



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING PRO-ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE FOR A MALARIA-FREE AND ZERO INDIGENOUS MALARIA PROVINCE

WHEREAS, Section 6, of Republic Act No. 4832 titled, "An Act Creating the Malaria Eradication Service and Providing Funds for the Duration of the Campaign" grants authority to the Secretary of Health to certify the eradication of malaria and maintain a malaria-free status in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, the Province of Oriental Mindoro applied with the Department of Health (DOH) to be declared as malaria-free province.

WHEREAS, the province recorded zero incidence of indigenous case of malaria for the past ten years from the year 2012 up to the present.

WHEREAS, in accordance with DOH Administrative Order No. 2013-007, the Provincial Health Office (PHO) established a provincial malaria elimination hub which is accessible to all in the prevention, control, and eradication of malaria in the province.

WHEREAS, the PHO continues to implement the conduct of Malaria Border Operations, Environmental Sanitation, Vector Control in efforts to eliminate malaria.

WHEREAS, the province has completed all DOH documentary requirements to be declared as malaria free province with zero incidence of indigenous case of malaria for the past ten (10) years in any of the barangay and all the barangays are now classified as "Malaria Cleared Areas."

NOW THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, PH.D. by virtue of the power vested in me as Provincial Governor by Section 465 (b) (1) (i), Article One, Chapter 3, Title IV, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. General Mandate. All are enjoined to comply with the malaria protocols being carried out to ensure the sustainability of Oriental Mindoro as a Malaria-Free Province.

SECTION 2. Strengthening of Surveillance. To ensure that threats of transmission and re-introduction of infection, all incoming travelers such as Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), foreign/local tourists, seafarers, uniformed personnel or counterparts from malaria endemic areas, including fisherfolks, and the indigenous people traversing the boundaries of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro shall be subjected to assessment and screening at the nearest health facility.

SECTION 3. Guidelines in Diagnosis and Treatment of Malaria. Any person who shows symptoms of malaria shall undergo the following medical procedures:

- A. Diagnosis will be through microscopy except in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) areas where there is no microscopy center and more than two (2) hours for clients to travel to the nearest microscopy center.
- B. Direct Observed Treatment (DOT) will be adopted as the mode of treatment of all patients, with anti-malaria drugs supervised by a trained health worker, Barangay Health Worker, or treatment partner.
- C. Immediate referral of patients with complications to respective core referral hospitals.
- D. Competent health care providers will carry out diagnosis and treatment of malaria patients

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SECTION 4. Health Education and Promotion Activities. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) will strengthen advocacies/health education through posting of bill boards at all point of entries. The awareness drive shall promote active health seeking behavior. Intensification of health education and promotion activities through distribution of DOH-recommended Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials; lectures during bench conferences; and community assemblies especially in the *Mangyan* communities.

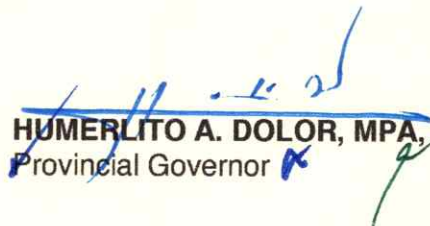
SECTION 5. Reportorial Requirement. The PHO is directed to submit a quarterly report to the Center for Health Development Region IV-B MIMAROPA. The manner of reporting shall comply with the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) protocol

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All other issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, this 23rd day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.


HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, PH.D.
Provincial Governor