



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
CITY OF ILAGAN
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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32

ESTABLISHING AND CONSTITUTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT FOCAL POINT SYSTEM (GFPS) OF ISABELA AS A STRATEGY IN IMPLEMENTING R.A. 9710, THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN, THROUGH THE MAINSTREAMING OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) IN LOCAL POLICY-MAKING, PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state, as embodied in Republic Act 9710, otherwise known as “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN”, to achieve gender equality as a fundamental value that should be reflected in development choices, and endeavor to develop policies, plan, projects, measures, and mechanisms to address inequality and discrimination in the economic, political, social, and cultural life of men and women;

WHEREAS, RA 9710 promotes the concept of GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) as a development perspective and a process that is participatory and empowering, equitable, sustainable, free from violence, respectful of human rights, and supportive of self-determination and actualization of human potentials;

WHEREAS, Section 37 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation of R.A. 9710 provides for GAD mainstreaming as a strategy in implementing the Magna Carta of Women (MCW) through the mainstreaming of Gender and Development in local policy making, planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

WHEREAS, the Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-01 of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Budget and Management, and National Economic and Development Authority emphasizes the role of local government units (LGUs) in gender mainstreaming;

WHEREAS, the Circular also provides for the Guidelines in the localization of the Magna Carta of Women, GAD mainstreaming, and the deepening of knowledge and building of competencies of LGUs on GAD-related laws, and international commitments, gender mainstreaming and analysis, gender-responsive planning and budgeting, and GAD-related tools, among others;

WHEREAS, it is the key policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela to pursue a human rights-based and equal-opportunity development that values the contributions of women as much as those of the men, and is supportive of the actualization of their potentials, as a means of strengthening society for the benefit of all;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish the GAD Focal Point System of the province of Isabela in accordance with MC 2013-01, to be in-charge of GAD mainstreaming or localization of GAD and to implement all GAD-related programs, projects, and activities for the Isabela constituency and the employees of the provincial government;

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. Establishment of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) of the province of Isabela. The Gender and Development Focal Point System is hereby established as a strategy in implementing of Gender and Development (GAD) in local policy-making, planning, programming, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Section 2. General Functions. The GFPS, in accordance with the MCW, shall have the following general functions and responsibilities:

- a. Lead in mainstreaming GAD perspective in LGU policies, plans, programs, and activities. In the process, the GFPS shall ensure the assessment of the gender-responsiveness of systems, structures, policies, programs, processes and procedures of the Provincial Government, based on the priority needs and concerns of constituencies and employees, and the formulation of recommendations, including their implementation;
- b. Assist in the formulation of new policies such as the **GAD Code**, in advancing women's empowerment and gender equality;
- c. Lead in setting up appropriate systems and mechanisms in accordance with MC 2013-01 to ensure the generation, processing, review, and upgrading of sex-disaggregated data or **GAD Database** to serve as basis in performance-based and gender-responsive planning and budgeting;
- d. Coordinate efforts of different divisions/offices/units of the PGI and advocate for the integration of GAD perspective in all their systems and processes;
- e. Spearhead the preparation of the annual and performance-based PGI **GAD Plan and Budget (GPB)** in accordance with MC 2013-01, in response to the gender issues and or concerns of the province and in the context of the PGI mandate; and consolidate the same following the form and procedure prescribed in the Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-01. The GFPS shall likewise be responsible for submitting the same;
- f. Lead in monitoring the effective implementation of the annual GPB, GAD Code, other GAD related policies and plans, programs, and activities (PPAs);
- g. Lead the preparation of the annual PGI **GAD Accomplishment Report (GAD AR)** and other GAD reports that may be required under the Magna Carta of Women and the Joint MC;
- h. Strengthen linkages with other LGUs, concerned agencies and organization working for women's rights and gender and development to harmonize and synchronize GAD efforts at various levels of local governance;
- i. Promote and actively pursue the participation of women and gender advocates, other civil society groups and private organizations in the various stages of development planning cycles; giving attention to the marginalized sectors, and
- j. Ensure that all personnel of the LGU including the planning and finance officer are capacitated on GAD. Along this line, the GFPS will recommend and plan an appropriate capacity development program on GAD for its employees as part of and implemented under its regular human resource development programs.
- k. Perform other functions as may be necessary to meet the objectives of this order.

Section 3. Constitution of GFPS. The GFPS, in accordance with the MCW-IRR and MC 2013-01, shall be constituted and will discharge specific functions as follows

a. The Executive Committee (ExeCom)

1. Composition

Chair: **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**
Governor

Action Officer: - Ms. LUCILA M. AMBATALI, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer and designated GAD Focal person
- To be constituted with every change of administration

Members: Provincial Agriculturist
Provincial Budget Officer
Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Enterprise Development Officer
Provincial Engineer
Environment & Natural Resources Officer
Provincial General Services Officer
Provincial Health Officer II
Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer
Provincial Human Resource Management Officer
Provincial Legal Officer
Provincial Planning & Development Coordinator
Provincial Treasurer
SP Chair on Committee on Finance and Appropriations
SP Chair on Committee on Women's Affairs
SP Chair on Committee on Children's Affairs
National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) Rep.
Philippine National University President -Academe Representative
Mary Ann A. Dy – Women's Association Representative
Charito M. Yago - Person's with Disabilities Representative
Francesca Littaua – Head Women & Children Protection Desk
Business Sector Representative
Non Government Organization Representative

2. Functions

- Provide policy advice to the Governor to support and strengthen the GFPS and the Provincial Government's gender mainstreaming effort
- Direct the identification of GAD strategies, PPAs and targets based on the results of the gender analysis and gender assessment, taking into account the identified priorities of the Provincial Government and the gender issues and concerns faced by the LGU's constituents and employees
- Ensure timely submission of the LGU GPB, GAD AR, and other GAD-related reports to the DILG which shall be consolidated for submission to the PCW and appropriate oversight agencies
- Ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the GAD PPAs and the judicious utilization of the GAD Budget
- Build and strengthen the partnership of the LGU with other stakeholders such as women's groups or civil society organizations (CSOs), national government agencies,

GAD experts and advocates, among others, in the pursuit of gender mainstreaming

- Recommend awards and/or incentives to recognize outstanding GAD PPAs or individuals who have made exemplary contributions to GAD

b. Technical Working Group (TWG)

1. Composition

Chair: **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**
Governor

Members: Charmiya L. Cruz - Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development
Visitacion C. Nicolas – Office of the Provincial Planning and Development
Jolly Bhee B. Lozano – Office of the Provincial Budget
Eleanor I. Dy – Office of the Provincial Human Resource
Representative from the office of the Governor
Representative from the private sector, Academe, and NGOs, as Appropriate

2. Functions

- Facilitate the gender mainstreaming efforts of the LGU through the GAD planning and budgeting processes
- Formulate the LGU GPB in accordance with MC 2013-01 in response to the gender gaps and issues faced by the constituents, including male and female employees.
- Assist in the capacity and competency development of GFPS members and provide technical assistance to the offices or units of the LGU. In this regard, the TWG shall work with the Human Resource Management Office on the development and implementation of a capacity development program on GAD for LGU employees and new GFPS member, as necessary
- Coordinate with the various units/offices of the LGU and ensure their meaningful participation in strategic and annual planning exercise on GAD , including the preparation, consolidation, and submission of GPBs.
- Lead the conduct of advocacy activities and the development of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials to ensure critical support of local elected officials, department heads and staff, and stakeholders to the GFPS and to gender mainstreaming
- Monitor the implementation of GAD-related PPAs and suggest corrective measures to improve their implementation
- Prepare and consolidate LGU GAD ARs and other GAD-related reports

- Provide regular updates and recommendations to the LCE GFPS EXECOM regarding GFPS activities and progress of the LGU in gender mainstreaming, based on the feedback and reports of concerned LGU offices/units, stakeholders, and constituents

c. Secretariat to Assist the TWG

1. Composition: To be designated by the TWG Chair
2. Functions
 - Assist the GFPS ExeCom and the TWG in the performance of their roles and responsibilities, specifically on the provision of administrative and logistical services, preparation of meeting agenda, and documentation of GFPS meetings and related GAD activities

Section 4. Establishment and Maintenance of GAD Database. There shall be established in accordance with MC 2013-01, a GAD Database to serve as basis for gender-responsive planning, programming, and policy formulation. The GAD Database may be manually operated or developed through software and shall form part of the overall management information system (MIS) of LGU-Isabela. The Provincial Planning and Development Office shall Spearhead the establishment of the Database.

Section 5. Funding. Funding for the operations of the GFPS shall be sourced from the annual appropriations for GAD which is 5% of the total annual provincial budget.

Section 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All Orders and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectively. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 19th day of October, 2021 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 