



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17
Series of 2024

CREATING AN ANTI-DENGUE AND OTHER VECTOR-BORNE VIRAL DISEASES TASK FORCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY, DESIGNATING ITS MEMBERS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code mandates all local government units to promote the health and safety of its constituents by providing measures to prevent and control the spread of diseases, and provide assistance to those afflicted;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Health Office thru its Epidemiology Surveillance Unit has reported a significant number of dengue cases for the period covering January 1st to August 3, 2024, exceeding the number of cases recorded in 2023 by at least 369 percent, thereby making Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever as one of the major health problems in the municipality;

WHEREAS, the current dengue situation in the municipality calls for an intensified actions and strong collaboration among all stakeholders in the implementation of community-based prevention and control mechanism against this mosquito-borne disease to prevent widespread infections across communities;

WHEREAS, it is very imperative to create a body to spearhead local initiatives and undertakings for dengue control and prevention as well as in the formulation of plans, strategies and policies to respond to the challenges posted by Dengue and other vector-borne diseases;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Itogon, I, **BERNARD S. WACLIN** hereby **ORDER** the creation of a Task Force Against Dengue and other Vector-Borne Viral Diseases as follows:

Section 1. Creation of the Task Force. There is hereby created a task force to be known as **Anti-Dengue and Other Vector-Borne Viral Diseases Task Force** whose composition and functions shall be in accordance with the pertinent provisions of this Order.

Section 2. Composition. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

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| CHAIRMAN: | HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN Municipal Mayor |
| CO-CHAIRMAN: | DR. OLIVER P. GUADAÑA Municipal Health Officer |
| MEMBERS: | HON. DANTE ALAIN XAVIER D. GODIO Municipal Vice Mayor and Chairman, S.B. Comm. On Finance, Budget and Appropriation HON. ALEJANDRO L. PALANGDAN Chairman, S.B. Committee on Health DR. MARIE JORELYN P. BAHINGAWAN Rural Health Physician |

MS. ROSSAN B. BALISTO
MESU Coordinator
HON. EDWIN O. ATUMPAG
Liga President
HON. JUDBERT M. ALICNAS
SKF President
DR. EDEN DANGWA
Chief, Itogon District Hospital
MS. GRACE O. POCSOL
MSWDO
ENGR. CYRIL L. BATCAGAN
MDRRMO
FOR. JONES P. BAUZON
MENRO-Designate
MS. LEONCIA NABAYSAN
Sanitation Inspector I
MR. JONATHAN G. SADEY
PSDS, Itogon District I
MS. JULIET K. BALDO
PSDS, Itogon District II
MR. NESTOR O. DALAY-ON
Secondary Schools Representative
PMAJOR MAC KENLEY A. MAYOMIS
Chief of Police, IMPS
SJO4 MILTON JOHN S. MAGUEN
OIC-BJMP
SFO4 EDGARDO R. REDUCA
Municipal Fire Marshall
MS. JULIE C. MALIG
MLGOO, DILG
MR. SIMEON T. CIRIACO
DOH Representative
MS. LEONORA MELCHOR
BHW Federation President
MS. JANET T. ANTONIO
BNS Federation President

(b) *Provided further*, that representatives from other sectors may be designated as members of the task force whenever necessary. (c) *Provided finally*, that in case of vacancy in the membership of the task force, the successor to the office or agency, or sector being represented by the member who caused such vacancy shall automatically sit as member of the task force.

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities. Consistent with rules and guidelines issued by the Department of Health regarding the control and prevention of dengue, the Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Engage the participation of all households, and the public and private sector in the drive to abate the number of dengue cases in the municipality;
- b. Conduct information, education and communication campaigns on the prevention and control of dengue. Relatively, it shall develop and distribute IEC materials for dengue prevention and treatme

- c. Activate the Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue and shall provide technical and logistical support to nine (9) Barangay Anti-dengue Task Forces;
- d. Synchronize the conduct of the 4 o'clock habit or the simultaneous cleaning of the household and community surroundings, getting rid of stagnant water and other mosquito-breeding sites, and conduct of measures to prevent water stagnation every day, starting at 4:00 pm;
- e. Facilitate chemical intervention, such as spraying and larviciding or the regular application of microbial or chemical insecticides to water bodies or water containers to kill mosquito larvae and pupae;
- f. Institutionalize an effective recording and reporting system for vector control and surveillance information;
- g. Coordinate with DOH-CAR Center for Health Development and private medical institutions relative to adoption of hospital-based surveillance system for suspected dengue cases;
- h. Perform other functions as it may deem necessary in the control, prevention and elimination of dengue in the municipality.

Section 4. Barangay Anti-Dengue Task Force. Every barangay in the municipality shall activate its **Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue** as institutionalized under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2012-16. As an implementing arm of the Barangay Government in all undertakings on dengue prevention and control, all barangays shall create their respective Barangay Anti-Dengue Task Force to be composed of the following:

- Chairman: Punong Barangay
- Members: SK Chairman
- Midwife assigned to the barangay
- Barangay Health Workers
- Barangay Nutrition Scholars
- Chairman, Committee on Health of the Sanguniang Barangay
- Heads of School, whether private or public, operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the barangay,
- Representative from the Civil Society Organizations

Section 5. Responsibilities. The Barangay Anti-Dengue Task Force shall:

- a. Ensure that every household and establishment within its jurisdiction shall:
 - 1. Dispose, empty, seal, store under roof containers that are usually filled with rainwater such as discarded tires, bottles, broken appliances, garbage, paint cans, etc;
 - 2. Regularly clean containers or replace water in containers that are usually filled with water by people, such as drums, aquariums, ponds, fountains, animal feeding bowls and pools;
 - 3. Keep its respective surroundings and areas of responsibility clean;
 - 4. Implement other preventive actions that the Department of Health may provide;

- b. Coordinate with the Municipal Health Office in the conduct of fogging or chemical interventions, and search and destroy activities;
- c. Conduct massive information and education drive in its respective jurisdiction regarding control, prevention and elimination of dengue;
- d. Assist in the surveillance and reporting of dengue cases;
- e. Conduct regular clean-up drives and declogging of canals;
- f. Perform other activities incidental and necessary in the control, prevention and elimination of dengue in their respective barangays.

Section 6. 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 7. Repealing Clause. All Executive Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 9th day of August 2024 at Itogon, Benguet.

HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN
Municipal Mayor

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