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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No.17, S.2023 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity, pursuant to its power under Section 56 (C) of R.A. 7160, to the opinion of the Provincial Legal Office (PLO), in consonance with the mandates of R.A. 10821¹.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Asst. Provincial Legal Officer

¹ Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act – R.A. 10821

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



Endorsement
18 October 2023

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 17 series of 2023 of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte; entitled: "AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS."**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF JARO

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 53rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL,
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

PRESENT:

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| HON. RODRIGO C. ARBAS | -Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer |
| HON. JONELL MARTIN A. QUE | -SB Member |
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| HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA | -SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President |

ABSENT:

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| HON. TRINA MAE R. SOLEDAD | -SB Member/SK Fed.-President |
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

RA NO. 10821, otherwise known as, "The Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act," was signed into law, for the State to promote the policies to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations, when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development.

It is the policy of the State to establish and implement a comprehensive and strategic program of action to provide the children and pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disasters and other emergency situations with utmost support and assistance necessary for their immediate recovery protection against all forms of violence, cruelty, discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation and other acts prejudicial to their interest, survival, development and well-being.

Carmencita G. Tañala

Guided by the principles on survival and development of the child, the Local Government Unit of Jaro aims to establish for a holistic and sustainable implementation of program of activities for the protection of the children, consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Children's Charter for Disaster Risk and Reduction, and the minimum standards for children in humanitarian action.

Hence, the Local Government Unit institutionalizes RA N0. 10821, known as the "Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act. Thus, this ordinance is being proposed for enactment.

INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE JONELL MARTIN A. QUE
Chairman Committee on Rules

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 17
SERIES OF 2023



AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "**Children's Emergency Relief and Protection**".

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development. Guided by the principles on survival and development, on child participation, and consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Children’s Charter for Disaster Risk and Reduction, and the minimum standards for children in humanitarian action.

The State shall establish and implement a comprehensive and strategic program of action to provide the children and pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disasters and other emergency situations with utmost support and assistance necessary for their immediate recovery protection against all forms of violence, cruelty, discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation and other acts prejudicial to their interest, survival, development and well-being.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall refer to:

A. **Child** – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition as defined in **Republic Act No. 9231** or the *Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act*;

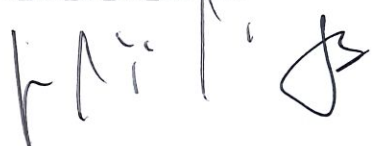
B. **Child with Special Needs** – refer to a child with a developmental or physical disability as defined in *Republic Act No. 10165* or the *Foster Care Act of 2012*;

C. **Child-Friendly Spaces** – refers to spaces where communities create nurturing environment for children to engage in free and structured play, recreation, leisure, learning and activities. The child-friendly space may provide health, nutrition and psychosocial support, and other services or activities which will restore their normal functioning;

D. **Civil Registry Documents** – refer to all certificates, application forms, and certified true copies of legal instruments and court decrees concerning the acts and events affecting the civil status of persons which are presented before the Civil Registrar and are recorded in the Civil Registry;

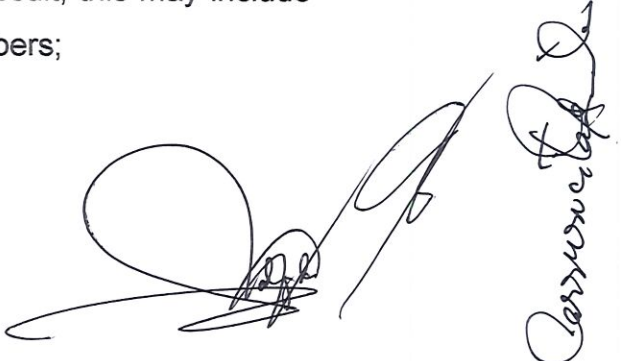
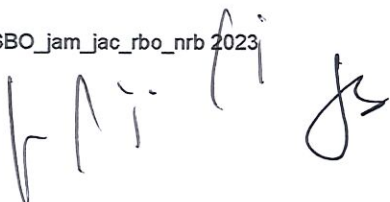
E. **Civil Society Organization (CSOs)** - as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disasters Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, refer to non-state actors whose aims are neither to generate profits nor to seek governing power such as non-government organizations professional associations, foundations, independent research institutes, organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, people's organizations, social movements, and labor unions which are organized based on ethical, cultural, scientific, religious or philanthropic considerations;

F. **Disasters** - as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*, refer to a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.



Disasters are often described as a result of the combination of: the exposure to a hazard; the conditions of vulnerability that are present; and insufficient capacity or measures to reduce or cope with potential negative consequences. Disaster impacts may include loss of life, disease and other negative effects on human, physical, mental and social well-being, together with damage to property, destructions of assets, loss of services, social and economic disruption, and environmental degradation;

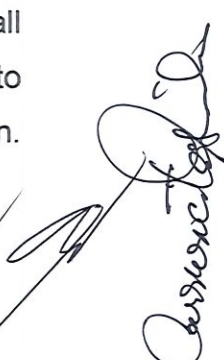

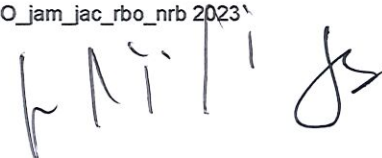
- G. **Emergency** - refers to unforeseen or sudden occurrence, especially danger, demanding immediate action as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*;
- H. **Family Tracing and Reunification** - refers to the process where disaster response teams reunite families separated by natural and human catastrophes by bringing together the child and family or previous care-provider for the purpose of establishing or reestablishing long-term care;
- I. **Hazard** - refers to a dangerous phenomenon, substance, human activity or condition that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, loss of livelihood and services, social and economic disruption, or environmental damage as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*;
- J. **Orphans or Orphaned Children** - refers to children who do not have a family and who cannot assume responsibility for their care;
- K. **Separated Children** - refers to children separated from both parents, or from their previous legal or usual primary caregiver, but not necessarily from other relatives. As a result, this may include children accompanied by other family members;



- L. **State of Calamity** - refers to condition involving mass casualty and/or major damages to property, disruption of means of livelihoods, roads, and normal way of life of people in the affected areas as a result of occurrence of natural or human-induced hazard as defined *Republic Act No. 10121*;
- M. **Transitional Shelter** - refers to structures temporarily constructed by the local government intended for families affected by a disaster while awaiting transfer to permanent shelters;
- N. **Unaccompanied Children** - refers to children who have been separated from both parents and other relatives, and who are not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.
- O. **LGU** - refers to Local Government Unit of Jaro, Leyte;
- P. **MSWDO**- refers to Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
- Q. **RHU** - refers to Rural Health Unit of Jaro, Leyte;
- R. **MEO** - refers to Municipal Engineering Office of Jaro, Leyte;
- S. **PNP** - refers to Philippine National Police of Jaro, Leyte; and
- T. **MDRRMC** - refers to Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council.
- U. **MCR** - refers to Municipal Civil Registrar of Jaro, Leyte;
- V. **MDRRMO** - refers to Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office.



SECTION 4. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWDO) shall formulate a Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children, hereinafter referred to as the Program, taking into consideration humanitarian standards for their protection.



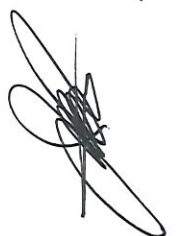


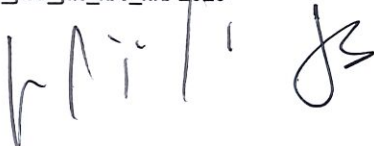
The Program shall be used as the basis for handling disasters and other emergency situations to protect children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and support their immediate recovery. This shall be implemented immediately after the declaration of a national or local state of calamity or occurrence of any other emergency situation.

The MSWDO shall engage all relevant government agencies and stakeholders for the implementation of the Program. The Local Government Unit (LGU) shall integrate the same in the development and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) plans and budget, duly approved by the MDRRMC. The Program shall be gender sensitive and have the following components:

- A. **Establishment of Evacuation Centers** - The LGU shall establish and identify safe locations as evacuation centers for children and families subject to the limitations found in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

- B. **Establishment of Transitional Shelters for Orphaned, Separated, and Unaccompanied Children** – The LGU having been declared under state of calamity, shall engage with concerned national agencies, such as, among others, the National Housing Authority (NHA), the DSWD, the Department Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), *and shall immediately establish an option for transitional shelters, prioritizing vulnerable and marginalized groups including orphaned, separated, unaccompanied children, pregnant and lactating mothers.*

The New transitional shelters established pursuant to this Ordinance, shall be designed with the following considerations: gender-specific emergency comfort-rooms, bathing cubicles, and hand washing facilities specifically designed for children.

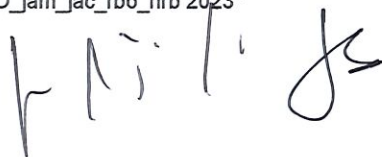


It shall also provide mother and child-friendly spaces where children can take part in child activities. It shall also have provisions for maternal and newborn and infant care and rooms to protect, feed, provide personal care, and ensure the right to privacy. Existing transitional shelters shall be modified to the extent possible to comply with the abovementioned considerations.

- C. Assurance for Immediate Delivery of Basic Necessities and Services** - The Program shall facilitate and ensure the immediate delivery of basic necessities and services specifically required by the affected children in different stages of development such as access to basic health services, food, water, nutrition, medicines, clothing, sanitary and hygiene kits, and other emergency needs such as blankets, mosquito nets, cooking ware and fuel and flashlights.

The Program shall give priority to the specific health and nutrition needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers, newborn babies, children under five (5) years old and children with special needs.

- D. Stronger Measures to Ensure the Safety and Security of Affected Children** - Under the Program, the LGU having been declared under a state of calamity, shall engage the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), who may be assigned to the municipality, the DSWD, the DILG, the Department of Education (DepEd), the CSOs in the different barangays, to monitor and ensure the safety and the security of the affected children and shall protect them against all forms of abuse and exploitation.

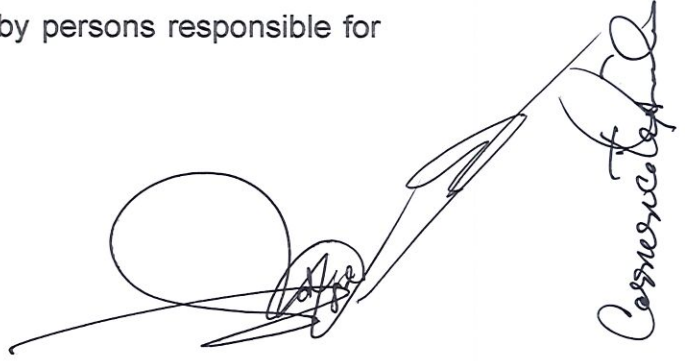


Upon declaration of a national and local state of calamity, the PNP and the MSWDO, with the assistance of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) operating units in the municipality and the Local Councils Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children, and in accordance with existing laws, shall immediately heighten comprehensive measures and monitoring to prevent child trafficking, labor, and prostitution, including domestic and sexual violence in the different barangays of the municipality.

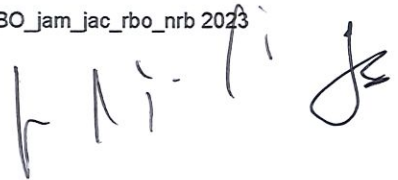
The LGU in close coordination with MSWDO shall require all government agencies and CSOs, which are tasked to provide any assistance or services to affected children to adopt a child protection policy. The child protection policy shall include measures to deter and effectively respond to cases of violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

The LGU through the MSWDO, in coordination with the Local PNP shall prioritize the establishment and functionality of the barangay violence against women and children (VAWC) desks. The VAWC desk shall serve as one of the key reporting and referral mechanism for cases of violence, abuse, and exploitation of children in the barangay and immediately initiating all phases of emergency response and recovery.

The Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of a disaster or other emergency situation. Existing and duly accredited CSOs in the municipality, local volunteers shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.



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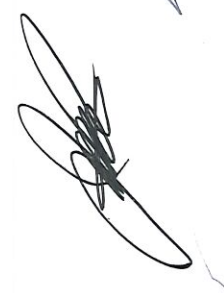
E. Delivery of Health, Medical and Nutrition Services - Under the Program, the Rural Health Unit (RHU), in coordination with the MSWDO and duly accredited CSOs in the community, shall provide the health, medical, and nutritional needs of children, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development.

F. Plan of Action for Prompt Resumption of Educational Services for Children – The Local Government Unit (LGU) in coordination with the DepEd Officials, the MSWDO, DILG, the different Barangay Chairmen, shall ensure the prompt resumption of educational services for children municipal-wide, including Early Childhood Care and Development for Children, aged below five (5).

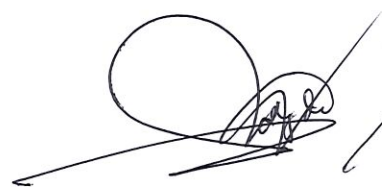
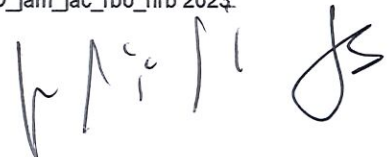
G. Establishment of Child-friendly Spaces - The LGU declared under state of calamity, shall set-up child-friendly spaces in every area in the municipality as needed, based on the guidelines to be promulgated by the DSWD.

In addition, thereto, the LGU shall coordinate with lead agencies and CSOs to effectively respond to the needs of the children in the area. Child-friendly spaces shall be made available throughout a crisis, from emergencies to recovery.

In case the LGU cannot immediately respond due to the huge impact of disaster, the MSWDO, together with the concerned national government agencies and in coordination with the CSOs and other stakeholders, as well as nearby LGUs, shall provide the necessary child care services and social protection of affected children.



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H. Promotion of Children's Rights - The Program shall include activities and processes that will promote and uphold the rights of children by:

1. Providing child-centered training for all responders;
2. Ensuring that children are provided with adequate access to age-appropriate information on their roles and responsibilities and those of government agencies before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations;
3. Providing an effective mechanism for training and meaningful participation of children in community disaster risk reduction program; and
4. Consulting with affected children on their needs and priorities for post-disaster relief and recovery.

SECTION 5. EVACUATION CENTERS - Only in cases where there is no other available place or structure which can be used as general evacuation center may a school or child development center be used as an evacuation center.

When a school or child development center is used as an evacuation center, gymnasiums, learning and activity centers, auditoriums and other open spaces shall be utilized first. Classrooms shall only be used as a last resort. The use of the school premises shall be as brief as possible. If the use is predicted to exceed fifteen (15) days, the affected LGU shall provide written documentation to the DepEd and the DILG in the following:

- A. The name and location of the school;
- B. All alternative sites and proposal for final site selection;

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- C. Measures being implemented to prevent interference or disruption to the school and educational activities of children; and
- D. Other particulars to be provided in the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance;

The LGU, in coordination with the DepEd and Municipal Engineering Office (MEO), shall continuously monitor and assess the condition of temporary learning spaces or other transitional and semi-permanent structures used as classrooms after a disaster, and if the use exceeds six (6) months after the declaration of a state of calamity, the regional DepEd office shall conduct regular site inspections and shall certify to the Secretary of Education that such spaces are in good physical condition and sufficient to ensure the safety of the children and their environment.

SECTION 6. ORPHANED, UNACCOMPANIED, OR SEPARATED CHILDREN - The MSWDO, upon consultation with relevant agencies, shall develop a minimum set of standards and guidelines for the Family Tracing Reunification System of orphaned, unaccompanied and separated children. Orphaned children, and unaccompanied or separated children whose families or relatives cannot be found or assessed to be incapable of providing proper care and protection shall be placed in a licensed or accredited residential care facility or with a foster family in accordance with *Article 140 of the Child and Youth Welfare Code*, or a community-based center. A registered social worker shall provide the needed case management and intervention.

SECTION 7. SYSTEM OF RESTORING MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY (MCR) DOCUMENTS - To ensure that vital information pertaining to the personal circumstances of a child are adequately protected and available at all times, the Municipal Civil Registrar's (MCR) Office thru the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall develop a system for the restoration and reconstruction of civil registry documents that have been destroyed or declare lost or missing during a disaster or calamity.

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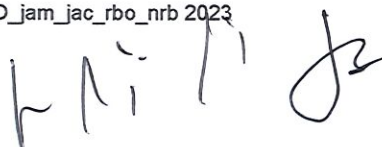
The MCR shall submit report on the number of restored or reconstructed documents for effective monitoring and reporting to ensure the continued access of the affected children to social services and facilitate the reunification of separated children with their families. The MCR shall likewise develop a system for the registration of children born during a state of calamity.

SECTION 8. TRAINING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ON CHILD PROTECTION - *The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC) thru the MDRRMO shall promote and conduct a child-responsive training program for all responders, such as, among others, community and barangay leaders, Barangay Tanod members, school personnel and other accredited local rescuers and/or volunteers. The training program shall include the following:*

- A. Proper procedures and measures to assess the situation, safeguard and protect the affected children during and after emergencies and disasters; and*
- B. Appropriate training on psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development who are victims of calamities.*

Provided, that each member agency shall include or mainstream child protection in their emergency response training to service providers.

SECTION 9. GATHERING, MONITORING AND REPORTING – The local agencies mandated by this Ordinance shall monitor and report in the implementation of services under the Program to be submitted jointly to the Sanggunian annually. The report shall include a specific section on pregnant women and children below five (5) years of age as a strategy to address the post-disaster nutrition needs of children under age five (5) and pregnant women.



In the aftermath of local state of calamity, the collection and reporting of data for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Information System at all levels, as provided for in Republic Act No. 10121, shall be disaggregated by age, gender, ethnicity, and special needs. Such collected data shall be utilized to understand and respond better to the needs of children affected by disasters and calamities. Within five (5) days from the declaration of a state of calamity or as soon as practicable, the MSWDO and the DILG/MLGOO shall jointly submit written documentation and report on their surveillance and monitoring under Section 4(d) of this ordinance to the appropriate committees of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - *The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the current MOOE of the MSWD and 5% DRRM Fund. Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the succeeding annual budget of the LGU.*

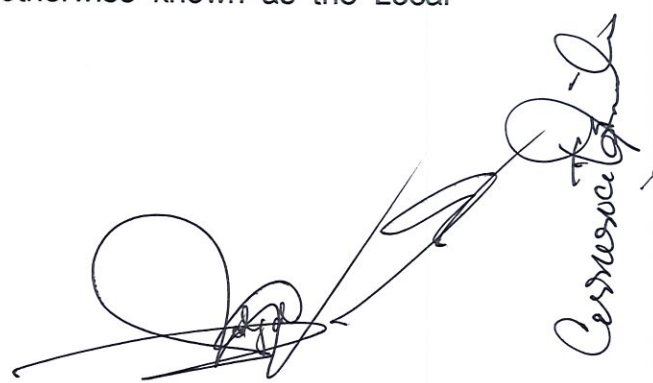
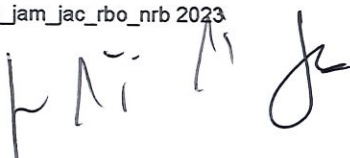
SECTION 11. INTERPRETATION CLAUSE - The provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations shall be liberally construed in favor of the best interest of the child.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE - All laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended or repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days after the completion of its posting in at least four (4) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Jaro as mandated for under RA No. 7160, or otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.



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APPROVED:



HON. JONELL MARTIN A. QUE
SB Member


HON. LANDILINO T. KATANGKATANG
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SB Member/LIGA FED.-President

HON. TRINA MAE R. SOLEDAD
SB Member/SK FED.-President
Absent-Excused

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


NICOMEDES R. BORJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian
(Board Secretary V)

ATTESTED:


HON. RODRIGO C. ARBAS
Municipal Vice-Mayor
SB Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA
Municipal Mayor





Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF LEYTE
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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE 53rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

PRESENT:

HON. RODRIGO C. ARBAS	-Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
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ABSENT:

HON. TRINA MAE R. SOLEDAD	-SB Member/SK Fed.-President
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I. Call to order, one-minute silent prayer, the singing of the national anthem, roll-call, and then reading and approval of previous minutes.

Honorable Rodrigo C. Arbas, Vice-Mayor and SB Presiding Officer, called to order the **53rd Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at 9:41 in the morning**, followed by the one-minute silent prayer, the singing of the national anthem and the roll-call to determine the quorum as follows:

PRESENT: (9) SBM
 ABSENT: (1) SBM - HON. TRINA MAE R. SOLEDAD

And thereby with 9 SBM present the Chair declared that there is a quorum, and then after request the Honorable Francisco R. Altres to facilitate the order of business for the day. Hon. Altres took the floor and then request the reading of the previous minutes, after the reading of the **51st and 52nd minutes**, the Chair asks from the floor if there are corrections to the minutes, and hearing none from the floor, request Hon. Altres to offer the final motion for its adoption and it was duly seconded en masse, the Chair declared that the minutes of the **51st and 52nd SB Regular Session** has been moved and duly seconded en masse without corrections thereto, as read by the SB Secretary.

II. READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED MEASURES:

ITEM NO. 1—PROPONENT: HON. GUALBERTO V. ELISES
Committee Chairman on Accreditation

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF REFORMED PHILIPPINE GUARDIAN BROTHERHOOD INC. (RPGBI) OF BARANGAY HIAGSAM, JARO, LEYTE.

Hon. Gualberto V. Elises took the floor and then moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded by Hon. Altres.

The Chair opines and refer the proposed resolution to the Committee on Accreditation for review and then asks Hon. Elises for the schedule of the committee meeting.

Hon. Elises opines and request the members of the Committee on Accreditation for a committee meeting on September 19, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at the SB Session Hall.

Hon. Elises further request inviting the President of the Organization Mr. Wenceslao Metran III, and Edwin M. Horca the treasurer.

The Chair opines and encourage the committee members to attend the scheduled committee meeting.

III. COMMITTEE REPORT:

ITEM NO. 1—PROPONENT-HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA
Committee Chairman on Health and Sanitation

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JUNE 2, 2023, OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES OF 2023, ENACTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

Hon. Pormida opines and greet first the Body and then after moves the above proposal, and it was duly seconded by Hon. Altres, Hon. Elises and Hon. Katangkatang, and then after the Chair gives the floor to Hon. Pormida.

Hon. Pormida opines and request Mr. Joel B. Cornista/SB-LSS to read the committee report of the public hearing.

After reading the committee report, the Chair asks from the floor for any corrections/amendments to the minute, and hearing none, request Hon. Pormida to offer the final motion.

Hon. Pormida moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded en masse, and then the Chair declared that the above proposed resolution is carried and approved.

The Chair further request from Hon. Pormida to give the copies of the proposed ordinance to the SB members for their references during the plenary discussion under the second-reading stage.

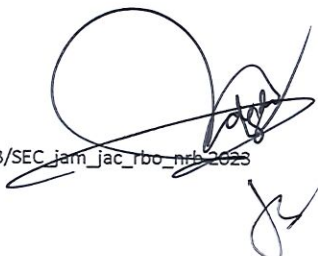
Hon. Pormida opines and said that the final draft of the ordinance will be distributed to the SB members.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 1-PROPONENT-HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA

Committee Chairman on Social Welfare and Development
and Human Rights

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REQUESTING SECRETARY MANUEL M. BONOAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) THRU THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR EDGAR B. TABACON-REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 08, GOVERNMENT CENTER, BARAS, PALO, LEYTE TO CONVERT REAL AND NAZARENO STREET FROM A NATIONAL ROAD CATEGORY TO TERTIARY ROAD CATEGORY (MUNICIPAL ROAD).



Honorable Carmencita G. Tañala took the floor and then moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded by the Body, and then the Chair declare plenary discussion on the above proposed measure.

Hon. Tañala informed the Body, that in the previous Sanggunian it has enacted a resolution requesting the DPWH for the conversion of Real and Nazareno streets from national to municipal roads, however it was not approved by the DPWH.

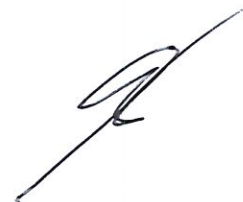
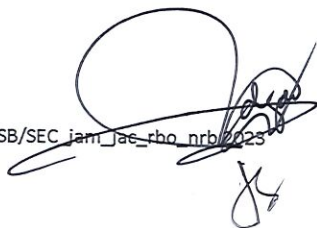
Hon. Tañala continue that just recently Congresswoman Lolita T. Javier, requested her to sponsor a resolution for the conversion of Real and Nazareno streets from national to municipal roads, for according to the Congresswoman, at this time the SB resolution might be given consideration by the DPWH, that is why according to Hon. Tañala, she was inspired to be the proponent of the proposed resolution.

Honorable Gualberto V. Elises opines and said that on his personal observation, Nazareno and Real streets are already congested due to a heavy traffic as the main thoroughfare of vehicles, and then asks Hon. Tañala if the road conversion will be permitted, is there still a possibility of road-widening in Real and Nazareno streets.

Hon. Tañala replies that there might still be road-widening in Real and Nazareno street and on her opinion, this will not be the same as the road-widening of the National Roads.

Hon. Elises, said that he fully supports the plan for the road-widening of Real and Nazareno Street for this will solve the traffic congestion, although some private properties will be affected, but the plan is good for the municipality.

Hon. Tañala said that on her view the request from the DPWH for the conversion of Real and Nazareno streets, will have a greater chance, considering that there is already a diversion road.



Honorable Francisco R. Altres opines and said Real and Nazareno street have been declared and existing as a national road, and he support for its conversions from national to municipal road, and most likely what will follow is road-widening on this Streets and suggest for the Sanggunian to approved the resolution.

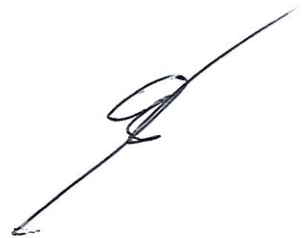
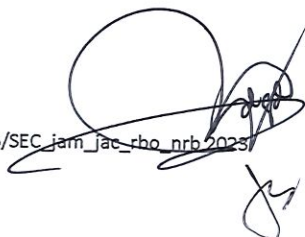
Hon. Elises opines that the traffic congestion along Real and Nazareno streets will be solved the moment the plan for the road-widening will be materialized, and considering that most likely private properties will be affected on his opinion the road-right of way will extend beyond the previous cadastral surveys of every private property.

Hon. Altres opines that the conversion of national to municipal road is the power of congress (House of Representatives), and considering that the LGU is represented by Congresswoman Javier, she could facilitate to sponsor the bill for the conversion and there is a possibility that it will be approved.

Hon. Elises opines that during the time of former Mayor Quiñones, he has sponsored the same resolution but it was not approved by the DPWH.

The Chair opines that there was a plan by former Mayor Celebre, the resolution was submitted to the DPWH Secretary but it was denied also, but considering that Congresswoman Javier is in congress, there might be possibilities that congress will approve the conversion, taking into considerations that there is already operational diversion road.

The Chair further said that the road maintenance of Real and Nazareno Streets are jointly shoulder by the LGU and the National Government thru the DPWH Region 8, and for the meantime to minimize the traffic congestions is to rigidly implement the traffic scheme in these areas.



Honorable Leo Angelo T. Pormida opines and said that he is in favor to enact the resolution requesting DPWH to convert Real and Nazareno streets into municipal roads, and the proposed road-widening along this Streets, definitely will definitely solve the traffic congestions, however, it has to be well-planned for a lot of private houses will be affected, for the road-widening is 15 meters wide on both sides.

Hon. Pormida further said that on his personal observations, the primary causes of traffic congestions along Real and Nazareno streets, among others, (1) motorist park their vehicle along the streets, (2) in the business areas, store operators were already encroaching the streets to display goods, (3) motor repair shops use the streets to conduct repair activities.

Hon. Pormida continues that the stringent traffic rules along the real and Nazareno Streets should be adopted by traffic enforcers to control or eradicate the traffic congestions.

Hon. Altres opines and suggest to Hon. Tañala that the tenor of the resolution should indicate the reasons for the conversion is to control traffic congestion, and that there is already an existing and operational diversion road in Jaro, Leyte which is categorized a national road.

The Chair opines and said that as far as he knows road widening for a National Road is 30 meters wide at 15 meters from the center both sides, and for the municipal roads it is 8-10 meters wide, the Chair continues that the proposal of Hon. Tañala will basically solve the traffic congestions in Real and Nazareno streets, and the resolution is somewhat "crossing the bridge" for it has to pass congress for approval.

Hon. Rey P. Aure opines and said that during the time of Mayor Celebre, the Sangguniang Bayan have passed a resolution requesting the Secretary of DPWH to convert Real and Nazareno street from national to municipal road, however it was denied. The DPWH Region 8, sent an engineer to informed the Sanggunian that there will be no road widening along Nazareno and Real streets, and the DPWH will continue to provide maintenance for the road.

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Hon. Aure further inquire if Nazareno and Real streets will be converted to municipal road, does it mean that the road traversing the Cabayongan River connecting to the national road will also be converted into a municipal road.

Hon. Elises opines and informed the Body that there is an information of a diversion road opening reckoned from Brgy. Olotan to Brgy. Buenavista connecting the National Highway going to Ormoc City, with the plan if materialized will diminished traffic congestions along the Nazareno and Real streets for vehicles will use the proposed diversion road.

The Chair opines and asks for further discussion on the above proposed resolution, and no one signifies, request Hon. Tañala to offer the final motion.

Hon. Tañala moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded en masse by all SB members present and then the Chair declared that Item No. 01, under the Unfinished Business has been moved, carried and approved en masse by the Body.

At this juncture on motion of Hon. Altres for 10 minutes recess duly seconded, the Chair declared the session recess at 11:42 A.M., and session resumed at 11:59 A.M.

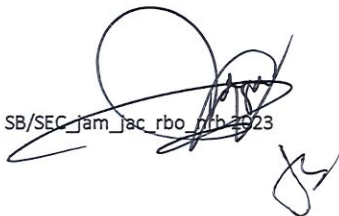
V. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 1-EXECUTIVE AGENDA

PROPONENT-HONORABLE FRANCISCO R. ALTRES

Committee Chairman on Legal Matters, Laws & Privileges

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA, LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHSUD) REPRESENTED BY UNDERSECRETARY LYLE C. PASCO FOR THE PAMBANSANG PABAHAY PARA SA PILIPINO (4PH) PROGRAM.



Honorable Francisco R. Altres moves the above proposal, and it was duly seconded by Hon. Landilino T. Katangkatang, and then after the Chair declared plenary discussion of the above proposed resolution.

Hon. Altres opines and said that attached to the executive agenda is a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be executed by and between the LGU and DHSUD.

Hon. Altres continues that as per the MOU the beneficiaries of the Pabahay Program will be the Informal Settlers Families, both for residential and commercial purposes, specially LGU employees who has not yet permanent residential houses could avail the Pabahay Program.


Hon. Altres further informed the Body that the location/site of the Pabahay Program will be at the diversion road the lot of the Shalome Religious Group which is adjacent to the old public market.

Hon. Altres further said that the plan is an opportune time for the LGU to implement the Pabahay Program for its benefits is for the local constituents and the LGU should convey it appreciation to the DHSUD.

The Chair opines and said he has the copy of the MOU and Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 contains the responsibilities and obligations of the DHSUD and the LGU, and then asks from Hon. Altres if there is a counterpart of the LGU, and who will buy the lot.

Hon. Altres replies that the LCE's Office has furnished only the copy of the MOU and in the tenor of the resolution there is no mentioned of a counterpart from the LGU, the DHSUD will buy the lot, after the execution of the MOU, hence, the SB resolution is necessary.

The Chair opines and said that he has the information that the Shalome lot is for sale which is around 3.0 hectares more or less and it was owned by the Gonzaga Family.



Hon. Elises opines and informed the Body that the previous owner of the lot was Gonzaga Family, it was forfeited by a certain bank, that is why the LGU has able to purchase a portion of the lot where the old public market and bus terminal has been constructed and the remaining portion of the lot of around 4.0 hectares more or less has been purchase by Shalome, the caretaker of the Shalome lot is a certain member of the local PNP.

The Chair asks from the Body for further discussion and hearing none, request Hon. Altres to offer the final motion.

Hon. Altres moves the above proposed resolution and it was duly seconded en masse by the SB members present, and then after the Chair declared that Item No. 01 an Executive Agenda under the Business for the Day has been moved, carried and then approved en masse by the August Body.

ITEM NO. 2-EXECUTIVE AGENDA

PROPONENT-HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA

Committee Chairman on Finance, Budget and Appropriations

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE OFFICIAL CANDIDATE TO MISS UNIVERSE-LEYTE 2023, MISS ABBA GARDENIELLA C. TIZON OF BRGY. HIAGSAM JARO, LEYTE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (PHP 200,000.00).

Honorable Leo Angelo T. Pormida moves the above proposal, and it was duly seconded by Hon. Altres, Hon. Katangkatang, Hon. Elises and Hon. Tañala, and then after the Chair declared plenary discussion of the above proposed resolution.

Hon. Pormida informed the Body that Miss Abba Gardeniella C. Tizon is from Barangay Hiagsam, and the Official Candidate of the LGU-Jaro to compete the Miss Leyte Universe, the preliminary competition will be held in Baybay, Leyte, and the Final Competition will be at Palo, Leyte and the winning candidate in the competition will represent Leyte to compete the Miss Universe Philippines.

Hon. Pormida further said that all towns of Leyte have an official candidate except for Pastrana, Leyte.

The Chair asks from the floor for any further discussion and hearing none, request Hon. Pormida to offer the final motion.

Hon. Pormida took the floor and then moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded en masse by all SB members present, and then the Chair declared that for Item No. 02 an Executive Agenda under the Business for the Day has been moved, carried and then approved en masse by the August Body.

ITEM NO. 3-EXECUTIVE AGENDA

PROPONENT-HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA
Committee Chairman on Health and Sanitation

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN (AOP) OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE OF JARO, LEYTE.

Hon. Leo Angelo T. Pormida moves the above proposal, and it was duly seconded by Hon. Altres and Hon. Elises, and then after the Chair declared plenary discussion for Item No. 03.

Hon. Pormida informed the Body that the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) of the MHO will be incorporated to the 2024 AIP and the AOP is duly approved by the LCE.

The Chair opines and asks Hon. Pormida if the AOP is to be included in the 2024 annual budget has it passed already the required committee review.

Hon. Pormida replied that the AOP of the MHO will still be subject for review by the Sangguniang Bayan during the adoption/approval of the 2024 AIP.

The Chair asks from the floor for any further discussion on Item No. 03, and hearing none, request Hon. Pormida to offer the final motion.

Hon. Pormida took the floor and then moves the above proposal and it was duly seconded en masse by all SB members present.

And then the Chair declared that Item No. 03 and Executive Agenda under the Business for the Day has been moved, carried and then approved en masse by the August Body.

**ITEM NO. 4—APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL-READING
OF ORDINANCE NO. 17, SERIES OF 2023
SPONSORED BY: HONORABLE JONELL MARTIN A. QUE
Committee Chairman on Rules**

**ORDINANCE NO. 17
SERIES OF 2023**

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTER AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION.

Before the final motion the Chair informed the Body that the subject Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2023 has been deferred for its approval during the 52nd SB Regular Session for the proponent the Hon. Jonell Martin A. Que was on Official Leave, and then asks from the Body for any other inquiries to the proposed ordinance.

Hon. Pormida opines and reminded Hon. Que pertaining to the necessary funding to implement the Ordinance, that it has to be included in the 2024 Annual Budget of the LGU.

Hon. Altres asks from Hon. Que what is the age bracket who are considered children or minor.

Hon. Que replies that those children whose age are below eighteen (18) years old by law are considered children and/or minors which require interventions from the government agencies for their safety, personal needs, needs, foods in times of emergency situations.

The Chair asks from the floor for any other discussions, and hearing none from the floor, request Hon. Que to offer the final motion for the approval of Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2023.

Honorable Jonell Martin A. Que took the floor and moves for the approval of Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2023 on Third-and-Final-Reading and it was duly seconded en masse by all SB members present.

And then after the Chair declared that Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2023 has been moved, carried and then approved en masse by the August Body, under the Third-and-Final-Reading to wit:

AYES - 9
NAYS - 0
ABSENT - 1

VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. The Chair informed the Body that he was not able to attend the LGU Night last September 11, 2023, the Opening Salvo for the 2023 Jaro Town Fiesta for he was still in Manila and extends his thanks to the SB members for attending the said activity.
2. The Chair likewise reminded the Body that the LGU will be the sponsoring agency for the Fiesta Novena on September 18, 2023 and encourage the SB members to attend the mass.
3. Hon. Que favorably request the Chair for the repairs of the comfort rooms and the damage floor tiles at the 2nd floor of the SB Office.

The Chair informed the Body there is already purchase request for the materials for the repairs of the SB comfort rooms and for the damaged floor tiles at 2nd floor of the SB office.

And with no further business to be transacted, on motion to adjourn by the Honorable Francisco R. Altres, duly seconded the Chair declared the **53rd Regular Session adjourned at 12:46 P.M.**

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EXCERPT RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE:

ITEM NO.1-PROPONENT: HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA
Chairman Committee on Games & Amusement

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 280

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JUNE 2, 2023, OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES OF 2023, ENACTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

On motion of **Honorable Leo Angelo T. Pormida**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION HELD ON JUNE 2, 2023, OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.18, SERIES OF 2023, ENACTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, and to other concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

ITEM NO. 2-PROPONENT - HONORABLE CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA
Chairman Committee on Social Welfare &
Development & Human Rights

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 281

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REQUESTING SECRETARY MANUEL M. BONOAN, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) THRU THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR EDGAR B. TABACON-REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 08, GOVERNMENT CENTER, BARAS, PALO, LEYTE TO CONVERT REAL AND NAZARENO STREET FROM A NATIONAL ROAD CATEGORY TO TERTIARY ROAD CATEGORY (MUNICIPAL ROAD).

WHEREAS, the construction of the Diversion Road located in the Northern portion of the Municipality within the areas of Barangay Macopa, Barangay Caglawaan, Barangay Olotan, going to Tacloban City and *Vice-Versa* to Ormoc City have been completed and operational already for a quiet period of time;

WHEREAS, Real and Nazareno Streets are declared a National Roads which is traversing in the middle portion of the municipality within the commercial areas, which have been the main thoroughfares in the municipality to date, being major transport network for buses, trucks and other public utility vehicles (van for hires, coaters) going to Tacloban City and Vice-Versa to Ormoc City;

WHEREAS, due to the *narrow width* of Real and Nazareno Streets and the unavoidable increasing numbers of public utility vehicles passing through these streets, there exist already a heavy traffic congestion along the commercial areas that most likely would cause hazards to the pedestrians;

WHEREAS, this Body believes that for the *general welfare of the public, specific pedestrians* to protect them from harmful incidents, to request the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), to *convert Real and Nazareno Streets from National Road to tertiary Road Category (Municipal Roads)*, in order for the LGU-Jaro, Leyte to regulate and/or re-route the means of access of buses, trucks, coasters and van for hire, to pass through the diversion road instead in Real and Nazareno Streets to minimize the traffic congestions on this areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by **Honorable Carmencita G. Tañala**, duly seconded en masse by all Sangguniang Bayan Members present, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO FAVORABLY REQUEST SECRETARY MANUEL M. BONOAN, OF THE DEAPRTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) THRU THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR EDGAR B. TABACON-REGIONAL OFFICE NO. 08, GOVERNMENT CENTER, BARAS, PALO, LEYTE TO CONVERT REAL AND NAZARENO STREET FROM A NATIONAL ROAD CATEGORY TO TERTIARY ROAD CATEGORY (MUNICIPAL ROAD).

RESOLVED FINALLY, copy of this resolution be furnished to the Municipal Mayor, **Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan-DPWH National Office, thru DPWH Regional Director Edgar B. Tabacon-regional Office No. 08**, for their information and reference.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

ITEM NO. 3-PROPONENT – FRANCISCO R. ALTRES

Chairman Committee on Legal Matters, Laws & Privileges

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 282

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA, LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHSUD) REPRESENTED BY UNDERSECRETARY LYLE C. PASCO FOR THE PAMBANSANG PABAHAY PARA SA PILIPINO (4PH) PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, presented to the Body for approval is an executive agenda to grant authority to the Local Chief Executive to enter into and sign a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) for the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program;

WHEREAS, the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program is a government housing project through the DHSUD in collaboration with key shelter agencies which aims to develop housing projects for the benefits of the residents of the Municipality of Jaro, Eastern Visayas, Province of Leyte, specially to the Informal Settlers Families;

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the LGU and DHSUD, for the mutual compliance of the contracting PARTIEs on the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Francisco R. Altres**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZED HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA, LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHSUD) REPRESENTED BY UNDERSECRETARY LYLE C. PASCO FOR THE PAMBANSANG PABAHAY PARA SA PILIPINO (4PH) PROGRAM;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, DHSUD Building, Kalayaan Avenue corner Mayaman Street, Diliman, Quezon City and to other concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

ITEM NO. 4-PROPONENT – HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA
Chairman Committee on Finance, Budget & Appropriations

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-223

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE OFFICIAL CANDIDATE TO MISS UNIVERSE-LEYTE 2023, MISS ABBA GARDENIELLA C. TIZON OF BRGY. HIAGSAM JARO, LEYTE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (PHP 200,000.00).

WHEREAS, presented to the Sanggunian by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations for approval is an executive agenda to grant authority to the Local Chief Executive to provide financial assistance to Miss Abba Gardeniella C. Tizon, a resident of Barangay Hiagsam, Jaro, Leyte;

WHEREAS, Miss Abba Gardeniella C. Tizon is the official candidate of the Municipality of Jaro to compete the Miss Universe-Leyte 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Leo Angelo T. Pormida**, seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZED THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HONORABLE JASSIE LOU TAÑALA TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE OFFICIAL CANDIDATE TO MISS UNIVERSE-LEYTE 2023, MISS ABBA GARDENIELLA C. TIZON OF BRGY. HIAGSAM JARO, LEYTE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (PHP 200,000.00);

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, the MBO, MACOO, MTO and to other concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

ITEM NO. 5--PROPONENT -- HONORABLE LEO ANGELO T. PORMIDA

Chairman Committee on Health & Sanitation

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-224

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN (AOP) OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE OF JARO, LEYTE.

WHEREAS, presented to the Body for approval is an executive agenda for the adoption of the Annual Operational Plan (AOP) of the Municipal Health Office of Jaro, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the MHO Annual Operational Plan (AOP) includes the office policy development/s of the different PPAs for implementation of Jaro, Leyte;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Leo Angelo T. Pormida**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN (AOP) OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE OF JARO, LEYTE;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Health Office and to other concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

**ITEM NO. 6- APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL-READING
OF ORDINANCE NO. 17, SERIES OF 2023**

SPONSORED BY: HONORABLE JONELL MARTIN A. QUE
Committee Chairman on Rules

EXPLANATORY NOTE

RA NO. 10821, otherwise known as, "The Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act," was signed into law, for the State to promote the policies to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations, when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development.

It is the policy of the State to establish and implement a comprehensive and strategic program of action to provide the children and pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disasters and other emergency situations with utmost support and assistance necessary for their immediate recovery protection against all forms of violence, cruelty, discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation and other acts prejudicial to their interest, survival, development and well-being.

Guided by the principles on survival and development of the child, the Local Government Unit of Jaro aims to establish for a holistic and sustainable implementation of program of activities for the protection of the children, consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Children's Charter for Disaster Risk and Reduction, and the minimum standards for children in humanitarian action.

Hence, the Local Government Unit institutionalizes RA NO. 10821, known as the "Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act. Thus, this ordinance is being proposed for enactment.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17
SERIES OF 2023**

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "*Children's Emergency Relief and Protection*".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development. Guided by the principles on survival and development, on child participation, and consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Children's Charter for Disaster Risk and Reduction, and the minimum standards for children in humanitarian action.

The State shall establish and implement a comprehensive and strategic program of action to provide the children and pregnant and lactating mothers affected by disasters and other emergency situations with utmost support and assistance necessary for their immediate recovery protection against all forms of violence, cruelty, discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation and other acts prejudicial to their interest, survival, development and well-being.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall refer to:

- A. **Child** – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition as defined in *Republic Act No. 9231 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act*;
- B. **Child with Special Needs** – refer to a child with a developmental or physical disability as defined in *Republic Act No. 10165 or the Foster Care Act of 2012*;
- C. **Child-Friendly Spaces** – refers to spaces where communities create nurturing environment for children to engage in free and structured play, recreation, leisure, learning and activities. The child-friendly space may provide health, nutrition and psychosocial support, and other services or activities which will restore their normal functioning;
- D. **Civil Registry Documents** – refer to all certificates, application forms, and certified true copies of legal instruments and court decrees concerning the acts and events affecting the civil status of persons which are presented before the Civil Registrar and are recorded in the Civil Registry;

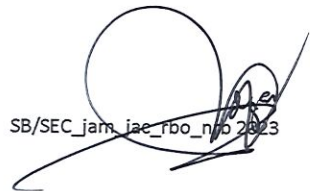
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E. **Civil Society Organization (CSOs)** - as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disasters Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, refer to non-state actors whose aims are neither to generate profits nor to seek governing power such as non-government organizations professional associations, foundations, independent research institutes, organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, people's organizations, social movements, and labor unions which are organized based on ethical, cultural, scientific, religious or philanthropic considerations;

F. **Disasters** - as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*, refer to a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.

Disasters are often described as a result of the combination of: the exposure to a hazard; the conditions of vulnerability that are present; and insufficient capacity or measures to reduce or cope with potential negative consequences. Disaster impacts may include loss of life, disease and other negative effects on human, physical, mental and social well-being, together with damage to property, destructions of assets, loss of services, social and economic disruption, and environmental degradation;

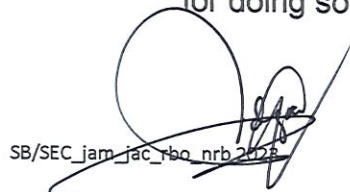
G. **Emergency** - refers to unforeseen or sudden occurrence, especially danger, demanding immediate action as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*;



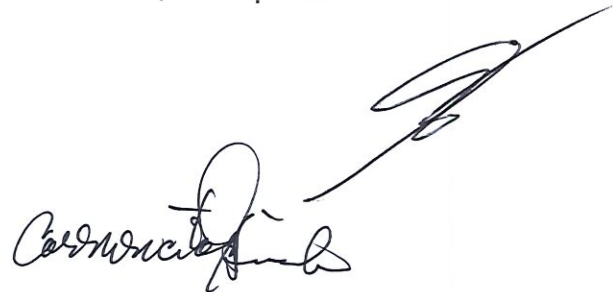
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- H. **Family Tracing and Reunification** - refers to the process where disaster response teams reunite families separated by natural and human catastrophes by bringing together the child and family or previous care-provider for the purpose of establishing or reestablishing long-term care;
- I. **Hazard** - refers to a dangerous phenomenon, substance, human activity or condition that may cause loss of life, injury or other health impacts, property damage, loss of livelihood and services, social and economic disruption, or environmental damage as defined in *Republic Act No. 10121*;
- J. **Orphans or Orphaned Children** - refers to children who do not have a family and who cannot assume responsibility for their care;
- K. **Separated Children** - refers to children separated from both parents, or from their previous legal or usual primary caregiver, but not necessarily from other relatives. As a result, this may include children accompanied by other family members;
- L. **State of Calamity** - refers to condition involving mass casualty and/or major damages to property, disruption of means of livelihoods, roads, and normal way of life of people in the affected areas as a result of occurrence of natural or human-induced hazard as defined *Republic Act No. 10121*;
- M. **Transitional Shelter** - refers to structures temporarily constructed by the local government intended for families affected by a disaster while awaiting transfer to permanent shelters;
- N. **Unaccompanied Children** - refers to children who have been separated from both parents and other relatives, and who are not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so.



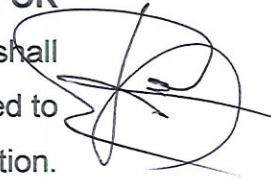
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- O. **LGU** - refers to Local Government Unit of Jaro, Leyte;
- P. **MSWDO**- refers to Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office;
- Q. **RHU** - refers to Rural Health Unit of Jaro, Leyte;
- R. **MEO** - refers to Municipal Engineering Office of Jaro, Leyte;
- S. **PNP** - refers to Philippine National Police of Jaro, Leyte; and
- T. **MDRRMC** - refers to Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council.
- U. **MCR** - refers to Municipal Civil Registrar of Jaro, Leyte;
- V. **MDRRMO** - refers to Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office.



SECTION 4. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN - The Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWDO) shall formulate a Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children, hereinafter referred to as the Program, taking into consideration humanitarian standards for their protection.



The Program shall be used as the basis for handling disasters and other emergency situations to protect children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and support their immediate recovery. This shall be implemented immediately after the declaration of a national or local state of calamity or occurrence of any other emergency situation.



The MSWDO shall engage all relevant government agencies and stakeholders for the implementation of the Program. The Local Government Unit (LGU) shall integrate the same in the development and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) plans and budget, duly approved by the MDRRMC. The Program shall be gender sensitive and have the following components:



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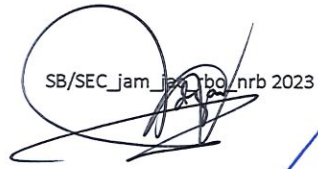
A. Establishment of Evacuation Centers - The LGU shall establish and identify safe locations as evacuation centers for children and families subject to the limitations found in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

B. Establishment of Transitional Shelters for Orphaned, Separated, and Unaccompanied Children – The LGU having been declared under state of calamity, shall engage with concerned national agencies, such as, among others, the National Housing Authority (NHA), the DSWD, the Department Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), *and shall immediately establish an option for transitional shelters, prioritizing vulnerable and marginalized groups including orphaned, separated, unaccompanied children, pregnant and lactating mothers.*

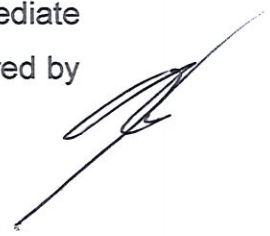
The New transitional shelters established pursuant to this Ordinance, shall be designed with the following considerations: gender-specific emergency comfort-rooms, bathing cubicles, and hand washing facilities specifically designed for children.

It shall also provide mother and child-friendly spaces where children can take part in child activities. It shall also have provisions for maternal and newborn and infant care and rooms to protect, feed, provide personal care, and ensure the right to privacy. Existing transitional shelters shall be modified to the extent possible to comply with the abovementioned considerations.

C. Assurance for Immediate Delivery of Basic Necessities and Services - The Program shall facilitate and ensure the immediate delivery of basic necessities and services specifically required by



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the affected children in different stages of development such as access to basic health services, food, water, nutrition, medicines, clothing, sanitary and hygiene kits, and other emergency needs such as blankets, mosquito nets, cooking ware and fuel and flashlights.

The Program shall give priority to the specific health and nutrition needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers, newborn babies, children under five (5) years old and children with special needs.

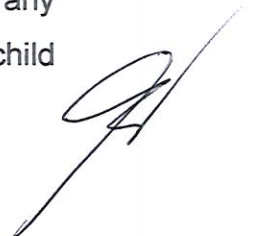
- D. Stronger Measures to Ensure the Safety and Security of Affected Children** - Under the Program, the LGU having been declared under a state of calamity, shall engage the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), who may be assigned to the municipality, the DSWD, the DILG, the Department of Education (DepEd), the CSOs in the different barangays, to monitor and ensure the safety and the security of the affected children and shall protect them against all forms of abuse and exploitation.

Upon declaration of a national and local state of calamity, the PNP and the MSWDO, with the assistance of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) operating units in the municipality and the Local Councils Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children, and in accordance with existing laws, shall immediately heighten comprehensive measures and monitoring to prevent child trafficking, labor, and prostitution, including domestic and sexual violence in the different barangays of the municipality.

The LGU in close coordination with MSWDO shall require all government agencies and CSOs, which are tasked to provide any assistance or services to affected children to adopt a child



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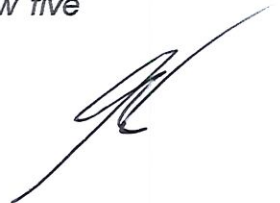
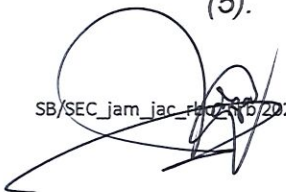
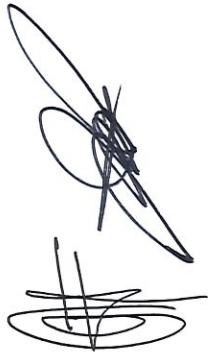
protection policy. The child protection policy shall include measures to deter and effectively respond to cases of violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

The LGU through the MSWDO, in coordination with the Local PNP shall prioritize the establishment and functionality of the barangay violence against women and children (VAWC) desks. The VAWC desk shall serve as one of the key reporting and referral mechanism for cases of violence, abuse, and exploitation of children in the barangay and immediately initiating all phases of emergency response and recovery.

The Children shall be given priority during evacuation as a result of a disaster or other emergency situation. Existing and duly accredited CSOs in the municipality, local volunteers shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

E. Delivery of Health, Medical and Nutrition Services - Under the Program, the Rural Health Unit (RHU), in coordination with the MSWDO and duly accredited CSOs in the community, shall provide the health, medical, and nutritional needs of children, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development.

F. Plan of Action for Prompt Resumption of Educational Services for Children – The Local Government Unit (LGU) in coordination with the DepEd Officials, the MSWDO, DILG, the different Barangay Chairmen, shall ensure the prompt resumption of educational services for children municipal-wide, including Early Childhood Care and Development for Children, aged below five (5).



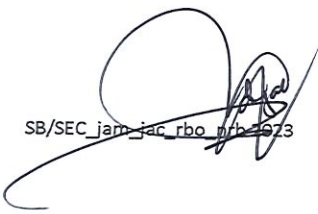
G. Establishment of Child-friendly Spaces - The LGU declared under state of calamity, shall set-up child-friendly spaces in every area in the municipality as needed, based on the guidelines to be promulgated by the DSWD.

In addition, thereto, the LGU shall coordinate with lead agencies and CSOs to effectively respond to the needs of the children in the area. Child-friendly spaces shall be made available throughout a crisis, from emergencies to recovery.

In case the LGU cannot immediately respond due to the huge impact of disaster, the MSWDO, together with the concerned national government agencies and in coordination with the CSOs and other stakeholders, as well as nearby LGUs, shall provide the necessary child care services and social protection of affected children.

H. Promotion of Children's Rights - The Program shall include activities and processes that will promote and uphold the rights of children by:

1. *Providing child-centered training for all responders;*
2. *Ensuring that children are provided with adequate access to age-appropriate information on their roles and responsibilities and those of government agencies before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations;*
3. *Providing an effective mechanism for training and meaningful participation of children in community disaster risk reduction program; and*



4. *Consulting with affected children on their needs and priorities for post-disaster relief and recovery.*

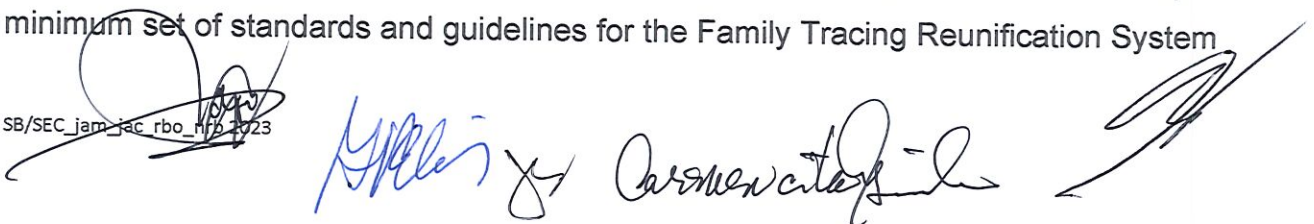
SECTION 5. EVACUATION CENTERS - Only in cases where there is no other available place or structure which can be used as general evacuation center may a school or child development center be used as an evacuation center.

When a school or child development center is used as an evacuation center, gymnasiums, learning and activity centers, auditoriums and other open spaces shall be utilized first. Classrooms shall only be used as a last resort. The use of the school premises shall be as brief as possible. If the use is predicted to exceed fifteen (15) days, the affected LGU shall provide written documentation to the DepEd and the DILG in the following:

- A. The name and location of the school;
- B. All alternative sites and proposal for final site selection;
- C. Measures being implemented to prevent interference or disruption to the school and educational activities of children; and
- D. Other particulars to be provided in the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance;

The LGU, in coordination with the DepEd and Municipal Engineering Office (MEO), shall continuously monitor and assess the condition of temporary learning spaces or other transitional and semi-permanent structures used as classrooms after a disaster, and if the use exceeds six (6) months after the declaration of a state of calamity, the regional DepEd office shall conduct regular site inspections and shall certify to the Secretary of Education that such spaces are in good physical condition and sufficient to ensure the safety of the children and their environment.

SECTION 6. ORPHANED, UNACCOMPANIED, OR SEPARATED CHILDREN - The MSWDO, upon consultation with relevant agencies, shall develop a minimum set of standards and guidelines for the Family Tracing Reunification System



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of orphaned, unaccompanied and separated children. Orphaned children, and unaccompanied or separated children whose families or relatives cannot be found or assessed to be incapable of providing proper care and protection shall be placed in a licensed or accredited residential care facility or with a foster family in accordance with *Article 140 of the Child and Youth Welfare Code*, or a community-based center. A registered social worker shall provide the needed case management and intervention.

SECTION 7. SYSTEM OF RESTORING MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY (MCR) DOCUMENTS - To ensure that vital information pertaining to the personal circumstances of a child are adequately protected and available at all times, the Municipal Civil Registrar's (MCR) Office thru the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall develop a system for the restoration and reconstruction of civil registry documents that have been destroyed or declare lost or missing during a disaster or calamity.

The MCR shall submit report on the number of restored or reconstructed documents for effective monitoring and reporting to ensure the continued access of the affected children to social services and facilitate the reunification of separated children with their families. The MCR shall likewise develop a system for the registration of children born during a state of calamity.

SECTION 8. TRAINING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ON CHILD PROTECTION - *The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC) thru the MDRRMO shall promote and conduct a child-responsive training program for all responders, such as, among others, community and barangay leaders, Barangay Tanod members, school personnel and other accredited local rescuers and/or volunteers. The training program shall include the following:*

- A. *Proper procedures and measures to assess the situation, safeguard and protect the affected children during and after emergencies and disasters; and*

B. Appropriate training on psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development who are victims of calamities.

Provided, that each member agency shall include or mainstream child protection in their emergency response training to service providers.

SECTION 9. GATHERING, MONITORING AND REPORTING – The local agencies mandated by this Ordinance shall monitor and report in the implementation of services under the Program to be submitted jointly to the Sanggunian annually. The report shall include a specific section on pregnant women and children below five (5) years of age as a strategy to address the post-disaster nutrition needs of children under age five (5) and pregnant women.

In the aftermath of local state of calamity, the collection and reporting of data for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Information System at all levels, as provided for in Republic Act No. 10121, shall be disaggregated by age, gender, ethnicity, and special needs. Such collected data shall be utilized to understand and respond better to the needs of children affected by disasters and calamities. Within five (5) days from the declaration of a state of calamity or as soon as practicable, the MSWDO and the DILG/MLGOO shall jointly submit written documentation and report on their surveillance and monitoring under Section 4(d) of this ordinance to the appropriate committees of the Sanggunian.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the current MOOE of the MSWD and 5% DRRM Fund. Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the succeeding annual budget of the LGU.

SECTION 11. INTERPRETATION CLAUSE - The provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations shall be liberally construed in favor of the best interest of the child.


SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE - All laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended or repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days after the completion of its posting in at least four (4) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Jaro as mandated for under RA No. 7160, or otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing records of the proceedings.


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