



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 01-A**

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**ORGANIZING THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (MCAT-VAWC)**

**WHEREAS**, RA 9208 declares that the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking persons and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration;

**WHEREAS**, RA 9262 underscores the commitment of the State on safeguarding the dignity of women and children while guaranteeing full respect of their human rights and to protect them violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

**WHEREAS**, the abovementioned Republic Acts provide stronger mandates and direction to relevant government agencies and stakeholders to immediately access human trafficking and VAWC;

**WHEREAS**, the general purpose of the Municipal Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (MCAT-VAWC) is to establish and strengthen local structure that will collaboratively address the problem of Trafficking and VAWC;

**WHEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me, I, **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor, this municipality, hereby organize the Municipal Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (MCAT-VAWC) to be composed of the following with their identified functions to wit;

**A. COMPOSITION**

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| CHAIRMAN    | - | <b>ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN</b><br>Municipal Mayor        |
| CO-CHAIRMAN | - | <b>HON. FLORDELIZA G. DEPAYSO</b><br>SB Member               |
| MEMBERS     | - | <b>MS. GRACE O. POCSOL</b><br>MSWDO                          |
|             |   | <b>MR. OLIVER P. GUADAÑA, MD</b><br>Municipal Health Officer |
|             |   | <b>ENGR. IMELDA F. NUGUID</b><br>MPDC                        |
|             |   | <b>MS. JOCELYN S. NGAIL</b><br>PESO Designate                |
|             |   | <b>MR. CESAR U. ATING</b><br>MLGOO                           |

**PCI STEPHEN GEORGE B. ANTONIO**  
Chief of Police, IMPS

**MS. ESTRILITA C. APIDOS**  
Women's Association Representative

**MS. APPLE DARLEEN P. BUDTAN**  
Children/Youth Sector Representative

**MS. FELY EKWASEN**  
Overseas Filipino Workers Representative

SECRETARIAT

- **MS. JANE M. MERCADO**  
Social Welfare Officer III

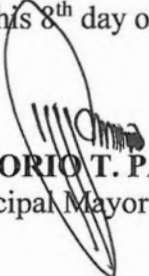
#### B. FUNCTIONS

1. Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence (formulate local ordinances and resolutions).
2. Create and establish systems on surveillance, investigation and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination.
3. Undertake information, education and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC.
4. Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of RA 9208, RA 9262 and other related laws for the protection of women and children and of the IACAT and IACVAWC national plans of action.
5. Establish linkage with other existing bodies/local councils on women and children may invite other relevant agencies/organizations to participate in meetings and activities whenever necessary.
6. To perform other duties and function which may be directed upon it by appropriate authorities.

#### C. EFFECTIVITY

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 at Itogon, Benguet.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor

Cc:

- All concerned
- Sangguniang Bayan Office
- MLGOO
- File