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BY: WITH STRENGTHENING LGU ENGAGEMENT IN ALL EFFORTS FOR THE REVENTION AND CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER 07 SERIES OF 2021 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the outbreak of African Swine Fever in the country has adversely affected the hog and agriculture industry resulting into loss of income and livelihood, increased unemployment rate, sudden surge in the price of pork and its by-products and has caused domino effects to the various income generating industries resulting into drastic reduction in both local and national revenues;

WHEREAS, local government units including barangays play crucial role in the nationwide campaign against ASF most especially in the implementation of plans and programs at the grass roots levels specifically developed to rid the country of this high impact trans boundary disease affecting our economy;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the crucial role of local government units in the intensified campaign of the national government against ASF, the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the academe, private sector and swine industry experts, developed the Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program as embodied under D.A. Administrative Order No. 07, series of 2021which empowers LGUs through the provision of technical and support services for the successful implementation of said program that involves disease surveillance and monitoring, disease reporting, investigation and response, and biosecurity protocols, zoning, recovery, and repopulation;

WHEREAS, revitalizing local economy adversely affected by the African Swine Fever requires strong collaboration between LGUs including barangays, the Department of Agriculture, the private sector, local hog raisers and all stakeholders for the successful implementation of all initiatives, plans and programs that seeks to prevent and control disease infections and widespread in the municipality thereby facilitating recovery of the local hog industry;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and Section 16 of the Local Government Code, local government units shall promote the health and well-being of their respective constituents thus its mandate to take the lead in the prevention and control of this animal disease caused by the African Swine Fever virus;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Local Chief Executive of the Municipality, I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, hereby ORDER as follows;

Section 1. Adoption of D.A. Administrative Order No. 07-2021. The Implementing Guidelines for the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay" embodied under Administrative Order No. 07, series of 2021 of the Department of Agriculture is hereby adopted to form part of this Executive Order.

Section 2. Creation of ASF Task Force. Consistent with the pertinent provisions of the aforementioned Administrative Order, there is hereby created an ASF Task Force in the municipality to be composed of the following:

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Chairman: Co- Chairman: Members: The Municipal Mayor

The Municipal Administrator

The Chairperson of the S.B. Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Public Information

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The Municipal Agriculturist

The Municipal Veterinarian

The MENRO-designate

The MDRRM Officer

The Municipal Rural Health Physician

The Liga ng mga Barangay President

The Chairman, MAFC

The Chief of Police, IMPS The District Supervisors, Itogon I and II

The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator The Local Economic and Investment Officer-designate

Representative from the BFP

Representative from the Bureau of Animal Industry

The Chairperson of Itogon CSO Network, Inc.

Representative from the local hog raisers and

pork meat dealers/retailers

The Municipal Livelihood Coordinator

Section 3. Functions, Duties and Responsibilities: The ASF Task Force shall perform the following;

- Shall take the lead in the implementation of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program otherwise known as BABay ASF Program focusing on the following program components:
 - a. Intensified Risk Assessment, Surveillance and Monitoring;
 - b. Strengthening Biosecurity Implementation;
 - c. Capability Building and Awareness Campaign;
 - d. Strengthening and Institutionalization of LGU Engagement; and
 - e. Recovery and Repopulation
- Formulate contingency plans and recommend to the Local Chief Executive or to the Sanguniang Bayan, as the case may be, the adoption of local issuances or appropriate ordinances for ASF prevention and control measures;
- In coordination with the Provincial and Regional ASF Task Force, shall conduct immediate disease investigation and sample collection in the area where a suspect ASF case is being reported;
- Initiate and coordinate all ASF related activities to all concerned National Government Agencies as well as to the Provincial and Regional ASF Task Forces. Such activities shall include but not limited to quick response, disease investigation, surveillance, animal movement control, information and education, and logistics;
- 5. Conduct capability building activities;
- 6. Disseminate information, guidelines, and memoranda to all stakeholders;
- 7. Regularly submit reports to the LCE on the status of its activities; and
- Perform such other functions provided under A.O 07, series of 2021 of the Department of Agriculture and other relevant laws and issuances, or such other duties and functions that the LCE may delegate which he deems it appropriate for proper implementation of the program.

Section 3. Secretariat. To provide administrative support to the ASF Task Force, the Municipal Agriculture Office is hereby designated as Secretariat to the task force.

Section 4. Creation of a Technical Working Group. A Technical Working Group is hereby created to assist the ASF Task Force in the implementation of the program and in the formulation of ASF related plans and policies. Said TWG shall be headed by the Municipal Veterinarian and whose members shall come from the Mayor's Office, MPDO, MAO, MSWDO, the Provincial Agriculture Office and D.A.-CAR, all of whom shall be designated by the respective Heads of Offices.

Section 5. Registration and Deputation of Biosecurity Officers. Biosecurity Officers such as VetBO and BBO shall be registered and deputized in accordance with Section 4 of the "Guidelines." For this purpose, the Municipal Veterinary is hereby enjoined to apply directly to the Provincial Veterinary Office for deputation as VetBO. In the absence of Community-Based Animal Technologists, all Punong Barangays are hereby designated as Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs). As such they shall be registered to the Municipal Agriculture Office whom the latter shall endorse to the Provincial Veterinary Office. Upon completion of the accreditation process, the VetBO and the BBOs shall perform their respective duties and functions in accordance with D.A Administrative Order No. 07, series of 2021 and such other subsequent laws and relevant issuances.

Section 6. Separability Clause. If for any reason, this order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by court or other competent authorities, parts hereof not affected by such declaration shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All orders not consistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.

Done this 26th day of May, 2022.

ATTY. VICT T. PALANGDAN Municipal Ma

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-Office of the Provincial Governor The Honorable Sanguniang Bayan -All Punong Barangays -Municipal Agriculture Office -Provincial Agriculture Office -All concerned -file

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