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AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER #30, SERIES OF 2018, AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2012 (RPRH LAW)

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

Whereas, huge strides have been achieved in reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and fighting HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases has been achieved world-wide; since 1990, there has been an over 50 percent decline in preventable child deaths, maternal mortality also fell by 45 percent, new HIV/AIDS infections fell by 30 percent between 2000 and 2013, and 6.2 million lives were saved from malaria.

Whereas, despite this incredible progress in healthcare, there are still hundreds of women die during pregnancy or from child-birth related complications. In many rural areas, skilled professionals attend only 56 percent of births where more than 6 million children still die before their fifth birthday every year.

WHEREAS, the Government 's 10-point socio-economic agenda includes, among others, the strengthening of the RPRH Law implementation to enable the poor couples to make informed choices on the financial and family planning;

WHEREAS, this socio-economic agenda is enshrined in the Republic Act no. 10354,"Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012" (RPRH Law) that recognizes the right of Filipinos to decide freely and responsibly on their desired number and spacing of children, within the context of responsible parenthood and informed choice, and to access needed reproductive health care information and services;

WHEREAS, the Executive Order No.12, series of 2017, was issued by the President for the attainment of the "zero unmet need for modern family planning" through the strict implementation of the responsible parenthood and reproductive health act, providing funds therefore, and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, at the regional level, the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) was created to coordinate the activities in the implementation of RPRH Law in the areas of policy development, capacity building, advocacy, education and information dissemination, health service delivery, field operations and monitoring and evaluation.

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular 2017-85, series of 2017, Guidelines on the Implementation of Administration Order No. 2017-0005, directed all DILG Regional Directors and ARMM Governor to disseminate, ensure funding inclusions in the ELA, allow

trainings, performance measures are included as one of the indicators for Seal of Good Governance and to ensure timely reporting of RPRH Law progress in the reduction of unmet need for modern family planning methods;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of South Cotabato, through the Integrated Provincial Health office, deemed as necessary the creation of Provincial Implementation Team (PIT) to oversee the activities in the implementation of RPRH Law;

NOW THEREFORE by the authority vested upon me by law as the Provincial Governor of South Cotabato, I, REYNALDO S. TAMAYO, JR. do hereby amend and reconstitute the members of the PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (PIT) TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2012 (RPRH LAW), to wit;

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. THE PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (PIT) shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Provincial Governor
Vice Chairperson:	Integrated Provincial Health Officer
Secretariat:	IPHO and PPO Technical Staff
Members:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator 2. Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer 3. Provincial Population Officer 4. Provincial Budget Officer 5. Provincial General Services Officer 6. Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Women, Children and Family 7. CSO representative from women sector 8. Provincial Director of the Philippine National Police- South Cotabato 9. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Youth 10. Local Youth Development Officer 11. Chairperson, Committee on Health of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan 12. Representative from the National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) 13. Schools Division Superintendent of the Department of Education-South Cotabato 14. Head, Members-Schools of the Philippines Association of the Private Schools, Colleges & Universities (PAASCU): 	

The above-mentioned members of the Board may assign a permanent alternate representative.

SECTION 2. The Provincial Implementation Team (PIT) shall have the following responsibilities:

2.1 Integrated Provincial Health Office/ Provincial Population Office shall:

2.1.1 Act as the Head Agencies in the implementation of RPRH Law;

2.1.2 Recommend orders/guidelines and facilitate implementation of interventions in consultations with the members of the PIT to support MLGUs and CSOs in ensuring equitable access of all South Cotabateños to RH services;

2.1.3 Adopt the attainment of zero unmet need for modern family planning as a population management strategy, particularly in assisting couples and women to achieve their desired family size and to reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy; and

2.1.4 Closely collaborate with DOH and all LGUs for the implementation of the following:

2.1.4.1 Map areas to locate couples and individuals with unmet need for modern family planning;

2.1.4.2 Capacitate and mobilize local structures including but not limited to health, population, social welfare, barangay operations, and other relevant offices to accelerate the implementation of RPRH Law, particularly the provision of modern FP commodities and services;

2.1.4.3 Conduct intensive community-based demand generation and referral activities and ensure the provision of quality modern family planning information and services, within the principle of informed choice and voluntarism; and

2.1.4.4 Engage, collaborate and partner with CSOs and the private sector in attaining zero unmet need for modern family planning in their respective localities.

2.2 IPHO and PPO Technical Staff

2.2.1 Facilitate the collection or gathering of pertinent data or documents needed from partner agencies;

2.2.2 Ensure the submission, consolidation and compilation of reports from the conduct of Monitoring of the responsible agencies;

2.2.3 Prepare the communication and documentation of every activity or meetings of the PIT; and

2.2.4 Extend an administrative and technical support services to the PIT.

2.3 Provincial Planning and Development Office (PD Coordinator) shall:

2.3.1 Integrate RPRH Strategies in the Provincial Development Plan; and

2.3.2 Monitor compliance of companies in the implementation of Family Welfare Program (FWP) particularly on RPRH.

2.4 Provincial Social Welfare Development Office (PSWD Officer) shall:

2.4.1 Integrate RPRH strategies in the provincial poverty reduction and social protection program specially the 4Ps program;

2.4.2 Share updated list of the National Targeting System (NHTS) family;

2.4.3 Implement the updated modules of RH of Family Development Session (FDS), Youth Development Sessions (YDS) and community-based sessions; and

2.4.4 Conduct FDS at the barangay level.

2.5 Provincial Budget Officer

2.5.1 Ensure the necessary resource allocation and monitoring of budget utilization in the implementation of identified programs, projects and activities of the Provincial RPRH Law Implementation Team.

2.6 Provincial General Services Officer

2.6.1 To provide support in the procurement of supplies needed in the implementation of identified programs, projects and activities of the Provincial RPRH Law Implementation Team in accordance to the Bids and Awards rules and regulations.

2.7 Chairperson of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee on Women, Children and Family

2.7.1 Lead in the crafting and passage of resolutions and ordinances promoting the welfare and health of women, children and family particularly on family planning services.

2.8 Civil Society Organization: Women Sector/CSO President/Mahintana/FPOP/JHPIEGO/FPOGS shall:

2.8.1 Support the RPRH implementation at the barangay level through coordination and collaboration with the Office of Health Services;

2.8.2 Provision of quality cultural and gender-sensitive health services especially in urban poor communities and geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA);

2.8.3 Monitor, document and act to address violations of the right to FP as provided in RPRH Law; and

2.8.4 Create an enabling policy environment for FP by working with the local chief executives and health boards.

2.9 Philippine National Police (Provincial Police Director) shall:

2.9.1 Coordinate and collaborate with PSWD and IPHO on gender-based violence interventions to include information, education and communication activities;

2.9.2 Report to PIT gender-based violence against women and children (VAWC) cases processed and filed in court; and

2.9.3 Encourage integration of RH services provision within the PNP.

2.10 Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on Youth development shall:

2.10.1 Sponsor and ensure the passing of resolutions on the implementation of RPRH programs, projects and activities in relation to Adolescent Health Development; and

2.10.2 Create an enabling policy environment for Adolescent Health.

2.11 Local Youth Development Officer shall:

2.11.1 Ensure the integration of adolescent reproductive health concerns in the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Agenda (CBYDA) and strategies; and

2.11.2 Ensure the full implementation of the CBYDA in coordination with DILG and OHS.

2.12 Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on Health shall:

2.12.1 Sponsor and ensure the passing of resolutions on the implementation of RPRH programs, projects and activities; and

2.12.2 Pass enabling policies for FP.

2.13 Representative from the National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) shall:

2.13.1 Review and assess the policies and guidelines recommended by the Team and ensure that they are for the benefits of the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and Indigenous People (IP);

2.13.2 Recommend policies, plans, programs and projects which will promote awareness to ICCs/IP on the implementation of RPRH Law; and

2.13.3 Monitor the Implementation of RPRH Law among ICCs/IP.

2.14 DepEd- South Cotabato Schools Division Superintendent shall:

2.14.1 Implement an age-appropriate, gender sensitive and rights-based comprehensive sexuality education in the school curriculum;

2.14.2 Establishment of teen centers in school in collaboration with IPHO and PPO;

2.14.3 Train teachers on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE);

2.14.4 Monitor the conduct of CSE modules in schools; and

2.14.5 Provide age-appropriate Family Planning (FP) information and referral services.

2.15 Heads, Members-Schools of the Philippines Association of the Private Schools, Colleges & Universities (PAASCU):

2.15.1 Ensure the integration of adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health concerns in the school curricula; and

2.15.2 Provide Family Planning (FP) information and services including counselling.

SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. The following shall be the functions of the PIT:

3.1 Formulate policies, plans, and programs necessary to promote the Programs on Population and Family Planning which will cater the basic needs of men and women;

3.2 Ensure regular meetings are conducted and special meetings when necessary and ensure that all discussions are properly documented;

3.3 Assess and deliberate issues pertaining to the implementation of RPRH programs, projects and activities;

3.4 Prepare Annual Work and Financial (AWFP) and prepare and submit Semestral Accomplishment Report based on AWFP; and

3.5 Review and endorse RPRH programs, projects and activities for the development of family planning and other advocacies under RPRH Law.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE PERMANENT ALTERNATE.

The regular member may designate his/her permanent alternate to attend the scheduled activities of the PIT.

SECTION 5. MEETING, FREQUENCY AND ATTENDANCE.

PIT meetings are conducted every second Tuesday of the first month of the quarter (or more frequently if the need arises). All members are obliged to attend all meetings, and if unable to attend, the members should inform the technical secretariat three (3) days before for the Chairperson to determine if a representative must be sent. In the event the meeting is postponed or moved to another date, the members shall be notified two (2) days before the date of postponement.

The Technical Secretariat which is composed of the IPHO and the Provincial Population Office Technical Staff shall be responsible in the documentation of the proceedings of the meeting and shall likewise provide minutes of the meeting of the respective members.

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 fulfilment of RPRH Law specifically localizing the national program on population and family planning.

SECTION 6. POLICIES and PLANS.

6.1 Policies refer to LGU's executive and legislative issuances to promote the Programs on Population and Family Planning which will cater the basic needs of men and women.

6.2 Plans

The Implementing Team's Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) 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 PPPAs;
- 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 the RPRH;
- e. Institute policies and programs to promote the welfare of men and women on RPRH programs aligned with the national thrusts; and
- f. The approved Provincial/City Implementation Team on RPRH law Annual Unified Work and Financial Plan shall be submitted to the Commission on Population and development on or before January 15 of every year.

SECTION 8. Expenses to be incurred by the PIT shall come from the budget of the IPHO and PPO subject to accounting and auditing rules.

SECTION 9. REPORTS

The RPRH law Implementing Team shall use the prescribe templates for each Key Results Ares (Family Planning, Adolescent Sexual and reproductive Health, Gender Based Violence, HIV/AIDS, Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition) and shall be submitted based on the timelines set under DILG MC 2020-132.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and remains effective, binding unless revoked, repealed, or modified.

Done this 27th day of October 2021, in the City of Koronadal, Province of South Cotabato, Philippines.

REYNALDO S. TAMAYO, JR.
Provincial Governor

