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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 27, 2015

- PRESENT:** HON. CONCEPCION D. BALAO, Board Member, Temporary Presiding Officer
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HON. BLAS L. DALUS, IP Representative, Ex-Officio Member
- ABSENT:** HON. NELSON C. DANGWA, Vice Governor (O.B.)
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HON. JAMES M. GUANSO, JR., LnB., Pres., Ex-Officio Member (O.B.)

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 15-174

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, Benguet Province continues to face considerable challenges from different crisis situation and disasters affecting the communities and its constituents. Such situation led the different sectors in extreme dilemma and impoverishment resulting to social malfunctioning. If not responded accordingly and given preferential attention, situation would end up to further marginalization, increased vulnerability and social inequity.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) being mandated under the Local Government Code of 1991 works as the primary welfare arm of the Benguet Provincial Government for the achievement of improved capacities and opportunities of the vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals, families and communities in need.

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently respond to the emerging needs of the vulnerable sectors, the current program on Protective Services shall cover Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), Food-for-Work (FFW), Food Assistance (FA), Food-for-Growth (FFG), and Material Assistance, as provided for by Memorandum Circular No. 4, s.2015 of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

WHEREAS, funds for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, be it

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ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be entitled "Protective Services Program of the Province of Benguet".

SECTION 2. GENERAL POLICIES: It is the policy of the Provincial Government of Benguet to:

2.1. Provide guidelines on the provision of Protective Services to vulnerable individuals, families in crisis or difficult situations and communities in difficult circumstances.

2.2. To provide guidelines on the use of funds to support the various interventions under the Protective Services Program (PSP).

SECTION 3. RATE OF ASSISTANCE.

- The amount of assistance to beneficiaries shall be based on the assessment and recommendation of the PSWDO duly approved by the Local Chief Executive.
- The PSWDO may recommend a minimum of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00). Availment of assistance beyond this limit is allowed in extreme justifiable instance based on the urgency and nature of the need as assessed by the social worker and approved by the LCE.
- The assistance shall be issued directly to the client or to the service providers such as medical institutions, pharmacies, funeral parlours, transport companies, etc. If the client is incapable, the nearest kin or authorized representative is allowed to receive the assistance for the client.
- In instances of calamities/disasters, the rate of assistance to the following shall be:

‡ death victims	: P10,000.00
‡ Injured victims shall be minimum of	: P10,000.00
‡ Assistance for Totally Damaged Houses	: P10,000.00
‡ Partially Damaged Houses	: P 5,000.00

- The rate of assistance for FFW shall be based on the prevailing daily wage in the Cordillera Region. The span of work days shall be dependent on the extent of work to be done and in accordance with the need as assessed by the Social Worker.

In extreme justifiable cases, a client can re-avail of the assistance for a maximum of three (3) times subject to availability of funds. Re-availment of the assistance will be done after six (6) months.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND REQUIREMENTS:

The PSP is a package of interventions for individuals and families in crisis or difficult situations; vulnerable or disaster affected communities which include among others the provision of transportation, educational, medical, burial

assistance, food assistance and food-for-work assistance for the repair, improvement, rehabilitation, upgrading/construction of public facilities/structures or infrastructures.

The Provincial Social Welfare Development Officer recommends those individuals/families requesting for assistance who shall have complied with the aforementioned requirements, subject to the approval of the Provincial Governor.

4.1. Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS): It is the provision of financial assistance to individuals and/or families who are hampered to function normally because of socio-economic difficulties. They may be walk-in clients (direct) or referred clients who are vulnerable and disadvantaged or those individuals and families who are in crisis and distressed situation brought about by death, illness, sudden lay-off, disasters and/or any other adversities and difficult circumstances.

Requirements: Clients seeking assistance from the province for any of the following circumstances shall bring/submit the following documents.

- Barangay Certificate of residency and indigency.
 - Social Case Study Report.
 - **Referral letter:**
 - **From the Barangay Chairman or the Municipal Mayor, in case such letter will be secured from the Barangay or the Municipality, as the case may be.**
 - Disaster/Incident Report (if applicable)
 - Photocopy of any valid ID Card or current Community Tax Certificate of the client.
 - Certificate of Enrolment
 - In cases where the payee is not the client, Certified photocopy of Marriage Certificate, Death Certificate, Birth Certificate or Barangay Certification whichever is applicable to establish proof of their relationship.
- a. **Medical Assistance:** assistance to help shoulder the hospitalization, purchase of medicines, other medical treatment, laboratories or medical procedures and related expenses of ailing clients. Likewise, for the medical needs of disaster victims or those that entail longer period of medical treatment due to sustained injuries.
- b. **Burial Assistance** – assistance to families who are burdened with the funeral/burial cost incurred by their deceased family member. Assistance is likewise extended to families of missing persons who are problematic with the expenses in searching and/or retrieving the missing family member.
- c. **Educational Assistance** –assistance given to individuals to help defray the school expenses, cost of sending students/children to school and/or skills training, skills proficiency training and review.
- d. **Transportation Assistance/Balik - Probinsya:** assistance extended to support the planned and purposive return to the place of origin of disaster victims, distressed, displaced individuals/families or to attend to emergency concerns requiring



their immediate presence. The said assistance also includes food allowance of the clients during their travel.

e. Emergency Shelter Assistance – minimal financial assistance extended to families whose houses were either partially or totally damaged by calamities or any other related circumstances. The assistance shall be extended to the legal owner of the damaged house only, thereby the beneficiary shall bring with him/her among other documents stated above a Barangay Certification indicating that the client is the legal house owner and the extent of damage incurred.

f. Food Assistance – provision of assistance to clients who were assessed to be in need of food. Circumstances include but not limited to food allowance or food assistance to the clients who are watching their patients at the hospital, families in extreme financial dilemma brought about by death, termination, damage of livelihood, and other similar adverse instances.

4.2. Food-for-Work – Assistance extended to beneficiaries, volunteers who will work but not limited to construction/repair, restoration and rehabilitation activities of public facilities and infrastructures. The assistance will also be extended to individuals, families and communities needing intervention/support for disaster preparedness, mitigation or risk reduction, livelihood, food production and hunger mitigation projects.

Requirements:

- Request Letter
- Disaster/Incident Report (if applicable)
- Project Proposal indicating the details of the scope of work, duration and number of volunteers

4.3. Food-for-Growth (Supplemental Feeding): It is the provision of supplemental food assistance to Children six years and below as an immediate and direct intervention to sustain the normal and/or improve the nutritional status of children thereby preventing any permanent physical and mental retardation or other adverse effects of malnutrition.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENTS.

Any proposal for amendment of this Ordinance after implementation shall be made in writing, for information and appropriate action.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

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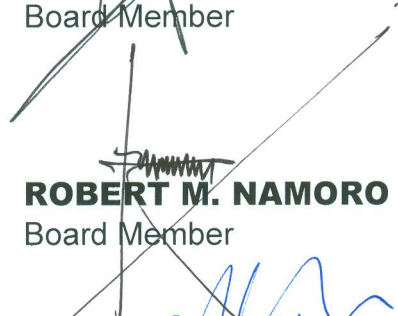
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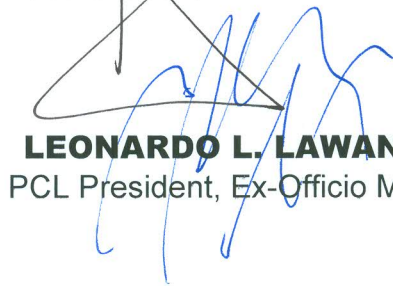
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Board Member & Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



Provincial Governor
Date SEP 30 2015