



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

## *Office of the Governor*

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

Series of 2024

**AN ORDER SUPPORTING THE MATERNAL, NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH, AND NUTRITION (MNCHN) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND THE CREATION OF MNCHN TASK FORCE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**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**, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippine, states that the Local Government Unit shall endeavor to provide health services which include the implementation of programs and projects on maternal and child care;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10354, "*An Act Providing for a National Policy for Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health*", otherwise known as the RPRH Law of 2012, states that effective and quality reproductive health care services must be given primacy to ensure maternal and child health, the health of the unborn, safe delivery and birth of healthy children, and sound replacement rate, in line with the State's duty to promote the right to health, responsible parenthood, social justice and full human development;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Healthcare Law emphasized the integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health literate, provided with healthy living conditions, protected from hazards, guaranteed equitable access to quality and affordable health care goods and services, and protected against financial risk through a framework that fosters a whole-of-system-government-society approach in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health policies, programs, and plans;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11148 also known as "*Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act*" where the State prioritizes nutrition for adolescent females, pregnant and lactating women, infants and young children, to be implemented in an integrated manner by all branches of government, using a whole-of-government approach in collaboration with civil society organizations and the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9288 otherwise known as the Newborn Screening Act of shall ensure that every baby born in the Philippines is offered the opportunity to undergo newborn screening and thus be spared from heritable conditions that can lead to mental retardation and death if undetected and untreated.

**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;

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health through Administrative Order No. 2008-0029 (*Implementing Health Reforms for Rapid Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality*) recommends the implementation of the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health, and Nutrition (MNCHN) Strategy which shall guide the development, implementation and evaluation of various programs aimed at women, mothers and children, with the ultimate goal of rapidly reducing maternal and neonatal mortality in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the integrated MNCHN services shall consist of clinical and public health interventions for women and children that shall be delivered through a seamless continuum of care that shall include pre-pregnancy care, antenatal care, care during delivery and postpartum and postnatal care;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Isabela believes that the goal of rapidly reducing maternal and neonatal mortality shall be achieved through effective population-wide provision and use of integrated MNCHN services for women, mothers and children covering the spectrum of (1) known appropriate clinical case management services in preventing direct causes of maternal and neonatal deaths; and (2) known cost-effective public health measures capable of reducing exposure to and severity of risks for maternal and neonatal deaths, that are within the capacity of the health system to routinely provide;

**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 support the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health, and Nutrition Program implementation and create the Isabela MNCHN Task Force, to wit:

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION.** The Isabela MNCHN Task Force shall be composed of representatives from relevant stakeholders to develop strong collaborative intersectoral partnerships and collective efforts, including, but are not limited to the following:

Chairperson	<b>HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III</b> Governor
Vice Chairperson	<b>DR. NELSON O. PAGUIRIGAN</b> Provincial Health Officer II
Members	<b>HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES, MD</b> Chairman - SP Committee on Health  <b>ATTY. NOEL MANUEL R. LOPEZ</b> Provincial Administrator  <b>ATTY. ELIZABETH C. BINAG</b> Provincial Public Information Officer  <b>DR. ARLENE M. LAZARO</b> Provincial Health Officer I (FHS)  <b>DR. IMELDA M. GUILLERMO</b> Provincial Health Officer I (Hospital Services)  <b>ENGR. CORAZON D. TORIBIO, CESO V</b> Provincial Director, DILG Isabela  <b>MS. LUCILA M. AMBATALI</b> Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer  <b>DR. MELCHOR C. DELA CRUZ, JR., FPOGS</b> Medical Center Chief II, Southern Isabela Medical Center

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Provincial Nutrition Action Officer

**MS. DULCE ANDRES**  
Provincial BHW Federation President

Secretariat

**MS. ANNA KHAREN T. GUILLERMO**, Nurse II  
**MS. MARIA VICTORIA C. OCAMPO**, HEPO III  
**MS. ANTONIETTE U. SANCHEZ**, Nutrition Officer II

**SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS.** The Task Force shall be the over-all coordinating and implementing body for the implementation of the MNCHN Strategy and Plan in the Province of Isabela. In addition, the Task Force shall perform and exercise the following duties and functions:

- Formulate a comprehensive MNCHN Plan and oversee its implementation;
- Undertake program monitoring and evaluation and provide a program feedback mechanism;
- Provide support in strengthening capacities for MNCHN service provision through the conduct of training courses and other capacity-building activities;
- Provide support in the conduct of activities related to MNCHN education and counselling of clients about safe motherhood;
- Establish and maintain linkages with local or national population-serving organizations or institutions.

**SECTION 3. FUNDING SOURCE.** To ensure efficient and effective operation, the budgetary requirement of the MNCHN implementation shall be drawn from the provincial annual budgetary allocation of the IPHO and the DOH Trust Fund Grant according to agreed plans and guidelines.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

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

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor 