



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08
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"AN ORDER CREATING A TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES"

WHEREAS, last January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a novel coronavirus outbreak, subsequently identified as COVID-19, as a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 last March 8, 2020 which directs local government agencies to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize necessary resources to undertake response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the WHO has recently determined COVID-19 as a pandemic or a new disease which has now spread globally;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly Section 16 thereof provides, among others, that the local government units shall maintain peace and order, and ensure and promote the health and safety, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, there is a need for Davao City to create a team to efficiently manage its preparations, response, actions and resources in general to address the threat of COVID-19, and other public health emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, City Mayor of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby do the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF A TASK FORCE. There shall be created a **DAVAO CITY TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES**, and the same shall be composed by the following persons or heads of the following offices, to wit:

Chairperson	:	City Mayor
Vice-Chairperson	:	City Administrator
Members	:	Vice Mayor
		City Health Office
		Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
		City Legal Office
		Public Safety and Security Command Center
		Davao City Police Office

Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.
Task Force Davao
Central 911

In order to ensure prompt and continuous performance of the powers, functions and mandate of the TASK FORCE, the heads or chiefs of the offices named above are hereby directed to name an alternate permanent representative to the TASK FORCE who are to take their place in case of their absence.

SECTION 2. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE. – The TASK FORCE shall have the following powers, functions, and duties, to wit:

- a. Formulate, recommend, initiate and implement actions that shall address all concerns relating to necessary preparations and response to a public health emergency, such as the COVID-19, as may be defined by competent authority;
- b. Monitor and ensure the proper implementation of all government issuances and actions related to a public health emergency;
- c. Ensure the integration and proper coordination of all government actions to efficiently address the public health emergency, and;
- d. Do and perform all that is necessary to maintain peace and order, ensure and promote the health and safety, and preserve the comfort and convenience of the people in Davao City.

The TASK FORCE shall be automatically activated as soon as a public health emergency, which poses public health risk and require a coordinate international response to counter its international spread, is declared by competent authority. It shall immediately convene and carry-out its mandate until such time the declaration has been lifted, or the emergency has ceased.

For this purpose, and in light of recent events, the TASK FORCE is hereby deemed to be activated, and henceforth directed to do and perform all acts necessary to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 3. ROLE OF THE NATIONAL AND CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICES. All national and local government offices in Davao City are hereby enjoined to provide its full and active support and cooperation to the TASK FORCE, as well as all government acts directed to address the public health emergency.

SECTION 4. SECRETARIAT. The Office of the City Administrator shall serve as the TASK FORCE's Secretariat tasked to handle all administrative and secretarial activities. In addition, the City Legal Office (CLO) shall provide administrative legal support to the Secretariat.

The City Administrator may hereafter identify additional City Government personnel who may be required to perform administrative support duties and functions for the efficient operations of the TASK FORCE.

SECTION 5. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS. All costs pertaining to the operations of the TASK FORCE as well as the adoption and implementation of its recommendations, shall be chargeable against available funds and resources of the government, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on 13 MAR 2020 at Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

