the capacities of various service providers involved in AHDP through the conduct of training courses and other capacity-building activities;
- (e) Ensure institutionalization of linkages with local, national, and international population-serving organizations or institutions, especially those that advances the health and welfare of the adolescents;
- (f) Ensure gender responsiveness and social inclusiveness of adolescent health program;
- (g) Establish sustainable programs, projects, and activities related to adolescent health and development, with focus on:
 - (i) Health promotion and behavioral change;
 - (ii) Improved access to quality and adolescent-friendly health care services and information;
 - (iii) Enhanced skills of service providers, families, and adolescents to protect their health and development;
- (h) Establish program monitoring and evaluation system for the implementation of local AHDP;
- (i) Serve as repository of city's adolescent data and information;
- (j) Encourage the involvement and active participation of all governmental and non-governmental agencies;
- (k) Promote and support empowerment of and meaningful participation of adolescents in community development and nation building;
- (l) Broaden and strengthen service delivery capacity and multi-sectoral referral coordination;
- (m) Undertake the creation of adolescent Technical Working Groups (TWGs);
- (n) Undertake the inclusion of AHD services and referral mechanism in the City's Service Delivery Network (SDN) and Healthcare Provider Network (HCPN);
- (o) Endorse recommended policy actions to the Local Health Board and the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- (p) Promote and provide opportunities that support the general development of adolescent strengths and talents; and
- (q) Provide the POPCOM-NCR a copy of the accomplishment reports on Adolescent Health and Development Program for reporting purposes.

Section 3. Secretariat.

The Secretariat shall be led by Ms. Merry Claire S. San Juan. The Secretariat shall be responsible for providing technical and logistical support, documentation of proceedings, preparation of reports and such other assistance. Additionally, the Secretariat may draw on the CPDO staff members, who have been made members of the TWG-AHDP, for assistance.





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Section 4. Meetings.

The TWG-AHDP shall have regular meetings at least once every quarter. As the need arises, a special meeting may be called for.

Section 5. Repealing Clause.

All previously issued orders or similar directives that run counter to any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

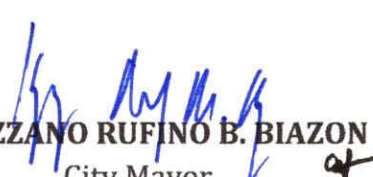
Section 6. Separability Clause.

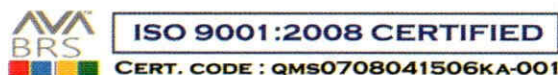
In the event any provision found herein shall be judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm, untouched provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall be immediately effective upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 7th day of March 2023 in the City of Muntinlupa.


ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON
City Mayor



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