



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17**  
Series of 2022

**CREATING A MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT TEAM ON STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON.**

**WHEREAS**, section 524 of the Local Government Code states that each LGU shall conduct a periodic inventory of infrastructures and other community facilities and undertake the maintenance, repair, improvement, or reconstruction of these facilities;

**WHEREAS**, it is likewise declared a policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root cause of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management, and building the resilience of local communities to disasters;

**WHEREAS**, to enhance the country's resilience to ensure public safety, government and business continuity, and national security, the DILG, DPWH and the DTI issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2019-01 enjoining all Local Chief Executives to conduct structural integrity assessment in all clusters within their respective areas of jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, for over two years, all school buildings and other similar learning centers were closed to protect public health due to COVID -19 pandemic, hence the implementation of blended learning, on-line classes and/or modular learning process, leaving these structures unattended and unmaintained that may have resulted to pest infections, unnoticed deterioration of building materials and structural components and incidence of other damages due to natural calamities such as the July 27, 2022 earthquake and recent weather disturbances;

**WHEREAS**, in relation of the aforementioned legal provisions with the resumption of face-to-face classes, it is imperative that all school buildings including other learning centers such as Child Development Centers, Kindergarten Schools and similar facilities shall be subject to ocular inspection and assessment for the determination of its structural integrity, early detection of defects and vulnerable, and for the implementation of corrective or remedial measures prior to the occupation thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **BERNARD S. WACLIN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby **ORDER** and decree as follows:

**Section 1. Creation of a Municipal Assessment Team.** There is hereby created a Municipal Assessment Team for the assessment of the structural integrity and safety of all public buildings in the Municipality of Itogon to be composed of the following:

Team Leader:	The Municipal Engineer
Asst. Team Leader:	The MDRRM Officer
Members:	The Chairman, S.B. Committee on Infrastructures
	The Chairman, S.B. Committee on Education
	The District Coordinating Principals of Itogon I and II
	The MSWD Officer or her representative
	The Municipal Fire Marshall
	The Punong Barangay where the structure to be assessed is located

Provided further, that the Municipal Assessment Team may require technical personnel from the Municipal Engineering Office and/or the Municipal Planning and Development Office to assist them in the conduct of actual inspection and assessment activities.

**Section 2. Functions and Duties.** The Municipal Assessment Team shall:

1. In view of the implementation or resumption of face-to-face classes, shall conduct prior assessment of all public school buildings, kindergarten schools, day care or child development centers and similar structures and its facilities to determine the structural integrity and safety thereof;
2. In coordination with the school principal, Teacher-in-Charge or Punong Barangay, as the case may be, shall cause the implementation or application of appropriate intervention or remedial measures on minor defects or damages that were observed on any particular building or classroom to ensure the usability thereof without compromising the safety of the occupants;
3. In case of ruinous or dangerous structures, shall notify the school principal or the Teacher-in-Charge, or the Punong Barangay, as the case may be, of such finding and immediately ORDER the closure of such structure to prevent entry thereon by any person. Based on this finding, the assessment team shall recommend appropriate engineering interventions to restore the stability and functionality of subject structure. Otherwise, the Municipal Engineer shall issue the appropriate Notice and Order for the demolition of the same.
4. Through the Municipal Engineer, shall certify as to the structural integrity and safety of each building found to be such;
5. Develop and implement action plans with specific timelines to address the infrastructure findings and ensure the structural integrity of critical infrastructures;
6. Aside from learning institutions, the Team shall also assess the structural integrity of other public buildings in the municipality, as to their conformance with the standards of the National Building Code and with the requirements of disaster resilience founded on a science-based approach to hazard and risk management; and
7. Perform such other related functions as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive;

**Section 3. Repealing Clause.** All Orders and executive issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed repealed accordingly.

**Section 4. Separability Clause.** If for any reason, this order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by court or other agencies of competent authorities, parts hereof not affected by such declaration shall continue to be in force and effect.

**Section 5. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at Itogon, Benguet.

**HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN**  
Municipal Mayor

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