



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the general objectives of Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order (AO) No. 168, Series of 2004 is to formulate and implement a national policy framework for emergencies and disasters for the health sector in order to decrease mortality and morbidity, promote physical and mental health, as well as prevent injury and disability on the part of both victims and responders.

WHEREAS, DOH-AO No. 2018-0018 or the National Policy on the Mobilization of Health Emergency Response Teams provides for the guidelines in the mobilization of Health Emergency Response Teams (HERTs) during events, emergencies, and disaster, as well as the types of teams and its corresponding composition and functions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to DOH-AO No. 2018-0018, local government units shall formulate their Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (DRRM-H), an integrated, systems-based, multi-sectoral process that utilizes policies, plans, programs, strategies to reduce health risks due to disasters and emergencies, improve preparedness for adverse effects and lessen adverse impacts of hazards to address needs of affected population with emphasis on the vulnerable groups.

WHEREAS, the geographical location of Oriental Mindoro is vulnerable to natural disasters such as typhoon, floods, and landslides, as well as human induced problems which pose threats to the lives and properties of *Oriental Mindoreños*.

WHEREAS, it is highly imperative to address disasters, examine the vulnerable elements in the community, adopt measures to reduce risks, and put in place a holistic disaster risk reduction and management scheme in the province to deal with both natural and man-made hazards before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D., by virtue of the powers vested in me by Republic Act No. 7160 and other pertinent laws of the Republic of the Philippines as the Provincial Governor of Oriental Mindoro, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation. The Provincial Health Emergency Response Team (PHERT) is hereby organized and shall have the following general functions:

1. Provision and support to essential health service package such as lifesaving measures, curative care, and promotive and preventive care;
2. Assessment such as Rapid Health Assessment (RHA), Surveillance, and other analogous to the foregoing;
3. Technical and support assistance;
4. Monitoring and evaluation;
5. Establishment and Support Incident Command System (ICS); and
6. Other roles and functions as may be required;

SECTION 2. Types of PHERTs. The appropriate Provincial Health Emergency Response Team (PHERT) shall be mobilized based on the need of the recipient-area. The different types of response teams, their composition and specific functions shall be provided in the succeeding sections.

SECTION 3. PHERT – Public Health Team. The Public Health Team, also known as the Composite Team, shall be composed of experts to provide public health services, to include at least five (5) members: as Surveillance Officer; Program Managers (Doctors) especially for communicable diseases, Reproductive Health services, Childcare Services; Sanitary

Engineers; Nutritionist-Dietitian; Logistics Person; Driver; Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS); and Health Promotion and Advocacy Personnel.

The PHERT – Public Health Teams shall provide the following services at evacuation centers and the communities:

1. Vaccination;
2. Reproductive health services;
3. Child care services;
4. Assessment and provision of water sanitation and hygiene, and nutrition needs;
5. Establishment of surveillance system; and
6. Health promotion services.

There shall be two (2) Public Health Teams which shall be composed of the following:

PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM A

- Head** : **DR. MA. FARRAH MAE PE SALVANI**
Medical Officer III, Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital
- Members** : **MS. MA. RHODELIA P. APACIBLE, RN, MAN**
Nurse III, Provincial Health Office (PHO) /Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and Tuberculosis (TB) Program Coordinator
- : **MS. ROCELLE BAXA, RMT**
Laboratory Technician, PHO/Surveillance Coordinator
- : **MS. ADORA P. BINAY, RM**
Midwife II, PHO/Adolescent Health Development Program Coordinator
- : **MS. ANNA MARIE P. VALDEZ**
Administrative Aide IV, PHO
- : **MR. ELMER RONNEL M. CATOY**
Disaster Management Operations Assistant, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO)
- : **MS. GLEANET MARASIGAN, RN, SW**
Child Development Worker, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office

PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM B

- Head** : **DR. ROLANDO LOMIO**
Medical Officer, Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH)
- Members** : **DR. JOSEPHINE B. RAYOS**
Dentist III, PHO
- : **DR. NERELYN MARCIANO**
Dentist II, PHO /Healthy Ageing and Eye Care Program Coordinator
- : **MR. PAUL AUGUSTINE O. LEYNES, RN**
Nurse II, OMPH
- : **MS. MARIA VIOLETA V. LAGUERTA, RM**
Midwife IV, PHO/ Expanded Program for Immunization Coordinator

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- : **MS. MARISSA MALAPOTE**
Administrative Officer II, PHO
- : **MR. AIVAN JAY H. BEJASA**
Disaster Management Operations Assistant, PDRRMO

SECTION 4. PHERT – Water Sanitation and Hygiene Teams. The Water Sanitation and Hygiene Teams (WASH) shall be composed of Sanitary Engineers, Sanitary Inspectors, Environmental Point Person, and other WASH Cluster members. The PHERT – WASH Teams shall provide the following services:

1. Lead in WASH Rapid Assessment;
2. Recommend priority areas for WASH;
3. Provide technical guidance and assistance related to WASH; and
4. Ensure the following in coordination with the LGU concerned:
 - a. Collection and disposal of wastes;
 - b. Acquisition and distribution of potable water supply;
 - c. Construction of additional toilet facilities;
 - d. Supervision of sanitary conditions of the community; and
 - e. Hygiene promotion, vector control, and other analogous to the foregoing.

The WASH Teams shall be composed of the following:

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE TEAM A

- Head** : **ENGR. EDUARDO C. REYES, JR.**
Engineer II, OMPH/Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health Manager/Health Emergency Management Staff Program Coordinator
- Members** : **MS. MHAY H. DELA CRUZ, RMT**
Sanitation Inspector I, PHO/Vector Borne Disease Program Coordinator

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE TEAM B

- Head** : **MR. FERDINAND R. CASTOMERO**
Sanitation Inspector IV, PHO/Environmental Health and Sanitation Program Coordinator
- Members** : **MR. RAINIER ROCO**
Sanitation Inspector I, PHO

SECTION 5. PHERT – Nutrition Team. The Nutrition Teams shall be composed of Nutritionist (National / Region / Local Government Unit), Staff from the Regional offices of the Department of Health and National Nutrition Council (NNC), Barangay Nutrition Scholars, and other Nutrition Cluster members. The PHERT – Nutrition Teams shall provide the following services:

1. Lead in the conduct of a Rapid Nutrition Assessment;
2. Prioritize services to vulnerable population;
3. Identify appropriate nutritional intervention in identified areas of the province;
4. Monitor Milk Code violations;
5. Ensure availability of breastfeeding areas;
6. Coordinate with higher level facilities for referral of severely malnourished children; and
7. Lead in advocacy and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) in nutrition.

The Nutrition Teams shall be composed of the following:

NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES TEAM A

- Head** : **MS. ANA LUALHATI M. HERNANDEZ, RND**

Nutritionist-Dietitian II, PHO/Health Education and Promotion Officer II

Members : **MS. MERCEDITA V. ANORICO, RND**
Nutritionist-Dietitian II, OMPH/Nutrition Program Coordinator

NUTRITION IN EMERGENCIES TEAM B

Head : **MS. RUDELINE U. ALMEDA, RND, MPA**
Nutritionist-Dietitian II, PHO/Non-Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program Coordinator

Members : **MS. MYLENE T. LASTIMOZA, RND**
Nutritionist-Dietitian II, PHO

SECTION 6. PHERT – Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS) Teams. The MHPSS Teams shall be composed of Doctors, Nurses, Psychologist, and other members of the MHPSS Cluster and shall provide the following services:

1. Lead in the conduct of a MHPSS Assessment;
2. Prioritize services to vulnerable population based on the assessment including relatives of the dead;
3. Identify appropriate psychosocial support care to victims and responders, military and leaders;
4. Implement preventive measures with proper coordination to higher level facilities;
5. Provide necessary psychotropic drugs at various levels.

The MHPSS Teams shall be composed of the following:

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES TEAM A

Head : **DR. MARIA ARLENE G. BRIONES-DE VEYRA**
Medical Specialist II, PHO/MHPSS-Focal Person

Members : **MR. CRISOSTOMO S. ABORDO, RSW**
Social Welfare Officer I, PHO

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES TEAM B

Head : **MR. TIMOTHY JOSEF A. LASTIMOZA, RN**
Nurse I, PHO/Drug Rehabilitation Coordinator

Members : **MS. MARIA ANNJANETTE R. AÑONUEVO, RPM**
Psychometrician, PHO

SECTION 7. Qualifications of PHERT Members. All members of the PHERTs shall have the following minimum requirements:

1. Have the license to practice profession, if applicable;
2. With training on Basic Life Support and Standard First Aid;
3. Willing to be deployed in austere/severe environments anytime and anywhere; and
4. Physically and mentally fit.

Personnel with permanent *plantilla* position shall be given priority in the PHERT. Additional training shall be required depending on the needed competency of the members of the PHERTs based on his/her roles and functions.

SECTION 8. PHERT mobilization process. The response mobilization processes are integrated into two (2) phases namely, the Preparedness and Response Phase. The following shall be the process for both the Preparedness and Response Phase:

Preparedness Phase:

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2. Based on the approved schedule of duty; or
3. If there is a risk on the safety and security of the PHERTs.

SECTION 11. Protection of PHERTs. All mobilized members of PHERTs shall be on temporary added duty status. All mobilized members shall be entitled to all remunerations/benefits on top of the regular benefit package provided the same is allowed under relevant laws and issuances subject to existing auditing and accounting rules.

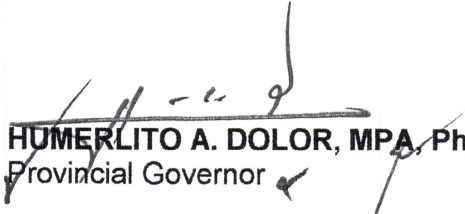
SECTION 12. Funding. The funding requirements expenses for the PHERT shall be charged against the funds of the Provincial Health Office and other fund sources authorized by laws and other issuances.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. All executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby amended, repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-two.


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