



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37-B**  
**Series of 2022**

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE POPULATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE UNDER THE PROVINCIAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, PROVIDING FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Section 463, Chapter 2 of the Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code" provides that the governor may appoint a provincial population officer;

WHEREAS, Section 488, Article 18 of the Local Government Code provides for the qualifications, powers and duties of the provincial population officer who shall take charge of the office on population development;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-100 regarding the designation of local population officers and mobilization of community officials, volunteers, and workers to intensify the implementation of the National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP);

WHEREAS, the local government unit is mandated to fully implement the Republic Act No. 10354 or the "Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RRPH) Act";

WHEREAS, former President Duterte issued Executive Order No. 12 entitled "Attaining and Sustaining Zero Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning Through the Strict Implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act, Providing Funds therefor, and for other Purposes in January of 2017. The Order mandates the Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other relevant agencies, including local government units (LGUs), to attain and sustain zero unmet need for modern family planning;

WHEREAS, the LGC devolved to specific level of LGUs the provision of basic family planning and population development services as part of the general welfare services enumerated under Section 17 of the Code. Within this principle, Commission on Population Development Devolution Transition Plan (POPCOM – DTP) pursue initiatives that will devolve or localize basic population development strategies to strengthen the LGUs participation and contribution to the attainment of the regional and national goals of the Philippine Population and Development Program (PPDP) through effective collaborative and partnership mechanisms.

WHEREAS, the Population Office in every local government unit is vital in carrying out the measures to guarantee the delivery of basic services and provisions of sufficient facilities appurtenant to the integration of the population development principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;



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WHEREAS, it is imperative to issue this Executive Order to establish the Population Development Office under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office of the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro for the implementation of population development and strategies for the delivery of basic services.

**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 ESTABLISHING THE POPULATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE UNDER THE PROVINCIAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, PROVIDING FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

**Section 2. Creation.** The Population Development Office is hereby established under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office of the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro.

**Section 3. Functions of Population Development Office.** The functions of the Population Development Office are as follows:

**A. POPDEV Integrated Strategies:**

1. Establishment and utilization of Population Development (POPDEV) database and information system for evidence-based planning and policy formulation;
  - a. Setting-up and utilization of province-wide POPDEV database containing data collected from component municipalities;
  - b. Provision of technical support to municipalities in setting-up and utilizing demographic and socioeconomic database for POPDEV planning and policy development;
2. Formulation of POPDEV-related policies;
  - a. Adoption, implementation and alignment of national POPDEV-related policies within the population and development context of the province;
  - b. Provision of technical support to municipalities;
3. Formulation, coordination and implementation of POPDEV plans and programs;
  - a. Adoption and integration of national/regional POPDEV strategies in provincial development plans and strategies based on provincial POPDEV context;
  - b. Provision of technical support to municipalities;
  - c. Setting-up mobilization of inter-department collaborative mechanism for integrated POPDEV strategies;
4. Promotion of POPDEV integrated issues and strategies;
  - a. Promotion of POPDEV integrated issues and strategies at the provincial level;
5. Monitoring and evaluation of POPDEV policies, plans and programs;
  - a. Monitoring and evaluation of POPDEV policies, plans and strategies within the province;
6. Capacity development (CapDev) and provision of technical assistance on POPDEV strategies;
  - a. Conduct or provision of technical assistance of the capacity development of municipalities and barangays on POPDEV-related strategies, approaches and interventions.

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**B. Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning Services/Program (RPFP):**

1. Establishment and utilization of RPFP database and information system for evidence-based program management and implementation;
  - a. Setting-up and utilization of provincial databases and information systems on RPFP;
  - b. Conduct of research on RPFP to support program management at the provincial level;
  - c. Provision of technical support to municipalities in setting-up and utilization of RPFP database and information systems;
2. Formulation of plan, strategies, and investment program for RPFP services;
  - a. Adoption, implementation and alignment of provincial plan, strategies and investment program for RPFP strategies and services with national RPFP strategies and current local context;
3. Demand generation, promotion and social behavior change communication (SBCC) for RPFP program;
  - a. Development and conduct of demand generation, promotions and SBCC activities for RPFP at the provincial level to support municipalities;
4. Coordination and implementation of Pre-Marriage Orientation and Counseling (PMOC) Program;
  - a. Coordination and continual improvement of the PMOC program within the province;
5. Capacity development (CapDev) and provision of technical assistance on RPFP program;
  - a. Provision and coordination with the POPCOM and DOH on the CapDev on RPFP for program implementers and service providers in municipalities;
6. FP supply chain management;
  - a. Forecasting and procurement of FP supplies to augment gaps in FP supplies in the component municipalities;
  - b. Logistics management of FP supplies at within the province including warehousing and distribution of allocated supplies to cities and municipalities;
7. Monitoring and evaluation of RPFP program;
  - a. Monitoring and evaluation of RPFP policies, plans and strategies at the provincial level as part of its program management functions within the province.

**C. Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) Program (Prevention of adolescent pregnancies and social protection program for adolescent mothers and their children)**

1. Establishment of AHD database and information system;
  - b. Setting-up and utilization of provincial databases and information systems on AHD for evidence-based program management within the province;
  - a. Conduct and dissemination of researches and studies on AHD with provincial or local scope;
2. Formulation of plan, strategies and investment program for AHD program;
  - a. Adoption of national AHD strategies within the provincial context and integration in the regular provincial development initiatives and investment program;
  - b. Building and mobilizing interagency collaboration in implementing AHD-related strategies within the province;
3. Promotion and SBCC strategies for prevention of adolescent pregnancies and social protection of adolescent mothers and their children;





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- a. Design and conduct of province-wide communication and SBCC strategies on AHD;
4. Promotion of POPDEV integrated issues and strategies;
  - a. Provision of technical support to municipalities in the integration of RPPF program in local development initiatives and services;
  - b. Mobilization of coordinative mechanism within the province for RPPF program;
5. Capacity development (CapDev) and provision of technical assistance on AHD program;
  - a. Identification, organization and conduct of CapDev initiative to AHD program implementers within the province;
6. Delivery of AHD/ASHR services;
  - a. Establishment and improvement of integrated AHD service delivery network among facilities, service providers and organizations;
7. Monitoring and evaluation of AHD program;
  - a. Monitoring and evaluation of AHD policies, plans and strategies at the provincial level.

**Section 4. Functions of Population Development Officer.** The Population Development Officer shall take charge of the office on population development and shall:

- (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sanggunian and provide technical assistance and support to the governor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;
- (2) Develop plans and strategies and upon approval thereof by the governor implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the integration of population development principles and methods in programs and projects which the governor is empowered to implement and which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under this Code;
- (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the population officer shall:
  - (i) Assist the governor in the implementation of the Constitutional provisions relative to population development and the promotion of responsible parenthood;
  - (ii) Establish and maintain an updated data bank for program operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure the people's participation in and understanding of population development;
  - (iii) Implement appropriate training programs responsive to the cultural heritage of the inhabitants; and
- (4) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

**Section 5. 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.

**Section 6. 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.

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**Section 7. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing thereof.

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022 at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao,  
Occidental Mindoro.

  
**EDUARDO B. GADIANO**  
Governor