



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4
Series of 2021

“AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AND OPERATIONALIZING THE SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER (SDEC) FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (OSY) IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, CREATING SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER TEAM (SDECT), DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

WHEREAS, Section 46 of R.A. No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 provides that a Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and street children shall be established in every provincial office with the assistance from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the National Youth Commission (NYC), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing statute, the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) promulgated Board Regulation NO. 1, S. of 2003, which provides for the mechanism for the establishment and operationalization of the SDEC for OSY. It further defines SDEC as a community-based facility, which serves as a venue for promoting preventive and developmental services for the OSY and street children.

WHEREAS, insofar as the SDEC for OSY is mandated to advocate for drug abuse prevention programs, with the end in view of educating the OSY and street children regarding the pernicious effects of drug abuse, it plays a significant role in their total development as self-reliant and socially responsible members of the society;

WHEREAS, DILG promulgated Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001 issued on January 04, 2021, amending DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2006-150, which provided for the implementing policies on SDECs, to address the growing demands of anti-illegal drugs intervention, and to update the government’s policy to include new guidelines, processes, and tools to better implement SDECs;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is an imperative need to establish and operationalize a Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) in the Province of Occidental Mindoro and to create a Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) for the province.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the establishment and operationalization of Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) in the Province of Occidental Mindoro and the creation of a Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) for the province, defining its duties and functions, and for other purposes.

Section 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of the policy in the Whereas Clause pursuant to issuances above-stated, the following definitions are hereby adopted:

- 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



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- b. Out-of-School Youth (OSY) as those 15 to 30 years old, not enrolled in any formal or vocational school, not formally employed, and not a tertiary level graduate.

Section 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER (SDEC) FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH (OSY). The Special Drug Education Center (SDEC) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) in the Province of Occidental Mindoro is hereby established.

The general features of the Center shall be as follows:

- a. The SDEC shall serve as a venue in the delivery of services/activities in the implementation of drug abuse prevention programs of out-of-school youth and street children. The facility shall include a vocational room, tutoring room, counselling room, library, conference room, comfort rooms, sleeping quarters, dining area, kitchen, and office space for the staff;
- b. The Center's location shall have access to community facilities, such as schools, churches, and hospitals and must be far from conflict areas, cliff rivers, gas and power stations, and other structure that may post hazards to all.

Section 3. CREATION OF SPECIAL DRUG EDUCATION CENTER TEAM (SDECT) AND ITS COMPOSITION. The Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

TEAM LEADER	:	MA. ANTONIA JAVIER OIC-PSWDO
CO-TEAM LEADER	:	TRISHA KAYE FABIC Provincial SK Federation President
TEAM MEMBERS	:	JUANITO D. OLAVE JR., CESO V DILG Provincial Director
		MA. TERESA V. TAN, M.D. Provincial Health Officer
		ROGER F. CAPA, CESO IV DEPED Division Superintendent
		ARJAY ZOLETA Provincial Youth Development Officer
		PSSG SUZETTE T. BACANI Women and Children Desk Officer (Mamburao Municipal Police Station)

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Section 4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Special Drug Education Center Team (SDECT) members shall perform the following roles and responsibilities:

- a. Develop and implement programs and services on 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; Monitoring and Evaluation; Service Delivery; and Replication);
- b. Operate and manage the SDEC according to 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 (see Annex 1 of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001);
- 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 standards set, including documentation of the operation of SDEC in the implementation of drug abuse prevention program;
- j. Submit semi-annual and annual accomplishment reports, using Annexes 2 and 3 of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001, in accordance with Item 6.0 Monitoring and Reporting of the same;
- 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; and
- l. Meet at least once a month. Whenever necessary, special meetings shall be called. Proceedings of such meetings shall be properly documented.

Section 5. 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.

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Section 6 . 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.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 9th day of February 2021.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor

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