



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29 Series of 2024

AN ORDER ORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (NIP) THROUGH THE PROVINCE-WIDE CAMPAIGN OF “BATANG ISABELEÑO SA BAKUNA PROTEKTADO”

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code accords every local government unit power and authority to promote general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 996 recognizes that every child is an important asset of the nation and therefore every effort must be exerted to promote his/her welfare and enhance his/her opportunities for a useful and happy life;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10152 or the “Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act of 2011” mandates the state to take a proactive role in the preventive health care of infants and children by adopting a comprehensive, mandatory and sustainable immunization program for vaccine-preventable diseases for all infants and children;

WHEREAS, the Universal Health Care Act of 2018 embodies the principle of an integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, and protected from hazards and risks that could affect their health, whereby directing local government units to issue and implement effective health promotion policies and programs that promote health literacy and healthy lifestyle among their constituents, prioritizing programs that address key risk factors to prevent and control disease as well as to advance population health and individual wellbeing, inclusive of interventions addressing immunization-related matters;

WHEREAS, the Health Promotion Framework Strategy 2030 by the Department of Health, requires that all health promotion policies, programs and activities shall be anchored on the identified priority areas for health promotion which includes Immunization. Vaccine use shall be promoted to reduce the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases, disabilities, and deaths;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 21-2019 was issued by Governor Rodolfo T. Albano III directing the Isabela Provincial Health Office to ensure massive Immunization Program and Newborn Screening in the Province to protect and promote the right to health of the people, including the rights of children to survival and full and healthy development as normal individual in the province;

WHEREAS, the immunization coverage has been decreasing over the years, with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund recognizing the Philippines as one of the countries with the greatest number of unimmunized children;

WHEREAS, elimination, eradication control of the childhood vaccine-preventable diseases requires that at least 95% of our child population be fully immunized annually; that 95% of our pregnant mothers be vaccinated with Tetanus diphtheria (Td) to protect the newborn from neonatal tetanus and that all vaccine-preventable disease cases be detected, investigated and reported on a timely basis;

WHEREAS, low and unequally distributed routine immunization coverage in the country causes infants/children annually to remain unprotected, thus, rendering them susceptible to vaccine-preventable diseases and thereby threatens the country to outbreaks/ epidemics despite of the national purchases of a free, potent, and high-quality vaccines for all infants/children and mothers;

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela thru the Provincial Health Office had conceptualized an immunization campaign with the theme "Batang Isabeleño sa Bakuna Protektado", which aims to strengthen the community's immunization program as it is an effective holistic strategy to regain and build the public's trust and confidence on vaccines and immunization;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a Provincial Immunization Program Committee (PIPC) to closely and collaboratively work in ensuring general health and well-being of all its constituents by protecting communities from vaccine-preventable diseases, especially those most vulnerable and to intensify efforts to increase vaccine uptake.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order Organization of Provincial Immunization Program Committee (PIPC)- Isabela as follows:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The PIPC - Isabela shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III Governor
Vice Chairperson	DR. NELSON O. PAGUIRIGAN Provincial Health Officer II
Members	HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES, MD Chairperson- SP Committee on Health
	ATTY. NOEL MANUEL R. LOPEZ Provincial Administrator
	ATTY. ELIZABETH C. BINAG Provincial Information Officer

DR. ARLENE M. LAZARO
Provincial Health Officer I (Field Health Services)

DR. IMELDA M. GUILLERMO
Provincial Health Officer I (Hospital Services)

MS. LUCILA M. AMBATALI
Provincial Social Welfare & Development Officer

MR. REY MEL C. RESPOSO
Provincial Youth Development Officer

SDS RACHEL R. LLANA, PHD, CESO V
School Division Superintendent, SDO Isabela

ENGR. CORAZON D. TORIBIO, CESO V
Provincial Director, DILG- Isabela

DR. JACQUELINE C. BUDUAN
President, Assn. of Municipal Health Officers – Isabela Chapter

DR. CHARLES ACOSTA, JR.
President, Phil. Medical Association
Isabela Medical Society

DR. ELSIE A. PINTUCAN
Development Management Officer V
PDOHO- Isabela

MR. SHERWIN T. PAZZIBUGAN
Volunteer, Founder – Project Bak2Bak

MS. ANNE MARIE C. SUGGUIYAO
Provincial Officer, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples

MS. DULCE ANDRES
Provincial BHW Federation President

Secretariat

MS. CHAMILLE JAYNE F. CLARAVALL, Nurse II
MS. ARLENE D. MARTINEZ, HEPO III
MR. HARIJHON S. ALABON, JR., HEPO II

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The PIPC shall perform and exercise the following duties and functions:

- Develop a comprehensive Provincial Immunization Plan and strategies and oversee its implementation;
- Disseminate guidelines and procedures relative to mass immunization drive;
- Provide support in strengthening capacities for service provision through the conduct of training courses and other capacity-building activities;
- Conduct advocacy and social mobilization activities;
- Undertake program monitoring and evaluation and provide a program feedback mechanism;
- Monitor submission of required reports on immunization to the Office of the Governor, DOH, and DILG;
- Establish and maintain linkages with local or national population-serving organizations or institutions.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS. The Committee shall agree to meet on a *quarterly* basis to discuss matters with regards to the implementation, enforcement, and monitoring of health promotion policies, programs, and activities, or on a *per needed basis* as called by the Chairperson or his representative.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. To ensure efficient and effective operation, the budgetary requirement of the Provincial Immunization Program Committee shall be drawn from the provincial annual budgetary allocation of the IPHO and downloaded DOH-Grants.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Done in the Province of Isabela, this 15th day of April, 2024.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 