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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 018 - 2023

AN ORDER CREATING THE VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM ON ZERO OPEN DEFECATION (ZOD) PROGRAM, IDENTIFYING ITS MEMBERS, THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, BULACAN

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, as the lead agency in promoting and ensuring public health and safety through the Environmental and Occupational Health Program, is providing technical assistance and vigorously encouraging their partners in combating water and sanitation problems;

WHEREAS, LGU Santa Maria, Bulacan recognizes the Department of Health (DOH) Memorandum No. 2010-0021, which is the guidelines on Verification and Certification for Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) program;

WHEREAS, to ensure the attainment of the program's objective; official verification and certification of ZOD status of the barangays is needed;

NOW THEREFORE, I BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order to Create the Verification and Certification Team on Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Program, Identifying its Members, their Duties and Responsibilities and for Other Purposes Thereof in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

SECTION I. COMPOSITION. The Municipal Verification and Certification Team on Zero Defecation Team must be comprise of the following:

CHAIRMAN	:	**BARTOLOME R. RAMOS** Municipal Mayor
Vice-Chairman	:	**MA. CONSUELO G. FELICIANO, M.D.** Municipal Health Officer
Members	:	**JAYFIE P. NASARRO** LGOO VI
	:	**ROMMEL Z. ENRIQUEZ** MENRO

: **NELSON CARMELO V. LUCIANO**
SB Chairman, Committee on Health

: **HILARIO C. VILLACORTE**
ABC President

: **ELMER B. CLEMENTE**
Executive Assistant II

: **ANTONIO C. MATEO**
Municipal Public Information Officer

: **NIKKI GONZALES**
PHO Representative

: **LORINA A. GALANG**
Sanitation Inspector II

: **MARICEL F. DE OCAMPO**
Sanitation Inspector I

: **MELIZA A. CRUZ**
Sanitation Inspector I

SECTION II. FUNCTIONS OF THE VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM. The following are their duties and responsibilities:

1. The Team will do sampling at least 10% of the households in the barangays.
2. The Team shall declare the barangay ZOD status and provide certification with a reward such as cash award if available.
3. The Team will report to the Provincial level the certified ZOD status.

SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY. The following characteristics should exist in the community as basis for assessment of the barangay to be certified ZOD status.

1. Use of functional toilet.
2. Proper disposal of babies and elderly's diaper.
3. Availability of soap and water inside or near the toilet.
4. No visible feces in the surroundings.

5. Evidence of a barangay action plan to move up the sanitation ladder towards Sustainable Sanitation.

SECTION IV. Steps on the Verification and Certification of Barangay Zero Open Defection (ZOD) Status: The Verification and Certification shall involve the following activities:

1. Barangay Officials shall submit a letter of request with the ZOD Report to the Municipal Verification Team when ZOD Status has been achieved by the barangay.
2. Municipal Verification Team shall visit the barangay to verify ZOD Status;
3. If the barangay is ZOD Status, the Verification Team shall declare the barangay as Zero open Defecation.
4. Certified ZOD barangay and the number of barangays declared ZOD should be reported by the Municipal Verification Team to the provincial level;
5. ZOD Status and its improvement should be monitored every three (3) months by the Sanitation Inspector.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVITY. The Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

DONE, this 5th day of April 2023 here at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor