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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF) TEAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates through Article XV Section 3, that "The State shall defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition, special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, RNC Resolution No. 04 S. 2015 encourages all local government unit to organize Breastfeeding support groups to ensure the implementation of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) program;

WHEREAS, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) program aims to improve the health and nutritional status of infants and young children through appropriate breastfeeding and complementary feeding and contribute to the reduction of infant and child mortality and morbidity;

WHEREAS, malnutrition remains as a challenge in the municipality which contributes to 1.14 percent among 0-5 years old children (2015 data) that could directly or indirectly affect their individual development;

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the powers vested in me, **I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet, hereby create the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Team to be composed of the following:

CHAIRPERSON:	Municipal Mayor
CO CHAIRPERSON:	Municipal Health Officer
MEMBERS:	Rural Health Physician
	Municipal Nutrition Action Officer
	SB member, Committee on Health
	Nurses Trained on IYCF
	Rural Health Midwife trained on IYCF
	BHW Representative
	BNS Representative

Functions:

- 1.) The IYCF support group is responsible in ensuring the fulfillment of the right of children to the highest attainable standard of health and the right of women to full and unbiased information, and adequate health care and nutrition.
- 2.) Each partner should acknowledge and embrace its responsibilities for improving the feeding of infants and young children and for mobilizing required resources.
- 3.) To provide skilled counselors and help infant and young child feeding, for instance at well-baby clinics, during immunization sessions, and in in- and out-patient services for sick children, nutrition services, and reproductive health and maternity services;
- 4.) To increase access to antenatal care and education about breastfeeding, to deliver practices which support breastfeeding and to follow-up care which helps to ensure continued breastfeeding;
- 5.) Promote good nutrition for pregnant and lactating women;
- 6.) Monitor the growth and development of infants and young children as a routine nutrition intervention, with particular attention to low-birth-weight and sick infants, and ensuring that mothers and families receive appropriate counseling.

Effectivity:

This Executive order shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until revoked or amended.

Done this 29th day of March 2016 at Itogon, Benguet, Philippines.



ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor

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- All concern
- File