



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26
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AN ORDER ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO COOPERATE AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASLES RUBELLA AND ORAL POLIO VACCINE SUPPLEMENTAL IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES (MR-OPV SIA) CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, Section 15 of article 11 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, for the past 5 years, 2018-2022, around 3 million children under five years old are projected to be susceptible to measles. MR-OPV SIA activities were conducted in 2013, 2017, and 2019-2020 which were the outbreak years as officially reported;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health plans to utilize the Supplemental Immunization Activities by 2023 to address the increasing number of Measles cases and avert an outbreak;

WHEREAS, on September 2022, WHO recommended the Philippines conduct a nationwide, non-selective Measles Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activities targeting children 9-59 months of age which will help to curb the virus transmission and eventually assist in the long-term goal of eliminating Measles in the country,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued DM No. 2022-0585, Interim Guidelines in the Implementation of CY 2023 Measles Rubella and Bivalent Oral Poliovirus Vaccine Supplementary Immunization Activities (MR-bOPV SIA);

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued DM No. 2023-0018, Moratorium of Activities to prioritize the implementation of the CY 2023 Measles Rubella and Oral Poliovirus Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR OPV SIA) on May 2023;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to issue this Executive Order to enjoin all Local Government Units (LGU) and National Government Agencies (NGA) in the Province of Occidental Mindoro to cooperate and support the implementation of Measles Rubella and Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activities (MR-OPV SIA) Campaign.

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

Section 1. Title. This order shall be known as "AN ORDER ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO COOPERATE AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASLES RUBELLA AND ORAL POLIO VACCINE SUPPLEMENTAL IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES (MR-OPV SIA) CAMPAIGN."



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Section 2. Purpose. This order is issued to address the present health concern of multiple outbreaks for Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) such as measles, rubella and polio and help curb the virus transmission and eventually, assist in the long-term goal of eliminating measles in our province.

Section 3. Objectives. The objectives of this Executive Order are as follows:

- a. Ensure a high-quality measles, rubella and oral polio immunization response in every purok, barangay, and municipality.
- b. Interrupt or prevent the transmission of measles and rubella viruses in all Regions of the country by ensuring that at least 95% of infants and children aged 9-59 months in each barangay, municipality or city are vaccinated with one dose of measles-rubella (MR) vaccine regardless of past immunization status.
- c. Break the chain of transmission of poliovirus types 1 and 3 by ensuring that at least 95% of infants and children aged 0-59 months in all regions are provided with one dose of bivalent oral poliovirus (bOPV) regardless of polio immunization status.
- d. Provide technical guidance on proper infection prevention and control practices to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission during vaccination sessions.
- e. Prevent additional burden to the health system that can be caused by an impending measles outbreak, and close immunity gaps for polio.

Section 4. Period. The Measles Rubella and Oral Polio Vaccine Supplemental Immunization Activities (MR-OPV SIA) Campaign shall be done this May 1 to 31, 2023.

Section 5. Role of Provincial Health Office. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) shall spearhead the campaign and closely coordinate with the Provincial Department of Health, Municipal Health Offices and Barangay Health Workers for the effective and successful implementation of the campaign. The PHO shall also coordinate, monitor and report the progress of the implementation of the immunization to the proper authority.

Section 6. General Guidelines.

- a. All children aged 9-59 months old shall be vaccinated with one dose of MR vaccine regardless of their immunization status.
- b. All infants and children aged 0-59 month sold shall be vaccinated with one dose of bOPV regardless of immunization status.
- c. The activity shall be synchronized and completed within (4) weeks including rapid convenience monitoring (RCM), mop ups for missed children, follow-ups of deferred children and for refusals.
- d. All MR vaccines, bOPV and vaccine ancillaries shall be sourced from the DOH.
- e. At least 95% of targeted children shall be vaccinated for each vaccine to achieve herd immunity and to avert measles and poliovirus transmission in communities in the country.
- f. The DOH DM No. 2022-0585 is hereby adopted and shall form part of this Executive Order.

Section 7. Separability Clause. If any portion of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts of the provision thereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.



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Section 8. Repealing Clause. All executive rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing thereof.

Done this 24th day of April 2023 at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor