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**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38  
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### CREATING THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (RPRH PIT) IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the 1987 Constitution, it is the duty of the State to protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution and equally protect the life of the mother and that of the unborn from conception;

**WHEREAS**, it is also a declared policy of the State to ensure that the advancement and protection of women's human rights shall be central to its efforts to address reproductive health care;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10354, An Act Providing for a National Policy for RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RPRH) ACT OF 2012, otherwise known as the RPRH Law, was passed on 19 December 2012 providing for guarantees to the universal access to methods of contraception, fertility control, sexual education, and maternal care, in support of the constitutionally guaranteed human right of individuals to health including reproductive health, and the right to choose and make decisions for themselves in accordance with their religious convictions, ethics, cultural beliefs, and the demands of responsible parenthood;

**WHEREAS**, the continuing implementation of the Family Planning program in the Philippines which enables couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children, has been found to encounter a gap between women's reproductive intentions and their contraceptive behavior, referred to as *unmet need* by the UN/World Health Organization;

**WHEREAS**, *Unmet need* for family planning refers to the percentage of women of reproductive age, either married or in a union, who are sexually active and report not wanting any more children or wanting to delay the next pregnancy but are not using any modern method of contraception;

**WHEREAS**, *President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive No. 12 on 09 January 2017 to intensify actions which are necessary for the attainment and sustainability of "ZERO UNMET NEED FOR MODERN FAMILY PLANNING"* to help attain desired family size among poor and marginalized families, prevent unplanned and mistimed pregnancies that are associated with higher risk and complications during pregnancy and childbirth which have a long term socio economic implications;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the provincial government to establish a team to ensure the effective implementation of RA 10354 in Isabela, as mandated by the RPRH Law and in accordance with DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-132 which defines the role and functions of local government units in the implementation of the RPRH Law.

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*

**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.** There is hereby created a team to be in-charge of and ensure the effective implementation of R.A. No. 10354, or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law. This body shall be known and referred to as Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Provincial Implementation Team (RPRH PIT).

**Section 2. Composition** – The RPRH Provincial Implementation Team shall be composed of the following:

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	<i>Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III</i> <i>Governor</i>
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<i>Hon. Venus T. Bautista</i> <i>Committee on Women’s Affair, Children and Family</i>
	<i>Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac</i> <i>Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator</i>
	<i>Ms. Lucila M. Ambatali</i> <i>Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer</i>
	<i>Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan</i> <i>Isabela Provincial Health Officer</i>
	<i>Mr. Rodrigo T. Sawit</i> <i>Provincial General Services Officer</i>
	<i>Ms. Elsa M. Pastrana</i> <i>Provincial Budget Officer</i>
	<i>Ms. Rhodora D. Santos</i> <i>Local Population Officer IV</i>
	<i>CSO Representative</i> <i>Women Sector</i>
	<i>Dr. Marichu Manlongat</i> <i>Head Secretariat</i>
<b>SECRETARIAT:</b>	<i>Isabela Provincial Health Office</i>

**Section 3. Functions.** – The RPRH Provincial Implementation Team shall have the following functions:

- a. Ensure compliance of the Provincial Government with its specified roles and functions in the implementation of the RPRH law as contained in the Implementing Rules and Regulations and DILG MC 2020-132.
- b. Conduct regular quarterly meetings and special meetings when necessary.
- c. Formulate policies necessary to promote the Programs on Population and Family Planning which will cater the basic needs of men and women;
- d. Prepare Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP).
- e. Prepare and submit Semestral Accomplishment Report based on AWFP.
- f. Perform additional tasks assigned by the Team Leader of the RPRH PIT relevant to the implementation of RPRH Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.



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**Section 4. Meetings.** – The RPRH Provincial Implementation Team shall regularly meet at least quarterly or special meetings may be conducted when necessary. The conduct of these meetings should adopt the new normal protocols.

The agenda of such meetings shall include, but not limited to, the development and implementation of policies/programs/projects/activities (PPAs) relative to the promotion and fulfillment of RPRH Law specifically localizing the national program on population and family planning.

The meetings conducted shall be supported by Minutes of Meetings duly signed by the Secretariat Head, Notices of Meetings, Attendance Sheet and pictures, if available. The minutes of the meetings, agenda and summary of agreements, as approved by the chair of the Implementing Team shall be forwarded to the Commission on Population Regional Office every quarter.

**Section 5. Policies, Plans and Budget.** The RPRH PIT's Annual Work and Financial Plan may include, but not limited to the following activities:

- a. Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign on RPRH to give prominence to the implementation of family planning in the country.
- b. Conduct capacity-building programs for all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the RPRH PPAs.
- c. Provide services to all men and women regarding the programs on population and family planning.
- d. Create and establish systems on effective coordination with the national agencies involved in the promotion and implementation of RPRH.
- e. Institute policies and programs to promote the welfare of men and women on RPRH programs aligned with the national thrusts.
- f. The approved PIT on RPRH law Annual Unified Work and Financial Plan shall be submitted to the Commission on Population on or before January 15, of every year.
- g. Funding for the operations of the RPRH PIT shall be sourced from the national and local health budgets of all participating local government units and DOH Trust Fund Grant (SLA) according to agreed plans and guidelines.

**Section 6. Report.** Submission of Semestral Report on Consolidated Provincial RPRH law Accomplishment Report is every 30<sup>th</sup> of January and July to DILG Regional Office thru DILG Provincial Office.

Submission of report shall pass through the regular channels of reporting, i.e. Punong Barangays submit report to the city/municipal mayor, component city/municipal mayor submits a consolidated report to the governor, and governor submits a consolidated report to the DILG Provincial Office, that in turn submits to the DILG Regional Office 02. In view of the New Normal, submission of reports other than providing hard copies like submission of electronic copies via email may be allowed.

Accomplishment Report of the Implementing teams shall include the activities undertaken based on approved AWWP. The RPRH PIT shall use the prescribed template for each Key Result Areas (Family Planning, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender Based Violence, HIV/AIDS, Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition).

**Section 7. Effectivity Clause.** – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the Province of Isabela, this 28th day of October 2020.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor