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Section 12. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately until withdrawn or extended by another issuance.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this __day of May 2020.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO Governor



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Section 6. DUTY TO PROVIDE FOOD AND TO ENSURE THAT THE DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS WILL COMPLETE THE 14-DAY QUARANTINE IN THEIR FACILITY.

It shall be the duty of the barangay or municipality where the concerned displaced workers and Kababayans are residing, to provide food for them, while they are inside the quarantine facility during the 14-day mandatory quarantine. They shall also ensure that these displaced workers and Kababayans will undergo and complete the 14-day mandatory quarantine in its barangay or municipal quarantine facility.

Section 7. MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LGUS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBER OF THEIR RETURNING KABABAYANS BASED ON THE CAPACITY OF THEIR QUARANTINE FACILITIES.

To avoid and prevent over-crowding of barangay or municipal quarantine facilities, the barangay and municipal LGUs shall accommodate a certain number of their returning Kababayans based on the capacity of their respective quarantine facilities. This is to maintain proper physical distancing among persons inside the quarantine facility.

The concerned Municipal or Barangay LGUs shall properly coordinate with the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro if and when their respective quarantine facilities for the displaced workers and Kababayans have already reached their maximum capacity.

Section 8. ASSISTANCE OF PNP, ARMY AND BARANGAY POLICE.

In order to ensure the security and safety of the displaced workers and Kababayans while they are inside the barangay or municipal quarantine facilities, appropriate assistance from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Army and the Barangay Police in manning the perimeter of the quarantine facility is hereby enjoined.

Section 9. DURATION OF THE "BALIK KABABAYAN" PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE.

The "Balik Kababayan" Program of the province shall be for a period of seven (7) days from the date of its commencement which shall be publicly announced through the different forms of mass media including the social media platform, prior to and during its commencement.

Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.



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h.) Upon arrival at the entry points of the province, the displaced workers and Kababayans shall be subjected to health screening. If upon screening, they have a body temperature below 37.6 and do not show any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 infection, they shall be allowed to leave the entry point provided that they are escorted and transported by the Municipal LGU of their residence and endorsed to the concerned MHO in the identified quarantine facility, where they shall undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

However, if the displaced workers and Kababayans have undergone either RT-PCR test or Rapid Anti-body Diagnostic test and the result is negative in RT-PCR test, and the Rapid Anti-body testing yielded the presence of IgG anti-bodies, these persons shall be allowed to leave the entry point after health screening. They shall be transported by the concerned Municipal LGU to their residence for the mandatory 14-day home quarantine. Such home quarantine shall be subject to regular monitoring by the concerned MHO with the assistance of its staff and/or BHERT members.

i.) If upon screening, they have a body temperature of 37.6 and above or showed any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 infection, they shall be brought by the concerned MHO personnel to either Occidental Mindoro Provincial Hospital, San Jose District Hospital, San Sebastian District Hospital or Lubang District Hospital, as the case may be, for medical examination and COVID-19 testing, if applicable.

If the symptom is only mild upon medical assessment, they shall be brought to a PUI quarantine facility provided by the Municipality of his residence. Coordinated efforts must be made to facilitate the transfer of such person to the PUI quarantine facility. On the other hand, if the symptom is severe, the patient must be coordinated by the concerned MHO to the nearest Hospital Chief for his/her confinement and treatment.

Transportation of these persons shall be shouldered by the concerned municipality.

Section 4. PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR TO ISSUE PERMIT TO TRAVEL FOR THE RETURNING DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS.

The Provincial Governor shall issue a Permit to Travel for the qualified displaced workers and Kababayans after due evaluation and assessment of the documents submitted.

Section 5. DUTY OF THE BARANGAY AND MUNICIPAL LGUS TO ESTABLISH A QUARANTINE FACILITY WITHIN THEIR LOCALITY FOR THE DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS.

It shall be the duty of the barangay and Municipal LGUs to establish a quarantine facility within their localities to accommodate displaced workers and "Kababayans" who are residents of their barangay or municipality. Regular monitoring and supervision of the persons inside the quarantine facilities should be done by the concerned Municipal Health Officer with the assistance of MHO staff and/or BHERT members.



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province. He shall provide the applicants an application form to be filled up by the latter for submission to the Provincial Government;

- c.) The Provincial Focal Person shall forward to the concerned Focal Person of the Municipal LGU the list of persons who applied and signified their intention to return to the province. On the other hand, the concerned Municipal LGUs shall verify from the concerned barangays whether the persons mentioned in the listing are residents of their barangay. If the persons included in the list are indeed residents of that particular barangay, the concerned Barangay Captain shall issue a Certification stating that these persons are residents of his/her barangay prior to their departure for Metro Manila or other provinces. The barangay captain who issued the said certification shall be sworn to before the concerned Municipal Mayor for the veracity and authenticity of said certification. Said Barangay Captain shall also certify on the availability of slots in its quarantine facility that can accommodate the number of persons included in the list. If the concerned barangay has no available slot in its quarantine facility, the concerned Municipal LGU, through its Municipal Mayor, shall certify as to the availability of slots in its municipal quarantine facility. Thereafter, the concerned Focal Person of the Municipal LGU shall endorse to the Provincial Focal Person the barangay certification and other necessary documents;
- d.) In the absence of a certification from the concerned barangay or Municipal LGU that there is an available slot in its quarantine facility for their returning "Kababayans", the application of a person or group of persons will not be approved by the Provincial Focal Person.
- e.) The Provincial Focal Person, after due evaluation and assessment of the documents submitted to him by the Municipal LGUs, shall approve the application of the qualified displaced workers and Kababayans. He shall submit lists of persons whose application he has approved together with the necessary documents to the Provincial Governor for the latter's due evaluation and assessment. Thereafter, the Provincial Governor shall issue a travel permit for those persons who are qualified to return to the province.
- f.) The Provincial Focal Person shall then make the necessary arrangements for the return of those who qualified on a first come-first serve basis. He shall also arrange the manner by which these persons will be fetched from a designated place and time agreed upon.
- g.) A Government owned or rented vehicle shall fetch, by batches, the qualified displaced workers and Kababayans in a designated place on such date and time agreed upon. Health screening, social distancing, wearing of face masks and other health protocols shall be strictly observed while inside the vehicle. The said vehicle shall convey the displaced workers and "Kababayans" to the Ports of Batangas, Calatagan or Nasugbu, as the case may be. For those Kababayans stranded in the different Municipalities in Oriental Mindoro, arrangement may be made by the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro with the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro on how these persons will be conveyed at least to the border of the two provinces in Bulalacao and Nicolas, Magsaysay;



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For purposes of this section, "Kababayans" may include discharged patients, stranded students, and residents who are caught in a lockdown in Metro Manila and other provinces while applying for jobs or vacationing. Provided that these persons are bona fide residents of Occidental Mindoro.

For purposes of this Executive Order, the above-mentioned "Kababayans" are allowed entry to the province except those persons whose area of residence is presently under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).

Section 2. DOCUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED BY DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS FOR THEIR ENTRY TO THE PROVINCE.

The following documents shall be presented by returning displaced workers and Kababayans for them to be allowed entry to the province:

- a.) Health Certificate issued by the City or Municipal Health Officer of the City or Municipality of his/her residence prior to his/her return to Occidental Mindoro, stating that he/she has no signs and symptoms of COVID-19 infection and that he/she is fit and safe to travel. Said Health Certificate is valid only for a period of 3 days from the issuance thereof. In cases where the returning residents have undergone COVID-19 testing such as RT-PCR test or Rapid Anti-Body Diagnostic test, a negative result for the RT-PCR test and a result showing the presence of IgG antibodies for Rapid Diagnostic test, would suffice;
- b.) Any proof that the returning displaced worker and Kababayan is a bona fide resident of Occidental Mindoro prior to his/her departure for Metro Manila or other cities and provinces, such as, any of the following:
 - 1.) Government or company issued ID indicating that his/her residence is in Occidental Mindoro, or
 - 2.) Barangay Certification issued by the Barangay Captain stating that he/she is a bona fide resident of his/her barangay. Such certification shall be under oath before the concerned Municipal Mayor. For practicality and convenience, said Certification may be for a group of persons included in the lists of returning residents.

Section 3. GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS ON RETURNING DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS.

- a.) Returning displaced workers and Kababayans are considered as Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and shall be subject to the guidelines and protocols mentioned herein;
- b.) The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, through its Provincial Focal Person For the Returning Kababayans (PPDC), shall identify the names, contact numbers and location of our displaced workers and Kababayans who intend to return to this



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"GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS ON DISPLACED WORKERS AND KABABAYANS RETURNING TO THEIR HOME PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, ALSO KNOWN AS BALIK-KABABAYAN PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides, in part, that "Every 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, as a result of Enhanced Community Quarantine imposed in the entire Luzon starting March 16, 2020, many business establishments and companies were forced to temporarily close down resulting to massive loss of jobs and income opportunities for a lot of Filipinos. In an updated study by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), it showed that as much as 1 million Filipinos could lose their livelihood in a month-long enhanced community quarantine in the entire Luzon due to the COVID-19 crisis. Many of our "Kababayans" who tried their luck in Metro Manila and other provinces were not spared. A great number of them were terminated from their work or displaced. Worse, they were caught in the midst of the community quarantine preventing them from returning to their home province of Occidental Mindoro. With no available means to sustain their daily basic necessities like food and shelter, they were left with no other option but to depend on government doleouts and relief goods for their sustenance;

WHEREAS, included in this measure are our "Kababayans" such as stranded students, discharged patients and those residents who are caught in a lockdown in Metro Manila and other provinces. Indeed, these persons are suffering from, more or less, the same sad plight as our displaced workers;

WHEREAS, for humanitarian consideration in view of the miserable situation of our "Kababayans" coupled with their earnest desire to return to our province to be with their families and loved ones, there is an urgent need to promulgate this Executive Order to facilitate the immediate return to the province of our displaced workers and "Kababayans" who are bona fide residents of Occidental Mindoro.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. PERSONS ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE PROVINCE.

Displaced workers and "Kababayans" who are bona fide residents of Occidental Mindoro and are presently in Metro Manila or in other cities and provinces, shall be allowed entry to this province, after compliance with health protocols and documentary requirements mentioned below.