



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52 - 2019**

#### **ESTABLISHING THE MALARIA ELIMINATION HUB FOR THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND CONSTITUTING THE TEAM INCHARGE THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II 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**, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development aims to end the epidemics of Malaria by 2030 as spelled out in sustainable Development Goal number 3 (Good Health and well-being);

**WHEREAS**, the Cagayan Valley Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 identified the elimination of malaria as one of the interventions to enhance the Region's Health and Nutrition situation;

**WHEREAS**, in support to the Regional Development Council Region 02 Resolution No. 02-25-2018 series of 2018, "Requesting the Provinces of Cagayan Valley Region to Establish / Sustain their Malaria Elimination Hubs in their respective provinces";

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) sees the establishment of Elimination Hubs as one of the strategies to eliminate Malaria endemic risk provinces and prevent the re-introduction of malaria in malaria free provinces;

**WHEREAS**, the provinces of Batanes, Quirino, and Nueva Vizcaya were declared Malaria free in CY 2014, 2015, and 2016 respectively, while the province of Cagayan and Isabela are on the second year and fifth year respectively, of having ZERO indigenous malaria cases;

**WHEREAS**, the Malaria Elimination Hub shall be manned by: (a) Medical Doctor trained on Malaria case management, (b) Team of local malaria personnel and other health staff with expertise in Malaria surveillance and response, (c) Malaria Program Coordinator or Point Person, (d) Entomologist, (e) Health Education Promotion Officer and (f) Malaria Medical Technologist Validator.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

**Section 1. CREATION.** The *MALARIA ELIMINATION HUB FOR THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND CONSTITUTING THE TEAM INCHARGE THEREOF* is hereby created and established.

**Section 2. COMPOSITION.** The Malaria Elimination Hub Team shall be composed of the following to wit:

CHAIRMAN : *Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III*  
Governor

VICE CHAIRMAN : *Nelson O. Paguirigan, MD*  
Provincial Health Officer II

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*



**MEMBERS :**

*Elsie Pintucan, MD*  
Development Management Officer V

*Arlene M. Lazaro, MD*  
Malaria Doctor trained on Malaria Case Management

*Engr. Arnel P. Noriega*  
Malaria Program Coordinator or Point Person and Entomologist

*Arlene D. Martinez, RN*  
Provincial Epidemiology Surveillance Unit Coordinator

*Anna Kharen T. Guillermo, RN*  
Health Education Promotion Officer -Designate

*Ana Jane M. Pagalilauan, RMT*  
Malaria Medical Technologist Validator

*Paul Acio, RMT*  
Malaria Medical Technologist Validator

*All City/Municipal Health Officers*

*City/ Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Units*

**Section 3. FUNCTIONS.** The Malaria Elimination Hub Team shall perform the following functions:

- a) Intensify Malaria Disease Surveillance.
- b) Conduct Vector Surveillance to determine changes in the geographical distribution and density of the vector
- c) Epidemic Detection and response mechanism.
- d) Focused health promotion and advocacy through adaption of specified IEC strategies and other social mobilization approaches for identified risk groups
- e) Structured Capacity building of Local Health System staff.
- f) Monitoring and Evaluation to cover all aspects of malaria service delivery
- g) Ensure presence of a functional malaria elimination response hub
- h) Prepare a line list of health facilities (public and private) providing malaria diagnostic and treatment services available anytime.
- i) Prepare compilation of all reports in the past 10 years
- j) Prepare sustainability plan for the next 5 years and budget utilization report in the past 5 years.



**Section 4. SERVICES.** To ensure effective operation of the created and established Malaria Hub, it shall offer the following services:

- a) Early Detection and Prompt Treatment through a strengthened case-finding.
- b) Perform laboratory Diagnostics of Malaria and Foci investigation and classification as means to determine need for interventions.
- c) Conduct cross border collaborations/operations.

**Section 5. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS.** The funding requirements for the operations of the Malaria Elimination Hub Board shall be sourced from the Office of the Governor, subject to the usual budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**Section 6. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Ilagan, Isabela this 29th day of October, 2019.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor 

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