



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26
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**RECONSTITUTING THE MUNICIPAL ZERO OPEN DEFECATION (ZOD)
VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON**

WHEREAS, improper excreta disposal or open defecation remains to be practiced in areas where sanitation facilities are inadequate, becoming the principal factor in transmission and spread of gastrointestinal infections, contamination of water supply sources resulting to outbreaks of diseases such as cholera and gastroenteritis, and causing nuisance to the community;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, with the participation of the United Nations Children's Educational Fund (UNICEF) and World Bank- Water and Sanitation Program (WB-WSP) is promoting the Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Program aimed at empowering the communities to take actions to reach total sanitation and to sustain and improve the health and well-being of the people;

WHEREAS, for the effective implementation of the program and for the attainment of the expected outcome thereof which is for the total elimination of open defecation in all barangays, the veracity of reports and all information submitted by the requesting barangay must be established through proper verification of its ZOD Status prior to the issuance of a Certification to this effect;

WHEREAS, a municipal ZOD Verification and Certification Team is necessary to perform the afore-mentioned functions in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Department of Health;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby reconstitute the Municipal Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Verification and Certification Team as follows:

Section 1. Composition: The Municipal Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Verification and Certification Team is hereby reconstituted as follows:

Team Leader:	DR. OLIVER P. GUADAÑA Municipal Health Officer
Members:	HON. ALEJANDRO L. PALANGDAN Chairperson, S.B. Comm. On Health MR. SIMEON T. CIRIACO PDOHO Representative ENGR. ELISA PONGDAD Sanitation Inspector II, PHO MS. LEONCIA S. NABAYSAN Sanitation Inspector, MHSO MR. EMILIANO L. SEGUNDO JR. Pollution Control Officer MS. JACQUELYN B. BAY-AN Pollution Control Officer MS. LEONORA L. MELCHOR Itogon BHW Federation President

Secretariat: MS. CLAUDETTE P. CARIÑO
Health Program Officer II
MS. JUSTENE S. JULIANO
Nurse II
MS. REBECCA C. LITAOEN
Administrative Assistant II

Section 2. Functions. The Municipal Zero Open Defecation Team shall perform the following functions:

1. Act on all matters pertaining to requests for the verification and certification of barangay ZOD status in accordance with the steps and procedures set forth in the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Health;
2. Conduct monitoring of ZOD barangays every three months to determine whether such status is being sustained. Otherwise, it may revoke the ZOD status issued to barangays that are non-compliant with the criteria.
3. Subject to auditing rules and regulations, may recommend rewards to barangays that has attained Zero Open Defecation Status such as financial assistance for sanitation program or hardware subsidies that may be given as collective community reward based on clear objective measures and impartial process;
4. Ensure public awareness on the ZOD Program through continuous dialogues with barangay officials and the communities, conduct of IECs and such other information dissemination strategies;
5. Keep the Local Chief Executive updated on its activities and other related information concerning the program and may recommend appropriate actions for the effective implementation thereof in the locality;
6. Perform other related functions and duties pursuant to law or ordinances or as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All Orders and executive issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this ORDER or parts hereof are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 2nd day of October, 2023 at Itogon, Benguet.

HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN
Municipal Mayor

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