



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76-A

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"AN ORDER ADOPTING THE SOCIAL PROTECTION - VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION MANUAL (SP - VAM), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016 considered social protection as one of the strategies to achieve the goal of reducing poverty and promoting inclusive growth and equitable access to quality basic social services, especially by the poor and vulnerable. It highlights the role of Social Protection (SP) in reducing people's vulnerability to various types of risks;

WHEREAS, Social Protection as defined in NEDA - Social Development Committee (SDC) through Resolution No. 1, series of 2007 "constitutes policies and programs that seek to reduce poverty and vulnerability to risks and enhance the social status and rights of the marginalized by promoting and protecting livelihood and employment, protecting against hazards and sudden loss of income, and improving people's capacity to manage risks";

WHEREAS, a Sub-Committee on Social Protection (SCSP) under the SDC NEDA-Social Development Committee (SDC) was created through SDC Resolution No. 2, series of 2009 to lead in the formulation and operationalization of medium-term social protection plan and other social protection policies and strategies;

WHEREAS, Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, series of 2015, enjoining all provinces, cities, and municipalities to use the Social Protection (SP) Handbook for Local Planning, Budgeting, Implementing, Monitoring and Evaluating Social Protection Programs;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned circular enjoins Local Government Units (LGUs) to utilize SP Handbook including the use of Social Protection Vulnerability and Adaptation Manual (SP-VAM) for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating social protection programs and in assessing the risks and vulnerabilities of the locality;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro recognizes the importance of the SP-VAM and the frameworks and procedures provided therein in assessing the vulnerabilities and risks to determine the protection that would be properly suited for the families who are vulnerable to risks;

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of Occidental Mindoro, and the Chairperson of the PDC by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby adopt the **SOCIAL PROTECTION - VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION MANUAL (SP - VAM)**, to wit:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF SP - VAM. The Social Protection - Vulnerability and Adaption Manual is hereby adopted.

The Social Protection Vulnerability and Adaptation Manual (SP- VAM) is a tool for assessing vulnerabilities to various risks at the local level. It is hoped that the SP VAM will be



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able to contribute in the strengthening of the capacity of various stakeholders such as the local government units (LGUs), civil society organizations (CSOs), communities, and other humanitarian organizations in social protection assessment, analysis, and planning.

The SP VAM is also a tool for identifying adaptive strategies and capacities for social protection implemented at the local level.

The SP VAM can provide a mechanism for the convergence of social protection assessment and planning activities in the LGU. By bringing together stakeholders from the various agencies and the community in assessing the community situation, as well as risks and vulnerabilities, a common understanding can be drawn towards actions for social protection.

The SP VAM can help provide tools for generating local data that can be forwarded to higher level decision-makers. This will enable the generation of macro-level assessment of vulnerabilities that operationalizes the concept of bottom-up development approach to social protection.

Section. 2. PRINCIPLES OF SP-VAM. The SP - VAM adheres to the following basic development principles:

A. People-oriented : the welfare and well-being of the people is the primary concern; the development of their capacity to make them less vulnerable and resilient to risks is a central goal in social protection.

B. Promoting justice and equity : social protection strategies are utilized to address the social structures that perpetuate poverty and inequality; they emphasize empowerment of people to prevent deprivation, enhance their capability to transcend barriers to their own development and thereby realize their human rights.

C. Participatory : Effective protection of the people and communities means engaging the various stakeholders, particularly those who are affected by adverse situations, in the various stages of intervention, ranging from assessment, planning, and implementation, to evaluation and learning from actions. It includes community-driven initiatives and bottomup budgeting.

In the case of indigenous cultural communities (ICCs) and indigenous peoples (IPs), the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) shall be adopted in accordance with their respective customary laws and practices free from any external manipulation, interference and coercion. The FPIC shall be obtained after fully disclosing the intent and scope of any activity, in a language and process understandable to the community (NCIP, 2013).

D. Inclusive : Corollary to the principle of participation is the need to bring in people and sectors from the margins into the arena of discourses and actions, so that no one is excluded and all possible actors can be engaged through representation and broadening of services to all sectors.



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E. **Gender-sensitive** : Social protection and adaptive strategies are sensitive to the varying needs and interests of women and men, as well as of people of different sexual orientations and gender identities: heterosexuals, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transsexuals, etc.; there is a conscious effort to look at the implications of the decisions and actions on these various groups.

F. **Culturally appropriate** : Considering the multiple features and complexity of the contexts and situations of Filipino communities, the processes to be done in doing social protection and adaptation to the risks shall take into consideration these cultural differentiations; in order to be culturally appropriate, strategies should facilitate the preservation and enhancement of cultural and historical heritage, respect and protect customs and traditions, beliefs, norms, institutions and practices without violating human rights principles and standards.

G. **Sustainable** : Strategies shall adopt a long term perspective ensuring that the local people are capable of sustaining what have been initiated; strategies shall also observe the tenets of environmental protection and adaptation to meet the challenges of climate change.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 7th day of November 2022 at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor