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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**2nd INDORSEMENT**

March 27, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 23L.25-045 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 23L.25-⁰⁴⁵ entitled: “**Comprehensive Welfare Code for Children in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, etc.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 3 Paragraph 2, Article XV¹ of the 1987 Constitution in consonance with PD 603². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.


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Provincial Legal Officer

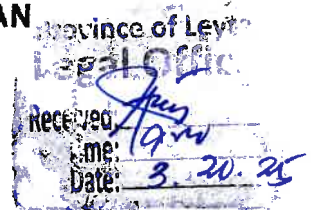
¹ (2) *The right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;*

² “*The Child and Welfare Code*”


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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
19 March 2025



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit, recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 23L.25-045** of the **Municipality of Kananga, Leyte**, entitled: **Comprehensive Welfare Code for Children in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte**.


FLORINDA JIL'S UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga

23RD SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF KANANGA ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT
THE SESSION HALL.

ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-045
(Series of 2025)

**COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE CODE FOR CHILDREN IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE**

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WHEREAS, it is policy of the Municipality of Kananga to efficiently promote, fully enhance and institutionalize the survival, protection, development and participation of children's rights within the frameworks of advancing the general welfare in furtherance of integrated, sustainable and equitable development;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Kananga has an existing Ordinance, numbered as Ordinance No. 20L.16-99, entitled "An Ordinance Adopting the Revised Children's Welfare Code of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte" enacted on June 8, 2016;

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the said ordinance in order to attune to the present needs of the children in the municipality with due consideration of approved national laws affecting the children;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the 23th Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte on a session duly assembled on this 24th day of February and upon motion of SB Member Minerva M. Bulawit seconded by all SB Members present, to wit:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE – This shall be known and cited as the "COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE CODE FOR CHILDREN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

- a. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Municipality of Kananga to efficiently promote, fully enhance and institutionalize the survival, protection, development and participation of children's rights within the frameworks of advancing the general welfare in furtherance of integrated, sustainable and equitable development.

- b. The Municipality of Kananga recognizes its role in promoting and protecting children's right, thus compliments the implementation of the U. N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in 1990: which binds national and local governments to synchronize development plans and operations with the child as the local beneficiary: Child Friendly Movement with its twenty (20) goals and the four (4) Gifts for children.
- c. The alarming global and local situations call on citizens to place top priority in coming up with concrete actions to alleviate dangerous and risks that violate children's rights.
- d. Kananga also recognizes the vital role of children and youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well- being. It is, therefore, the policy of the Local Government Unit of Kananga to:
1. Give primary concern with corresponding intervention to the rights of children for protection, survival, development and participation;
 2. Respect and support the role of the family in sufficiently providing for their children; and
 3. Support the efforts of child care and development workers that nurture and care for children from conception to adolescence.

It shall further be the policy of the Municipality of Kananga that allocation of resources for the achievement of goals for the protection, survival, development and participation of children is assured at all times. It is, therefore, imperative that said programs be among the priorities in terms of planning, budgeting and expenditures in times of humanitarian crises, economic austerity and structural adjustments.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – The following shall be construed to mean:

- a. *Abandoned Child* – is one who has poor or no proper parental care of guardianship, or whose parents or guardian have deserted him/her for a period of at least six (6) months
- b. *Anti-Social Related Activities* – are those acts against property, chastity and person which include but not limited to the following:
- i. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentation;
 - ii. Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials;
 - iii. Pimping for young or old prostitutes, doing or participating in obscene show;
 - iv. Gambling of any form;
 - v. Rape and incest;
 - vi. Unjust and inhuman manner of eviction and demolition; and
 - vii. Any other circumstances as defined in the existing laws; (R.A. 7610)
- c. *Bail* – refers the security given for the release of the person in custody of the law, furnished by him/her or a bondsman, to guarantee his/her appearance before any court. Bail may be given in the form of corporate security, property bond, cash deposit or recognizance.
- d. *Barangay Council for the Protection of Children* – is the body established in the barangay of the local government units pursuant to the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2002-21 which subsumes the ECCD Coordinating Committee. The expanded membership, responsibilities and additional functions shall be provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations hereinafter promulgated.
- e. *Holding Area* – refers to a room or holding area where minors or minor students violating this ordinance are held. This includes barangay hall

in every barangay or room designated by the Sangguniang Barangay as Holding Center.

- f. *Child Exploitation* – refers to the use of children for someone else's advantage, gratification or profit often resulting in unjust, cruel and harmful treatment of the child, which are detrimental to the child's physical and mental health, education, moral, social and emotional development. These include situations of manipulation, misuse, abuse, victimization, oppression or ill-treatment.
- g. *Child Friendly Space* – refers to safe spaces for children to play and learn. This will also help to prevent and respond to incidents that threaten children's safety, such as natural disasters, conflicts or violence. These efforts provide safe spaces for children by rehabilitating/refurbishing learning spaces during emergency.
- h. *Child in Conflict with the Law* – refers to a child who is alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as, having committed an offense under Philippine laws.
- i. *Children's Assembly* – refers to a company of children gathered together to advance their welfare.
- j. *Child Friendly Municipality* – the municipality is child friendly when it is able to assure that all children possess the rights to survival, development, protection, and participation and that their needs are realized.
- k. *Children* – refers to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over 18 years but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, discrimination because of physical or mental disabilities.
- l. *Code of Conduct on the Care and Protection of Children* – refers to detailed policies and procedures of an organization or entity covering a code of behavior for all staff, reporting of abuses, confidentiality, recruiting and selecting staff, managing and supervising staff, circulating information " staff and participants, handling of misconduct or abuse by staff, protection of those who report abuses and complaints and comments procedures. It shall also include a statement of policy expressing the organization's commitment to provide a safe environment for any child and young people with whom it interacts and an undertaking to apply that policy throughout the organization.
- m. *Community-based Juvenile Intervention Programs* – refers to the programs provided in a community setting developed for purposes of intervention for reintegration into his/her family and/or community. It may take the form of an individualized treatment program which may include counseling, skills training, education, and other activities that will enhance his/her psychological, emotional and psycho-social well-being.
- n. *Comprehensive Program on Violence Against Children* – refers to the coordinated programs, services and facilities to protect children against:
 - 1. Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;
 - 2. Child trafficking;
 - 3. Obscene publications and indecent shows;
 - 4. Other acts of abuse; and
 - 5. Circumstances that threaten or endanger the survival and normal growth and development of children or as prescribed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- o. *Corporal punishment* – refers to punishment or penalty for an offense or imagined offense, and or acts carried out for the purpose of discipline, training or control, inflicted by an adult or by another child, who has been given or has assumed authority or responsibility for punishment or

discipline.

Physical punishment includes acts such as but not limited to:

1. Blows to any part of a child's body, such as beating; kicking; hitting; slapping; lashing; with or without the use of an instrument such as a cane, shoes, broom, stick, whip or belt
 2. Pinching; pulling ears or hair; shaking; twisting joints; cutting and shaving hair, cutting or piercing skin; carrying, dragging or throwing a child;
 3. Forcing a child, through the use of power, authority or threats, to perform physically painful or damaging acts, such as holding a weight or weights for an extended period; kneeling on stones, salt or pebbles; squatting; standing or sitting in a contorted position;
 4. Deliberate neglect of a child's physical needs, where this is intended as punishment
 5. Use of extreme substances, such as burning or freezing materials, water, smoke, pepper, alcohol, excrement or urine;
 6. Confinement, including being shut in a confined space or material, tied up or forced to remain in one place for an extended period of time; or
 7. Any other physical act perpetrated on a child's body, for the purpose of punishment or discipline, intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light humiliating and degrading punishment includes such acts but not limited to:
 - i. Any threat of physical punishment;
 - ii. Being exploited including sexually or economically;
 - iii. Being abandoned or neglected, and after diligent search and inquiry, the parent or guardian cannot be found;
 - iv. Coming from a dysfunctional or broken family or without a parent or guardian;
 - v. Being out of school;
 - vi. Being a street child;
 - vii. Being a member of a gang;
 - viii. Living in a community with a high level of criminality or drug abuse; and
 - ix. Living in situations of armed conflict.
- m. *Child Care and Development Workers* – refers to individuals or institutions such as government agencies and civil society organizations working for child welfare.
- n. *Development Rights* – pertains to the access of a child to educational opportunities, access to relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- o. *Discrimination Against Children* – refers to any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference which is based on any ground such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status and which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by all persons, 'on an equal footing, of all rights and freedoms.
- p. *Early Children Care and Development (ECCD) System* – refers to the full range of health, nutrition, early education and social services programs that provide for the basic holistic needs of young children from zero (0) to age four (4) to promote their optimum growth and development.
- q. *Juvenile Justice and Welfare System* – refers to a system dealing with children at risk and children in conflict with the law, which provides child-appropriate proceedings, including programs and services for

prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, re-integration and aftercare to ensure their normal growth and development.

- r. *MSWDO* – Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
- s. *Participation Rights* – includes the child's right to be heard, freedom to express oneself in matters affecting his/her life as part of preparation for becoming a responsible adult; freedom of association; right to privacy; and right to age-appropriate and culturally sensitive information, all in accordance to the child's evolving capacity.
- t. *PCPC* – refers to the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children.
- u. *PNP* – Philippine National Police
- v. *Positive Discipline* – refers to a way of thinking and a holistic, constructive, pro-active approach to parenting or teaching that helps children develop appropriate thinking and behavior in the short and long term and fosters self-discipline. It is based on the principles of children's rights and child development on the respect for the child's dignity and physical integrity, and the principles of effective teaching.
- w. *Protection Rights* – covers those which guard children against all forms of child abuse, exploitation, neglect and discrimination and against circumstances prejudicial to the interests of the child.
- x. *Youth Detention Home* – refers to a 24-hour child-caring institution managed by accredited local government units (LGU) and licensed and or accredited care for children in conflict with the law who are awaiting court disposition of their cases or transfer to other agencies or jurisdiction.
- y. *Child Welfare Section* – refers to a newly-created section under the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, which shall be responsible for the implementation of this ordinance.
- z. *Differently Abled Children* – are children who are suffering from physical or mental defects impairing their body or any part of it to perform normal functions like ordinary children.
- aa. *Diversion* – refers to an alternative child – appropriate process of determining the responsibility and treatment of a child in conflict with law in the basis of his/her social, cultural, economic, psychological, or educational background without resorting to formal court adjudication.
- bb. *Diversion Programs* – refer to programs that the child in conflict with the law is required to undergo in lieu of formal court proceedings.
- cc. *Exploitative Benefit Dance* - refers to a dance promoted in the locality wherein children identified as benefit dancers are offered to dance with any partner upon payment or promise of payment of a certain amount.
- dd. *Juvenile Justice* – refers for the legal procedures applied to children in conflict with law starting from the initial contact of the child up to the integration of the child to family and community.
- ee. *Juvenile Justice System* – refers to all proceedings starting from the initial contact including diversion proceedings, court proceedings after the filing of the proper information and until disposition of the case involving children in conflict with the law.
- ff. *Child Protection Unit* – refers to one-stop building or unit where children that are victims of abuse are assisted and provided with immediate medical assistance. This is composed of multi-disciplinary – Social Worker, WCPD Officer and MHO.
- gg. *Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC)*– is a body established in the municipality pursuant to the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2002-21 which subsumes the ECCD Coordinating Committee, the expanded membership and additional functions of which shall be provided in the implementing Rules and Regulations hereinafter promulgated.

Rescue Team – is an interagency team established in the LGU under the auspices of the LCPC/BCPC for cases involving children.

- hh. *Abduction of children* refers to the seizure, taking in custody, detention or capture of one or more children either temporarily or permanently by force, threat of force or coercion, or deception for the purpose of any form of exploitation of such children in situation of armed conflict.
- ii. *Children in Situation of Armed Conflict*- Persons below eighteen (18) years old who are involved in, affected by, or displaced due to armed conflict.
- jj. *Child Marriage* – any marriage where one or both parties are children, solemnized in any form, including religious or cultural rites.
- kk. *Force Child Marriage*- a marriage involving a child, arranged by parents, guardians, or any adult, with or without consent.

ARTICLE II PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. *PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN*

A. Measures to Prevent and Address Violence against Children

1. **COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN.** There shall be a Comprehensive Program on violence against children to be formulated by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office within six (6) months from the effectivity of this ordinance. The comprehensive program shall address the underlying causes of violence against children and risk factors, such as lack of parent-child attachment, family breakdown, abuse of alcohol or drugs, access to firearms, lack of appropriate age information about teenage pregnancy, gender-based biases and stereotypes, and the associated risks specific to girls. It shall likewise prevent violence before it occurs.

Comprehensive program on violence against children refers to the prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and re-integration, intervention services and strategies based on research, data base management planning, programming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This should be accessible to all children, with a child-sensitive and universal health and social services, including established and functional reporting and referral mechanisms, pre-hospital and emergency care, legal assistance to children with provision of appropriate funds to be used for transportation, accommodation, meal and other relevant expenses and, where appropriate, their families when violence is detected or disclosed.

The need for increase network and engagement of the barangay level system through Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) that will help provide an immediate assistance to abused children through prevention and rescue operation in coordination with the MSWDO and WCPD. BCPC will further enhance their community child protection system through database management through tracking and monitoring of children leaving within their communities 17 years and younger, intensify system of protection for children through the implementation of preventive measures in the community.

The program shall also include the setting up and maintenance of data collection and information system in order to identify the vulnerable

groups, inform policy and programming at all levels, and track progress towards the goal of preventing violence against children and maintain data on children without parental care and children in the criminal justice system. Data should be disaggregated by sex, age, urban/rural, household and family characteristics, education, form of disability and ethnicity.

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION UNIT (CPU).

The program shall include the establishment of Child Protection Unit. A One-stop establishment which caters children survivors of abuse, exploitation and other related cases that will provide immediate action to children in need of protection due to situation that endanger the child or has exposed the child to cruelty and abuse; immediate assistance will be provided such as medical, medico-legal, and psychosocial activities and/or services. The immediate and priority clients will be within the communities under the Municipality of Kananga and could cater outside referrals as deemed necessary.

The CPU shall have be equipped with complete facilities, equipment's, gadgets, toys, learning materials and kits to respond on the needs of the children survivor of abuse including the availability of counseling, interview, therapy, recreational, conference and medical room.

The CPU will be composed of Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) which includes Social Worker, a Physician of the Local Government Unit, and Women and Children Protection Desk Officer (WCPD/PNP). The MDT shall undergo a comprehensive training provided by the Child Protection Unit from the National level through Child Protection Network (CPN) before rendering service and handling cases of abuses in the operation of the CPU. The team needs a yearly update or as needed arises to have a capability enhancement by the CPN and other related organizations or offices with a specific provision of yearly budget from the MCPC. This shall be included in the MCPC annual budget and plans.

1.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT):

1. The Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga shall pass a resolution for the composition of MDT for the CPU and its functions and limitations:
 - a. Define the functions of the Child Protection Unit and its coverage;
 - b. The usage of the available equipment, gadgets and other related items;
 - c. Provision of intensive training from the CPN and must pass the examinations;
2. The WCPD Officer should render her service at the CPU for at least 3 years. The Sangguniang Bayan may pass a resolution to retain the WCPD in her post and may not be included in the PNP personnel reshuffling.
3. The MSWDO or assigned social worker will be the CPU head;
4. The LGU Physician must have at least 3 years experience in the performance of his duties and responsibilities if in case he is not holding a permanent post.

2. **PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILD CARING FACILITIES THAT CATER TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE FAMILY CARE PROGRAM.** The Municipal Government of Kananga may enter into partnership agreement with child caring facilities that cater to victims of violence against children under a temporary placement program and further promote alternate family care program such as foster care, legal guardianship and legal adoption in coordination with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.
3. **PROMOTION OF POSITIVE DISCIPLINE.** The MSWDO shall develop a comprehensive program to promote positive discipline in lieu of corporal punishment of children. A continuing information dissemination campaign and capacity building shall be conducted in schools, communities and municipal wide relative to its techniques and benefits among parents, teachers and other caregivers.
4. **PROMOTION OF POSITIVE DISCIPLINE.** The MSWDO shall develop a comprehensive program to promote positive discipline in lieu of corporal punishment of children. A continuing information dissemination campaign and capacity building shall be conducted in schools, communities and municipal wide relative to its techniques and benefits among parents, teachers and other caregivers.
5. **SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOL** – All private and public schools in the municipality shall develop their respective disaster risk reduction and management plans. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office shall coordinate with the officials of these schools in order to capacitate them in this respect.

School buildings shall also be regularly inspected by the Municipal Engineer's Office to ensure their structural integrity and that they are not constructed in a fault or other dangerous areas as well as to ensure their compliance to relevant laws on the construction of such structures.

SECTION 2. CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT.

The municipal government shall promote the rights of all children involved in, affected by or displaced by armed conflict, giving them special protection from all forms of abuse and violence and prohibits the recruitment and use of children in armed conflicts.

A. The following acts are strictly prohibited:

1. **Recruitment or Use of Children in Armed Conflict** – Any form of recruitment, training, or involvement in hostilities by armed groups.
2. **Killing, Torture, or Maiming**- any act of violence causing harm or death to children in conflict areas.
3. **Abduction of Children**- Taking children against their will for purpose related to armed conflict
4. **Denial of Humanitarian Access** – Obstructing the delivery of aid or evacuation of children in conflict-affected areas.

B. Duties and responsibilities of the municipal government:

1. **Immediate Assistance and rehabilitation**- the MSWDO shall provide emergency relief, psychosocial support and family tracing.
2. **Livelihood and Education Programs for CSAC Survivors**- Establish reintegration programs for children and their families.
3. **Information and Advocacy Campaigns** – Conduct community awareness initiatives to prevent child recruitment and violence.

SECTION 3. CHILDREN SAFETY ON MOTORIZED VEHICLES. The Municipal Government shall pursue a more proactive and preventive approach in securing the safety of children by regulating the operation of motorcycles along roads and highways, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10666.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motorcycle with a child on board on public roads within the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte unless the following conditions are met:

- a. The child's feet can comfortably reach the standard foot pegs of the motorcycle.
- b. The child's arm can reach around and firmly grasp the waist of the motorcycle rider.
- c. The child is wearing a standard protective helmet.
- d. The motorcycle is not running at high speed on national or busy streets.
- e. If in case where the child being transported requires immediate medical attention

The Municipal Traffic Office, PNP shall be responsible for enforcing this ordinance.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION OF THE PRACTICE OF CHILD MARRIAGE.

- A. The following acts are prohibited within the jurisdiction of Municipality of Kananga Leyte:
1. Facilitating, solemnizing, or arranging child marriage.
 2. Cohabitation of an adult with a child under the pretense of marriage.
 3. Forcing, coercing, or intimidating a child into marriage.
 4. Failing to report cases of child marriage to authorities.

Any person, parent, guardian, religious leader, or official who engages in, facilitates, or tolerates child marriage shall be penalized with 2,500.00.

SECTION 5. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM ALL FORMS OF HARASSMENT, ABUSE, AND VIOLENCE IN PUBLIC SPACES, SCHOOLS, AND ONLINE PLATFORMS, ENSURING A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

This ordinance shall apply to all public spaces, schools, recreational areas, workplaces, transportation, and online platforms within the municipality where children may be present.

The following acts shall be prohibited and punishable under this ordinance:

- A. Street Harassment – Catcalling, wolf-whistling, leering, stalking, and any unwarranted sexual remarks or gestures directed toward children in public spaces.
- B. Sexual Harassment in School - any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by teachers, school staff, or peers that creates an intimidating or hostile learning environment.
- C. Online Harassment – Cyberbullying, sending lewd messages, grooming, or exposing children to inappropriate materials on social media or digital platforms.
- D. Workplace Harassment – Any form of sexual harassment against minors engaged in apprenticeships, internships, or part-time work within the municipality.

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), Barangay Officials, and Philippine National Police (PNP) shall ensure the implementation of this ordinance. Schools and institutions must establish reporting mechanisms for violations.

The local government shall conduct awareness campaigns, seminars, and training programs in schools, communities, and workplaces to educate individuals on children's rights and the importance of safe spaces.

Any individual found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense – Warning and mandatory counseling

2nd offense – 1,500 or 12 hours of community service.

3rd offense – 2,500 or imprisonment of one month, or both, subject to the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5.1 PROHIBITION AGAINST ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

A. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. The use of corporal punishment which includes emotional, degrading and humiliating punishment on children and as defined as Sec. 3 (l) shall be prohibited in home, early childhood development facilities and day care centers and facilities, community centers, sports teams and centers, government units and in other places where there are children.

Parents, yayas, house helpers and caregivers, foster parents, guardians, relatives who have custody of the child, or other persons legally responsible for the child, including those exercising special or substitute parental authority, school teachers, personnel, and officers of both public and private academic and vocational institutions, employers and supervisors or churches, or any other person under whose care the child has been entrusted to and who inflicts corporal punishment on the child shall be liable in accordance with existing penal laws.

Violators of this provision shall be penalized with an imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months at the discretion of the court and/or fine of not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00)

B. PROHIBITION OF ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTING CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, and CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. Any individual, establishment, enterprise, facilities, events and other related activities caught promoting or facilitating child prostitution and sexual exploitation, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and other acts of child abuse shall be closed immediately.

C. BAN OF CHILDREN IN EXPLOITATIVE BENEFIT DANCES AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. Children are banned from participation in exploitative benefit dances and other similar activities. This may include, but are not limited to, from parties, bikini opens, discos and other similar performances.

D. REGULATION ON CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL VIDEO GAMES, NETWORK GAMES, INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY, COMPUTER GAMES, BILLIARDS, POOL GAMES, AND THE LIKE. Commercial establishments are prohibited from renting out electronic video, network and computer games, billiards, pool games, cinemas and the like to children on school days during their prescribed school hours and to other children below eighteen years of age, from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Internet pornography shall be prohibited among children at times and in all places in Kananga.

Business establishments who violate the above stipulations shall be meted out with the following penalties:

1. First Offense – fifteen (15) day suspension of business operation;
2. Second Offense –one (1) month suspension, and confiscation of video and computer units, billiards, and pool games paraphernalia and other implements used for such business;
3. Third Offense – disqualification to engage in such business for one (1) year

E. BAN OF PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITES. It shall be unlawful to operate, maintain and/or access lewd or pornographic websites in the Municipality of Kananga.

In this regard, operators of internet cafes, administrators of public and private schools and proprietor of establishments that use a computer system with access to the internet shall see to it that any and all lewd or pornographic websites are blocked in the system and are not accessible to anyone, particularly the children.

Violators of tis provisions shall suffer the penalty of an imprisonment not to exceed SIX (6) MONTHS and/or a fine of not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) at the discretion of the court. In addition, of the violating establishment is a business entity its business permits shall be recommended to the local chief executive for revocation and the establishment shall be closed.

F. OBSCENE PUBLICATION AND INDECENT SHOWS. – It shall be unlawful for any person to hire, employ, use, persuade, induce or coerce a child to perform in obscene exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in video, pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials or to sell or distribute the said materials.

Any ascendant, guardian or person entrusted in any capacity with the care of the child who shall cause and or allow such child to be employed or to participate in an obscene play some act, movie or show or any other acts shall be dealt with pursuant to Article V of R.A. 7610.

G. PROHIBITION OF CHILDREN IN PARKS, PLAZAS, AND ESTABLISHMENTS DURING CLASS HOURS 7:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M. School children are prohibited from lingering in parks, plazas, establishments and other public places during class hours except if they are accompanied by their parents or guardians.

H. CURFEW OF CHILDREN. Children shall be prohibited from loitering around the public places from 10:00 o'clock in the evening

until 5:00 o'clock in the morning of the following day unless they are in the company of their parents or guardians. Children caught violating this provision shall be brought to their residence or to any barangay official at the barangay hall to be released to the custody of their parents. The MSWDO in coordination with the MCPC and BCPC shall provide intervention programs such as counselling, attendance in group activities for children, and for the parents or guardians, attendance in parenting education seminars.

Parents, whose child or children have been caught violating this provision for two or more times, shall be considered negligent of their parental obligation and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

I. BAN ON THE SALE OF WINE, ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES AND E-CIGARETTES TO CHILDREN.

The Municipal Government shall ensure that food being sold to students and within a one hundred meter radius from these schools are safe for consumption. It shall be unlawful for any person or business establishment to sell wine, intoxicating alcohol and beverages, cigarettes and e-cigarettes to children within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Kananga. Coordination and consultations with school authorities and periodic inspections in coordination with said officials and the Philippine National Police, shall be conducted in this respect by the relevant department of the Municipal Government.

The barangays, through their respective punong barangay and officials, shall ensure the enforcement of this provision in their respective places. The following penalties shall be imposed to violators:

1st Offense – One (1) month suspension and closure of business operation

2nd Offense – Three (3) months suspension and closure of business operation

3rd Offense – Permanent closure of business

J. BAN ON THE SALE OF JUNK FOODS TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL PREMISES. The sale of junk foods to children shall be banned in all school premises within the Municipality of Kananga. The MSWDO, in coordination with the MHO, shall provide, within a period of 60 days from the date of the effectivity of this ordinance, a list of junk foods considered as part of the ban. Barangays shall ensure that all vendors within their respective jurisdiction have complied permit of any vendor who violates this provision shall be cancelled. Principals/Administrators of erring schools shall be fined as follows:

1st Offense – 1,000.00

2nd Offense – 2,000.00

3rd Offense – 2,500.00

K. PROHIBITION OF ENTRANCE TO COCKPITS, BARS, AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to admit a child into cockpits, bars and other similar establishments, except on occasion that he or she is accompanied by his parent or teacher for academic purposes or for

learning of a trade or skills other than the act of attending the usual activities thereof.

The gatekeeper, manager or operator of the said establishment, if found violating this provision, shall be fined in as follows:

- 1st Offense – 1,000.00
- 2nd Offense – 2,000.00
- 3rd Offense – 2,500.00

L. BAN ON PROHIBITED DRUGS. All local government units in Kananga shall exert utmost effort towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Republic Act 9165 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 and Republic Act 7624 or An Act Integration Drug, Prevention and Control in the Elementary and Secondary Curricula as well as in the Non-Formal, Informal and Indigenous Learning Systems.

M. OTHER ACTS OF NEGLECT, ABUSE, CRUELTY, OR EXPLOITATION AND OTHER CONDITION PREJUDICIAL TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

Any person including parents of a child who shall use, coerce, force or intimidate a child or any other child to:

- a. Abandon the child under such circumstances as to deprive him of the love, care, and protection he needs.
- b. Neglect the child by not giving him the education by which the family situation and financial condition permit.
- c. Fail or refuse, without giving justifiable grounds to enroll the child as required by law.
- d. Cause, abate or permit the truancy of the child from school where he is enrolled. "Truancy" as herein used means absence without cause for more than twenty (20) school days not necessarily consecutive.
- e. Inflict cruel and unusual punishment upon the child or deliberately subject him to indignations and other excessive chastisement that embarrasses or humiliates him.
- f. Permit the child to possess, handle or carry deadly weapon regardless of ownership.
- g. Allow the child to drive without license or with a license which the parent knows to have been illegally procured.
- h. Cause or allow a child to act as conduct or middleman in drug trafficking or pushing.
- i. Send child or allow child to be sent to person, groups, companies, organizations to render work or perform activities to the prejudice of the said child, whether or not it is for a consideration.
- j. Buy intoxicating drinks, alcohol and other beverages, cigarettes and solvents.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITION AGAINST WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR –No child shall be engaged in the worst forms of child labor. The phrase "worst forms of child labor" shall refer to any of the following as stated in RA 9231:

- 1. All forms of slavery, as defined under the "Anti-trafficking of Persons Act of 2003", or practices similar to slavery such as sale and trafficking

- of children, debt bondage and serfdom and forced or compulsory labor, including recruitment of children for use in armed conflict or
2. The use, procuring, offering or exposing of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances, or
 3. The use, procuring or offering of a child for illegal or illicit activities, including the production and trafficking of dangerous drugs and violate substances prohibited under existing laws; or
 4. Work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is hazardous or likely to be harmful to the health, safety or morals of children, such that it:
 - a. Debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being; or
 - b. Exposes the child to physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or is found to be highly stressful psychologically or may prejudice morals; or
 - c. Is performed underground, underwater or at dangerous heights; or
 - d. Involves the use of dangerous machinery, equipment and tools such as power-driven or explosive power actuated tools; or
 - e. Exposes the child to physical danger such as, but not limited to the dangerous feats of balancing, physical strength of condition, or which requires the manual transport of heavy loads; or
 - f. Is performed in an unhealthy environment exposing the child to hazardous working conditions, elements, substances, co-agents or processes involving ionizing, radiation, fire, flammable substances, noxious components and the like, or to extreme temperatures, noise levels, or vibrations; or
 - g. Is performed under particularly difficult conditions; or
 - h. Exposes the child to biological agents such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, protozoans, nematodes, and other parasites; or
 - i. Involves the manufacture or handling of explosives and other pyrotechnic products.

A. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

- a. For employment of children as domestic helpers ages 17 years and younger the employees shall first secure before engaging such child a work permit from the Department of Labor shall ensure observance of the welfare of the child. No person shall employ a child to act as a model in all forms of commercials and advertisements promoting alcoholic beverages, intoxicating drinks, tobacco and its by products and violence.
- b. Children found working in violation of the above provisions shall be rescued and provided with the appropriate interventions.
- c. The MCPC in coordination with the National Agencies shall initiate appropriate training for members of the Local Police, Members of the Citizens Armed Forces, Geographical Unit and the Barangay Police.

- #### **B. PROHIBITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN CERTAIN ADVERTISEMENTS** – No person or corporation shall employ a child as a model or endorser, in whatever form for any commercial or advertisement promoting alcoholic beverages, intoxicating drinks, tobacco, and its by-product, junk foods and any product or advertisement that promote violence.

SECTION 7. PROTECTION RIGHTS ON CHILD AT RISK AND IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

A. COMMUNITY-BASED JUVENILE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.

Community-based juvenile intervention programs shall be instituted in the municipality from the barangay to the municipal level through their respective local council for the protection of children. The different local government units shall set aside an amount necessary to implement their respective juvenile intervention programs in their annual budget. The budget shall be taken from the one (1) percent of their respective Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for MCPC programs pursuant to RA 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 as amended by RA 10630.

The LGU shall provide community-based services which respond to the special needs, problems, interests and concerns of children and which offer appropriate counseling and guidance to them and their families. These programs shall consist of three levels:

- a. Primary intervention include general measures to promote social justice and equal opportunity, which tackle perceived root causes of offenses;
- b. Secondary intervention includes measures to assist children at risks;
- c. Tertiary intervention includes measures to avoid unnecessary contact with the formal justice system and other measures to prevent recurrence of offenses.

B. MONITORING OF SUSPENDED SENTENCES OF CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

The MSWDO shall monitor the suspension of sentences of children in conflict with the law and other appropriate assistance in coordination with the Department Social Welfare and Development Office, WCPD and Public Attorney's Office. A special team from such office shall monitor closely the reported court cases involving children in court to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences and other appropriate assistance. An appropriate and responsive rehabilitation program shall be afforded them under the care of the Bahay Pag-asa with office in close coordination with child care and development workers with special interests on children's rehabilitation.

C. WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION DESK AND POLICE PROCEDURES.

The police station in Kananga shall have a Women and Children Protection Desk tasked to handle cases involving children. Child friendly police procedures as contained in the Police Handbook on Cases of Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances shall serve as the basic guideline in dealing with cases involving children. LGU of Kananga shall endeavor to provide the PNP handbook.

D. TRAINING FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION DESK (WCPD) OFFICER.

All PNP personnel assigned in the Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) should undergo a WCPD specialized course provided by the PNP in handling effectively cases of children. They shall provide inputs on handling cases of children during Police Information Continuing Education (PICE) conducted during police formation in every police station.

E. SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS OR COUNSELS WHO HANDLE CASES OF CHILDREN.

The LGU of Kananga shall provide and facilitate the necessary support to prosecutors or counsels handling cases of children. Efforts shall also be made to generate support from the

private sector, particularly the local chapters of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the academe, to provide legal and protective services to children who are in need of such services.

F. ESTABLISHMENT OF BAHAY PAG-ASA. Should the financial conditions of the LGU of Kananga rationally warrants, there shall be established a transition and rehabilitation home for Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) called Bahay Pag-Asa. The Bahay Pag-Asa shall be equipped with facilities necessary for the rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law/youthful offenders, including provisions for psycho-social interventions, home life services and other programs and services essential to a professional, integrated and balanced rehabilitation system.

G. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD FRIENDLY ROOM FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW. The LGU of Kananga shall endeavor to establish a child-friendly room for children, consistent with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act and its amendment. As part of the initial contact with the child, the procedure for taking the child into custody as provided for in Section 21, RA 9344 as amended by RA 10630 shall be followed, including the provision ensuring that should detention of the child in conflict with the law be necessary, the child shall be secured in quarters separate from that of the opposite sex and adult offenders.

H. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM MEDIA'S EXPLOITATION. The LGU of Kananga shall endeavor to protect children from all types and forms of exploitative and inappropriate content in media and to ensure that the same shall not exploit children and instead promote their best interest as mandated by Presidential Decree 603, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Republic Act 7610, Republic Act 9344, as amended by Republic Act 10630.

SECTION 8. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM DURING EMERGENCY

The program should be gender and child sensitive and have the following:

- A. Establishment of Evacuation Centers** – Municipality of Kananga shall establish and identify safe locations as evacuation centers for children and families.
- B. Establishment of Transitional Shelters for Orphaned, Separated, and Unaccompanied Children** – In the event of the declaration as under the state of calamity, the Municipal Government of Kananga, through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office in coordination with the Barangay LGU concerned shall immediately establish an option for transitional shelters, prioritizing vulnerable and marginalized groups including orphaned, separated, and unaccompanied children, children with special needs and pregnant and lactating mothers. New transitional shelters, established pursuant to this Code, shall be designed with the following considerations: gender-specific emergency latrines, bathing cubicles, and hand washing facilities specifically designed for children. It shall provide mother and child-friendly spaces where children can take part in child activities. It shall also have provisions for maternal and new born and infant care and rooms to protect and feed children. 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 years old and children with special needs and protection.

D. Stronger Measures to Ensure the Safety and Security of Affected Children - Under the Program of Kananga Police Station shall, in coordination with MSWDO, MLGOO, DepEd, and CSOs in the community. Monitor and ensure the safety and the security of the affected children including and not limited to children with disability and with special needs and protection in the areas declared under the state of calamity and shall protect them from any forms of abuse and exploitation.

The MSWDO shall require departments/units which are tasked to provide any assistance or services to the 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 Municipality 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 during all phases of emergency response and recovery.

Children shall be given priority during evacuation resulting from disaster or other emergency situation. Existing CSOs in the community shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that evacuated children are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

E. Delivery of Health, Medical, and Nutrition Services - Under the Program, the MHO, in coordination with the MSWDO, different LGU departments/units, and CSOs in the community, shall provide the health, medical, and nutritional needs of children in the areas declared under the state of calamity, including psychosocial interventions for children in different stages of development.

F. Plan of Action for Prompt Resumption of Educational Services for Children -The Department of Education (DepEd) in coordination with the MSWDO, MLGOO, and the concerned barangays shall ensure the prompt resumption of educational services for all children, including early childhood care and development for children aged below five (5) years old.

G. Establishment of Child Friendly Spaces. - The MSWDO shall setup Child Friendly Spaces in every barangay declared under the state of calamity, as needed, based on the guidelines to be promulgated by the MSWDO. In addition, barangay 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 concerned barangays cannot immediately respond due to the huge impact of disaster, the MSWDO, together with the concerned national government agencies and in coordination with 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 Right. - The Program shall include activities and processes that will promote and uphold the rights of children by:

1. 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;
2. Providing for an effective mechanism for training and meaningful participation of children in community disaster risk reduction program; and
3. Consulting with the affected children on their needs and priorities for post-disaster relief and recovery.

I. Services for 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 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.

J. System of Restoring Civil Registry 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 (MCR) shall develop a system for the restoration and reconstruction of civil registry documents that have been destroyed or declared lost or missing during a disaster or calamity.

The MCR shall submit a report on the number of restored or reconstructed documents to appropriate government agencies for effective monitoring and reporting and to ensure the continued access of the affected children to social services and facilitate their unification of separated children with their families.

The MCR shall likewise develop a system for the registration of children born during a national or local state of calamity.

K. Training of Emergency Responders on Child Protection. - The MDRRMO shall promote and conduct a child-responsive training program for all responders in the calamity area such as community and barangay leaders, community members, school personnel and other rescuers. The training program shall include the following:

1. Proper procedures and measures to assess the situation, safeguard

- and protect the affected children during and after emergencies and disasters;
2. Appropriate training on psycho-social interventions for children in different stages of development who are victims of calamities; and
 3. Each agency member agency shall include or mainstream child protection in the emergency response training to service providers.

L. Data Gathering, Monitoring, and Reporting. – The agencies mandated by this Act shall monitor and report on the implementation of services under the Program to be submitted to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan annually. The report shall include a specific section on pregnant women and children under five years of age as a strategy for ensuring to address the post-disaster nutrition need so that children under five years of age and pregnant women are both determined and met.

In the aftermath of a national or local state of calamity, the collection and reporting of data for the Disaster Risk Reduction 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 national state of calamity or as soon as practicable, the MSWDO and MLGOO shall jointly submit written documentation and report on their surveillance and monitoring under Section VI to the appropriate committees of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this code shall be charged against the current appropriation allocated for the juvenile protection program.

ARTICLE III SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE – The Municipality shall formulate an intensive implementation of the primary health care program which shall be led by Municipal Health Officer with the assistance of the Department of Health in coordination with the Municipal Health Board.

The program *shall* include the following:

- a) Promoting exclusive breastfeeding of up to six months and complementary feeding from seven months onwards, and infant and young child feeding, and other programs that address hunger and malnutrition;
- b) Parenting Enhancement Course such as, but not limited to, Parent Effectiveness Service (PES) designed at providing and expanding the knowledge and skills of parents and caregivers on parenting to be able to respond to parental duties and responsibilities on the areas of early childhood development, behavior management of younger and older children, husband-wife relationships, prevention of child abuse, healthcare and other challenges of parenting. It assists parents and parent substitutes to develop and strengthen their knowledge and skills so that they can assume a major educational role in their child's growth and development;
- c) Spiritual nurturing for children and parents by faith-based groups;

- d) A Reproductive Health Care Center for pregnant mothers for prenatal and neonatal care and, in the proper case, for delivery of the infant under conditions which will remove or minimize risks to mother and child; Provided, that, high-risk mothers shall be referred to the proper tertiary or secondary care service personnel, and children who are at risk from any condition or illness will be given proper and special care; Provided further, that barangay health workers are trained to recognize high risk pregnancies that must be referred to competent obstetrical and pediatric medical care for mother and child who are at risk;
- e) A barangay level network of support, monitoring and assistance from among the responsible adults of the barangay, for the total development and protection of children;

SECTION 2. ACCESS OF CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WaSH) FACILITIES – The local government shall ensure that the schools and barangays maintain the WaSH facilities in their respective localities to include safe water sources, safe drinking water, hand-washing facilities and toilet facilities. It shall further ensure that Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the Rural Sanitary Inspector (RSI) conduct regular monitoring to communities and schools.

SECTION 3. SENTRONG SIGLA MOVEMENT (SSM) – The Local Government Unit through the Municipal Health Center Personnel shall establish a plan to support this movement in order to ensure quality health services to children.

SECTION 4. DAY CARE SERVICES– The total development and protection of children program for the day care center shall be provided for children up to six (6) years of age with the consent of parents, provided however, that in the case of abused, neglected or exploited children such consent shall not be required. All barangays are enjoined to put up the Day Care Center.

The program *shall* include the following:

- a. Monitoring of registration of births;
- b. Completion of the immunization series for the prevention of tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertusis, hepatitis 8, hemophelus influenza, type B tetanus, measles, polio myelitis, and such other diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children before reaching one (1) year old, additional doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) during the ages of twelve (12) to fifteen (15) months;
- c. Micro nutrient supplementation like Vitamin A for children 6-9 months and for postpartum women, iron supplementation for pregnant and lactating mothers and Iodine supplementation for all families, fortified food intake of older infants and young children for them to receive adequate amounts of micronutrients;
- d. Monitoring and promotion of growth and development of the child through the promotion of exclusive breastfeeding for six months and introduction of complementary food from the 7th month onward;
- e. Care for children of working parents during the day or office hours.
- f. Day care centers shall be nurtured to evolve into child minding centers, therefore, the local government must ensure availability of updated learning materials, hand-outs, modules, toys, etc. in the day care centers;
- g. The barangays shall also ensure that day care worker are qualified to ensure quality teaching and provide substantial honorarium to motivate them;

- h. Provide capability-building on enhancing the skills of day care workers and provide an incentives and rewards systems to them;
- i. The local government, headed by the MSWDO and LCPC, shall monitor the day care centers and ensure the compliance to the Early Years and Early Childhood Care and Development Acts, ensure proper coordination of the LGUs, DSWD and DepEd on these matters, and provide for a venue to discuss issues and concerns that may arise; and
- j. Unstructured, combined with structured learning exercises for children under the early childhood education instituted in the children centers or day care centers that respects the participation rights of the children.

SECTION 5. ADOLESCENT-FRIENDLY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM – The MSWDO, in coordination with the Municipal Population Office, shall formulate an adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health program involving access to information and services related to prevention of early pregnancies, sexually-transmitted diseases and infections, and HIV/AIDS, and with services for teenage mothers, pregnant girls as well as promotion of sexual health and rights in compliance to the provisions of RA 10354 also known as the Reproductive Health Law.

SECTION 6. CHILD-FRIENDLY HEALTH FACILITIES – The community hospital, lying-in clinics, birthing homes and other health facilities in schools in the municipality should be child-friendly. Hospitals shall have children's wards that have child-friendly personnel include rooming-in and breastfeeding facilities, pediatric-appropriate mechanisms and gadgets. Hospitals shall also establish their Child Protection Units, which shall serve as a one-stop shop center for victims of violence against children and provide health, medico-legal, legal and psycho-social services.

SECTION 7. CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA – All establishments that are accessible to children in the municipality and barangay shall endeavor to maintain child friendly environment where they can explore, play and learn.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF LACTATION STATIONS –All establishments or institutions in the municipality shall establish lactation stations consistent with the provisions of Republic Act 10028 which declares that breastfeeding has distinct advantages which benefit the infant and the mother, including the hospital and the country that adopt its practice. It is the first preventive health measure that can be given to the child at birth. It also enhances mother-infant relationship. Furthermore, the practice of breastfeeding could save the country valuable foreign exchange that may otherwise be used for milk importation.

SECTION 9. COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY ON CHILDREN– Under the leadership of the Municipal Government, all barangays shall come up with a comprehensive survey on children in their respective localities, establishing a database on children's situations including health, nutrition, education and covers children with special needs, Muslims and indigenous peoples' children. The database shall be updated annually. The information derived from this shall be utilized to formulate the local development plan for children, design a more systematic coordination of programs and services for children, and presented during the annual State of the Children Report by the Municipal Mayor. The initial survey shall be conducted within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Code.

SECTION 10. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES –The Local Government of Kananga shall make a periodic comprehensive survey and situational analysis on the children with disabilities in the municipality. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office together with the Department of Education and Municipal Health Department shall spearhead the conduct of this situational analysis on children with disabilities in the municipality. The result of this situational analysis shall be the basis of the planning by the MCPC/BCPC and other concerned agencies, for programs and projects for these children.

MSWDO and other government agencies shall be in coordination in monitoring local drugstores concerning their compliance to the 20% discount for persons with disabilities (including children) and senior citizen.

SECTION 11. TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HANDLING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – Training program for educators and health professionals handling children with disabilities shall form part of the priority programs of the Local Government Unit of Kananga.

SECTION 12. INVESTMENT IN EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS– Training programs for educators and health professionals handling children with special needs shall be one of the priorities of the local government of Municipality of Kananga, including the establishments of center for children with special needs. All local government agencies shall provide assistance for families of children with special needs. Services to children with special needs who are victims of abuse (VAG) including assistive devices and facilities such as sign language interpreter, Braille and the like should also be ensured.

SECTION 13. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS – A program for the revival of cultural games in the Municipality of Kananga shall be installed in all barangays. Every barangay, shall establish a children's playground within their respective localities to be named as Barangay Children's Playground. A regular cultural program appropriate for each children's age group and sex shall be designed to showcase children's talents and interests.

SECTION 14. CELEBRATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CHILDREN'S MONTH – The month of November of every year is hereby declared as the Municipal Children's Month in Kananga. The MSWDO and the children representatives shall propose programs and activities that will ensure the full participation of children. The highlights of the month-long celebrations shall include the State of the Children Report by the Local Chief Executive, Children's Festivals, Laro ng Lahi, and the like.

SECTION 15. LOCAL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY – In support to the socio-cultural development of children in Kananga, the local government unit shall invest in the collection and production of local literature for children and other relevant materials. All barangays in Kananga shall put up a children's library in their respective localities or ensure that child-friendly spaces have these materials accessible to all children. The local government shall conduct monitoring of private and public schools to ensure compliance to this provision.

SECTION 16. EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN – Ensure that there are alternative programs for out-of-school and working children that is accessible to all in partnership with government and private learning institutions in compliance with this provision.

SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PLAN FOR CHILDREN – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO) shall jointly ensure the efficient implementation of the programs as clearly stipulated in the previous article. Inter-agency coordination is hereby mandated in the delivery of special services to children in all barangays in emergency situations.

ARTICLE IV PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN SOCIAL NETWORKING AND MEDIA – As a member of a family, school, community or any other organization or institution, every child has a right to be heard. Each child, regardless of age, sex, religion and tribe has the right to express his or her opinion freely. The Local Government Unit of Kananga shall provide opportunities for children to express their ideas through different forms of media such as print, radio broadcasting and theatre arts and shall link the children to the existing media facilities in the locality. Funds shall be provided for the purpose.

SECTION 2. RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO INFORMATION – Programs affecting and benefiting children should be widely disseminated as possible to include schools and communities and other platforms where children have access to information. Awareness raising and information drive on the provisions of this code shall be intensified through the use of mainstream and social media; and other awareness-raising activities in coordination with the LGUs, schools, NGOs and people's organizations to usher in the integration of the same in the plans, programs and activities of all stakeholders in the municipality of Kananga.

SECTION 3. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND SOCIO-CIVIC ACTIVITIES – The Municipality of Kananga shall promote the formation of child-led organizations and strengthen existing organizations in each barangay and support children's initiatives that will serve as venues to share common interests, express their talents, develop their capacities, and actively participate in child-friendly undertakings.

There shall be a children's congress every November during the celebration of the annual children's month to be participated in by children representatives from all barangays of the municipality. Also, there shall be camps for children to be held during summer months of every year which will involve capability building activities, skills enhancement trainings and other relevant development activities. The Local Government Unit shall conduct needs assessment to identify common and prevalent needs of the children.

It is encouraged that all elementary and high school student council presidents and leaders of all other children organizations shall be convened as a children's assembly in their respective localities. This assembly will serve as avenue to discuss their issues and concerns and to have a collective voice on issues affecting them.

The Local Government Unit of Kananga shall develop and implement a set of objective criteria and process in the selection of participating organizations and representatives to ensure that the process is inclusive. The participants must represent in and out-of-school children, working children, IP and Muslim communities, faith-based organizations, and children with special needs.

SECTION 4. INSTALLATION OF MECHANISM FOR PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN POLICY AND PROGRAM FORMULATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT – The Local Government of Kananga shall give utmost importance and concern to consultation with children and to providing a venue for the expression of their views relevant to the formulation of government policies and programs. It shall recognize children's representations in MCPC/BCPC and MDRRMC/BDRRMC, being the primary stakeholders and participants.

The local councils shall conduct regular consultation with children in formulating barangay/municipal plans that will be integrated in the Municipal Development Plan. All barangays in the Municipality of Kananga shall accommodate all children which includes those who are: in and out-of-school, working children, IP, Muslim, faith-based and with special needs in appropriate local special bodies. The Annual Children's Month celebrations and other related activities shall also ensure the participation of children in the planning and implementation stages.

SECTION 5. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL BUDGETING PROCESSES – It is the responsibility of the local government to inform the children's organizations of the legal framework of their participation in the local budgeting processes. MPDO and MLGOO shall take lead in involving the children in annual budget workshops. Representatives of the children's organizations shall be given opportunity to present and discuss their plans. The local agencies must ensure that the proposed activities will have full and equal access to funds and any kind of resources.

ARTICLE V IMPLEMENTING AND MAINSTREAMING MECHANISMS

SECTION 1. CREATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPCs) – There shall be created Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) in the Municipality of Kananga with the following compositions, duties and responsibilities:

Chairman	-	Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairman	-	SB Member (Chairman, Committee on Social Services, Women and Family)

Members:

1. MSWDO
2. SB Members (Committee on Health)
3. SB Member (Chairman, Committee on Education)
4. RHU
5. DILG Officer
6. Principal – DepEd Secondary Level
7. District Supervisor – DepEd Elementary Level
8. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
9. Municipal Budget Officer
10. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
11. Municipal Health Officer

12. Municipal Civil Registrar
13. Religious Sector
14. PNP
15. Municipal Treasurer
16. Liga ng mga Barangay President
17. Federated PTA President
18. President – Student Government (Secondary)
19. President – Pupil Government (Elementary)
20. Day Care Worker Federation President POPCOM
21. Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President
22. NGO
23. PESO
24. CSO (Civil Society Organization)-accredited by the LGU
25. (Daycare Worker Association)

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC)

- a. Formulate/collect ordinances and resolution and researches pertinent to child-friendly activities;
- b. Recommend local legislations promoting child survival, protection, participation, and development, especially on the quality of television shows and media prints and coverage, which are detrimental to children, and with appropriate funding support.;
- c. Formulate plans and programs that are gender fair, cultural relevant and responsive to diverse group of children from 0-18 years of age;
- d. Promptly address issues and concerns affecting children and the youth;
- e. Advocate for the increased support and resources allocation for children's programs and projects;
- f. Formulate Municipal Plan of action for children incorporating projects and program needing assistance by the barangay and insure into its integration to the Municipality Development Plan; Conduct of regular consultation with children in formulating Barangay/Municipal plans that will be integrated in the Municipal Development Plan.
- g. Provide linkages with other agencies and stakeholders on the planning, monitoring and evaluation of plans for children;
- h. Provide technical assistance and recommend financial support and appropriation the Sangguniang Bayan and Barangays;
- i. Establish and maintain data base on children in Municipality;
- j. Advocate for the establishment of playgrounds, day care centers and other facilities for child growth and development;
- k. Assist and make referrals for children in need of special protection;
- l. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program and submit quarterly statues reports to the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children;
- m. Annual anti-drug campaign and activities for children ages 10 to 18 consult Municipal Chief of Police to complement to their ongoing campaigns.
- n. Specify the avenues where children can participate in MCPC meetings.
- o. MCPC to conduct meetings regularly, quarterly or as needed.
- p. Expound and enumerate "anti-social activities" in Section 21.
- q. Conduct capability building programs to enhance knowledge and skills in handling children's programs;
- r. Performs such other functions as provided for in this Code and other child related laws.

SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC). There shall be created, substantially-funded and productively-sustained Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPCs) in Kananga, preferably with the following compositions, duties and responsibilities:

Chairman - Punong Barangay
Vice Chairman - Kagawad Chairman, Committee on Women and Family Affairs

Members:

1. Kagawad, Chairman, Committee on Social Welfare
2. Kagawad, Chairman, Committee on Education
3. Barangay Social Protection Officer (BSPO)
4. Barangay Nutrition Scholar
5. Barangay Health Nurse/midwife
6. Barangay Health Workers
7. Chief of Barangay Tanod
8. Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman
9. Principal of Complete Elementary/Secondary School
10. Teachers-in-Charge of the Primary School Elementary School
11. Religious Group Representative
12. NGO's Representative (Working/Providing Programs and Services for Children)
13. Parents Teachers Association President
14. ECCD Workers
15. Child Representative
16. Barangay Children's Association
17. VAWC Desk Officer

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC)

- a. Foster education of every child in the barangay (To ensure that every child in the barangay acquires at least an elementary education);
- b. Take steps to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist parents of children with behavioral problems so they can get expert advice;
- c. Adopt measures for health and nutrition of children;
- d. Conduct capability building projects to increase knowledge and skills in handling children's program;
- e. Encourage the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of parents and provide learning opportunities on the adequate rearing of children and positive parent-child relationship;
- f. Promote wholesome entertainment in the community especially in movie houses;
- g. Prepare Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) for children and recommend appropriation to the Sangguniang;
- h. Monitor and report all cases of child abuse to the authorities.
- i. Protect and assist abandoned, maltreated and abused children and facilitate their cases filed against child abusers;
- j. Prevent child labor in their area and protect working children from abuse and exploitation;
- k. Promote the opening and maintenance of playgrounds and daycare centers and other services which are necessary for child and youth welfare;

- l. Secure the cooperation of organizations devoted to the welfare of children and coordinate their activities;
- m. Assist parents whenever necessary in securing expert guidance counseling from the proper governmental or private welfare agencies;
- n. Advocate for the passage of child-friendly barangay ordinances in response to child-related issues and concerns;
- o. Ensure the effective advocacy and efficient implementation of the Department of Education Order No. 40, series of 2012 on Child Protection Policy in Schools;
- p. Submit quarterly barangay accomplishment reports on the implementation of the plan to the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC).

SECTION 5. SUSTAINED FUNCTIONALITY OF THE MUNICIPAL/ BARANGAY COUNCILS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN –

There shall be a sustained functionality of the municipal/barangay Local Councils for the Protection of Children (M/BCPCs). Towards this end, the annual search for Child-friendly Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be enhanced and institutionalized as the main tool for the efficient and effective monitoring and evaluation of the functionality of the M/BCPCs.

SECTION 6. CHILDREN'S FUND – All levels of local government in Kananga shall establish a Children's Fund to support the implementation of this Code. A minimum of one percent (1%) of the LGU budget of all levels of local government shall be set aside for this purpose. The Local Chief Executives at all levels may allocate additional funds for children as the local finances warrant.

SECTION 7. MANDATORY CAPABILITY BUILDING FOR MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COUNCILS FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN –

To ensure efficiency and effectiveness, all members of the Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs) from the municipality and barangay shall undergo formal child protection and welfare trainings.

SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (IPO) ON INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S WELFARE –

The PCPC shall ensure the active involvement of the IPO of Kananga in the planning, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation of government programs taking into consideration their current practices on issues and matters affecting indigenous people children. It shall also evaluate their current practices on issues and matters affecting indigenous people's children vis-a-vis existing laws, guidelines, instruments and conventions on protection of children.

SECTION 9. CHILDREN OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES –

A native community whose members are bound by a common ethnic origin language, culture or religion or belief and whose existence as a distinct community with its own particular characteristics should be preserved.

- a. Children of indigenous cultural communities shall be entitled to protection, survival and development consistent with the customs and traditions of their respective communities.
- b. The Local Council for the protection of children shall develop and institutionalize an alternative system of education. Children can be

enrolled in any private or public school in the municipality according to the choices of their parents.

- c. The delivery of basic social services in health and nutrition to children shall also be extended to this indigenous cultural community. Hospital and health institutions should give equal attention to these children.
- d. Any person who discriminates against children of indigenous cultural communities shall be dealt with pursuant to Article IX of R.A. 7610.

SECTION 10. ADOPTION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN – All government offices and Institutions, and organizations and entities that are mandated, recognized, or licensed by the government operating within Kananga, who are involved in the care, education, training, formation and employment of children, or dealing children in any manner, shall adopt a Code of Conduct for the Care and Protection of Children (CCCPC) within six (6) months from the approval of this Code.

Private organizations within Kananga that are in any way dealing with children, such as corporations, businesses, churches, health and medical centers, sports groups, transport organizations and the like, shall be encouraged to adopt their own code of conduct for the protection of children.

SECTION 11. PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW/JUVENILE DELINQUENCIES – A child who is alleged as accused of or adjudged as, having committed an offense under Philippine laws shall be subjected to the appropriate proceedings in accordance with R.A. 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act 2006.

The Local Government Unit shall have the concurrent function and responsibility to provide a development center for children in conflict with the law, and as well, for children who are abandoned, abused, neglected, exploited or discriminated.

SECTION 12. CHILDREN ENGAGED IN ANTI-SOCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES - Children found engaging in Anti-social Related Activities shall be rescued and provided with the appropriate interventions. Expound and enumerate “anti-social activities”

SECTION 13. CURFEW – Children shall be prohibited to roam around the town or its municipality’s component barangays from 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. Minors caught outside their residence or boarding house during curfew without justifiable reason shall be taken to the nearest barangay hall/outpost or police station for safekeeping. Their parents or guardians shall be informed and shall personally fetch these minors for custody.

SECTION 14. OTHER PROHIBITIONS. Internet Cafés, billiard inns, videoke stands, and other recreation houses shall not admit pupils or students without written permit from the head of their respective schools, except when it could be proven by the pupil or student that at the time of their stay in the said establishments they have no scheduled classes. However, appropriate documentary proof shall be required.

SECTION 15. RECOMMENDED MEASURES:

School heads, teachers and staff are encouraged to allow the pupils or students to use the electronic libraries and other facilities in schools for their research works in order to deter them from going outside school premises.

To this effect, Parents and Teachers Association in cooperation with the Local Police Force, Internet Café Operators, Videoke Stand Owners, Billiard Halls and Other Similar Establishments shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement governing admission and monitoring of pupils and students, and for other necessary terms and conditions for the protection of children. A copy of a Pro-Forma Memorandum of Agreement is made as an integral part of this Ordinance, herein marked as Annex "A".

SECTION 16. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION - The LGU Information Office is hereby directed to formulate and implement an information program informing the general public of this code and cause the printing and distribution of this code.

ARTICLE VI PENAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS – Violations of any provision of this Code shall be penalized and sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of existing applicable laws, rules and regulations. Where specific penalties and/or sanctions are provided in this Code, the same shall be applied without prejudice to the imposition of other penalties as may be provided in other laws.

No penalty shall be imposed on children for said violations, and they shall instead be brought to their residence or to any barangay official at the barangay hall to be released to a custody of their parents/guardians or appropriate authorities.

Any parent or guardian found to be negligent in the performance of their duties to children shall be punished as follows:

- a. For the first offense : counseling or parent education;
- b. For the second and subsequent to offense: the filing by the LCPC of the appropriate charges to child abuse under Republic Act No. 7610 and for Petition for Involuntary Commitment pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 603, or other criminal or civil cases under applicable laws. The local chief executives of non-compliant PC/MIBCPCs may be subjected to sanctions based on existing laws, rules and regulations of the Republic of the Philippines.
- c. Without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7610, violation of any provision of this code shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) or both upon the discretion of the court.
- d. All establishments and enterprises which promote or facilitate child prostitution and other social abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications, indecent shows and other acts of abuse shall be immediately inspected and verified, closed and their authority or license to operate cancelled without prejudice to the manager or owner being prosecuted under this ordinance

ARTICLE VII FINAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. REVIEW – This ordinance shall be reviewed five years after the enactment and as often as it may deem necessary, with the primary objective of providing a more responsive children’s welfare protection and benefits.

SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this Code is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions will not be affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

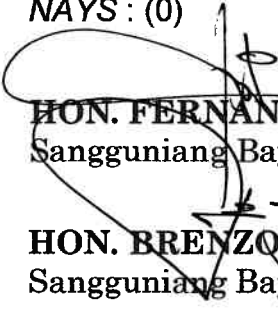
SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances executive orders or any issuances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This ordinance takes effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and posting in three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality.

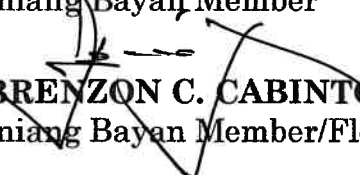
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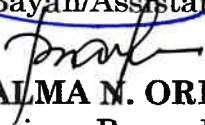
ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE 23RD SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF KANANGA, LEYTE DURING ITS REGULAR SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

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HON. FERNANDO M. ASEO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. RESURRECCION C. CAPANAS
Sangguniang Bayan/Assistant Floor Leader



HON. BRENZON C. CABINTOY
Sangguniang Bayan Member/Floor Leader


HON. ALMA M. ORFANO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

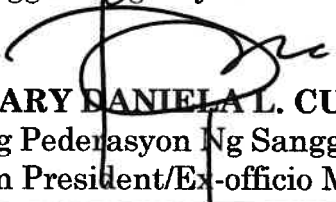
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HON. RUDY B. COGAY
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. MINERVA M. BULAWIT
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. RICHIE C. CRUZ
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ALLAN C. ESPINOSA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. VICTORIANO L. GLOBA
ABC President, Ex-Officio Member


HON. MARY DANIELA L. CUBERO
Pambayang Pederasyon Ng Sangguniang Kabataan President/Ex-officio Member


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the afore-quoted Ordinance.


ATTY. ALLAN R. CASTRO
(Board Secretary V)
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


MIGUEL JORGE P. TAN
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MANUEL VICENTE M. TORRES
Municipal Mayor
03/17/2025
(Date)

Attachment of Ordinance No. 23L.25-045



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March 17, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that for the period March 17, 2025 to March 27, 2025 the copies of the **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-045 series of 2025, entitled: "COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE CODE FOR CHILDREN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE"**:

1. Bulletin Board at the entrance of Municipal Hall, Kananga, Leyte
2. Post at the Kananga Public Market Rotonda, Kananga, Leyte and
3. Entrance to the Session Hall, Kananga, Leyte

Issued this 18th day of March, 2025 in Kananga, Leyte


SAMMY JUNE NAVIA
Administrative Aide III



Republic of the Philippines
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Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Scheduled on February 13, 2025 at ABC Hall Building, Barangay Poblacion, Kananga, Leyte)

The public is hereby notified that a Public Hearing on the

1. ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-045– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA.
2. ORDINANCE NO. 23L.24-070 – COMPREHENSIVE SOLO PARENTS ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE.
3. ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-077 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC).

will be conducted by the 23rd Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga on the **13th day of February 2025, Thursday, from 9:00 in the morning at the ABC Hall Building, Brgy. Poblacion Kananga, Leyte.**

All interested parties / individuals are invited to attend the Public Hearing.

3 February 2025

ATTY. ALLAN R. CASTRO
(Board Secretary V)
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN ON FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT THE ABC HALL BUILDING, BRGY. POBLACION, KANANGA, LEYTE FOR THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 23L25-045– AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED CHILDREN'S WELFARE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA.**
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 23L24-070 – COMPREHENSIVE SOLO PARENTS ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE.**
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 23L25-077 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC).**

(Attendance hereto attached)

The Public Hearing was conducted by the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan spearheaded by the Office of the Vice Mayor thru Facebook Page and Posting in the public places. The Public Hearing was attended by the Punong Barangay, Private Groups Representative from EDC and J N F Mall Store, MSWD Officer Mrs. Ignacia Mangalao, DepEd Supervisor of Kananga I, II & III and Representative from PNP Kananga Station. And it was open at 9:45 in the morning with opening prayer led by SB Secretary Atty. Allan R. Castro and he is also the master of the ceremony.

Atty. Castro introduced Hon. Minerva M. Bulawit as proponent and authored of the following ordinances.

Hon. Bulawit (SB Member/Chairman of the Committee on Social Services, Women and Family) First she discussed the Municipal Ordinance No. 23L25-045. She said that Municipality of Kananga has an existing Ordinance, numbered as Ordinance No. 20L16-99, entitled "An Ordinance Adopting the Revised Children's Welfare Code of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte" enacted on June 8, 2016. There is a need to update the said ordinance in order to attune to the present needs of the children in the municipality with due consideration of approved national laws affecting the children. He informed that Kananga is awardee and recognized as Child Friendly Municipality in whole Region. Kananga also provided yearly budget for children protection under the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children(MPCPC) Annual plan and budget.

Discussion:

Mr. Obando(Guidance Counselor from Kananga National High school) suggested for the strict implementation of ordinances for speed limit, Curfew, Internet Café and asking for ordinance prohibited students roaming around at the parks from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and he added to put signage for speed limit in the school area. He asked the sanggunian member for close monitoring and implementation of those ordinances for the welfare of children and youth.

Hon. Bulawit thanked Mr. Obando for the suggestions, she said that the sangguniang bayan will discuss all the suggested ordinances.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 23L24-070 – COMPREHENSIVE SOLO PARENTS ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE.**

Hon. Bulawit said that Municipality of Kananga, Leyte recognizes the struggles of solo parents and seeks to implement local programs that address their needs because of the burden of raising the family and providing their children a better future. For the qualification of solo parent, Under Section 3. **Assessment and Documentation.** A solo parent defined under this Ordinance shall undergo the necessary assessment process as provided for in the implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11861 For the purpose, the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office is hereby mandated to conduct the process of quarterly assessment and documentation of the barangays in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte. She informed the MSWDO to take note this provision to facilitate the implementation of this ordinance.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 23L25-077 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC).

Hon. Bulawit said that because of the highest reported cases of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women from their intimate partners the 23rd sangguniang bayan enacted this ordinance to protect women and promoting the rights especially those in the marginalized sectors. She said that Municipal Government of Kananga allocate an annual budget of at least 5% of the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund for the implementation of this ordinance, including support services for VAWC survivors. She also informed that barangay shall also allocate an annual budget of GAD for the implementation of their respective barangay. She added that the ordinance aims to:

- a. Strengthen VAWC prevention, protection, and response mechanism at the municipal and barangay level;
- b. Provide comprehensive support services for VAWC survivor;
- c. Ensure strict compliance and accountability among local officials, law enforcement, and service providers.
- d. Promote awareness and community participation in ending VAWC.

Discussions:

Police Sgt. Kathy Machica(PNP Kananga-Asst. WCPD PNCO) addressed her concern to the MSWDO Mrs. Mangalao with regards the victim file complaint to the PNP and afterwards they are back together and some cases because the MSWDO are not stand them during case hearing.


Mrs. Ignacia Mangalao(Kananga MSWDO) said that that case was settled because the victim only wanted for settlement agreement with the husband.

PSSGT. Machica asked what we can do for that victim.

Mrs. Mangalao said that because some victim only wanted the child support and child support settlement agreement was granted. She said that the concern of Pssgt. Machica will be discussed by the VAWC counsel.

The closing and final message was rendered by Municipal Vice Mayor Hon. Miguel Jorge P. Tan and public hearing formally ended at 10:18 AM.

Prepared by:


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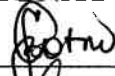
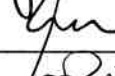
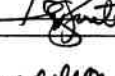
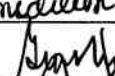
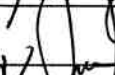
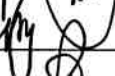


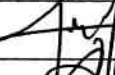


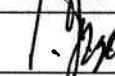



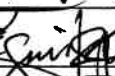

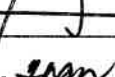

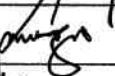
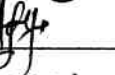
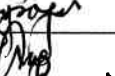

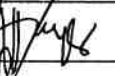
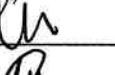

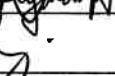
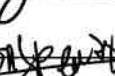
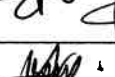



ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-077
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**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN
(VAWC).**

**ABC HALL, Kananga, Leyte
February 13, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Attendance Sheet

NAME	OFFICE /ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1. Mary Ann Morales	Montealegre	
2. Reynaldo V. Obando	Montealegre	
3. Rubilyn C. Amigado	Tagustay	
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5. Estrella L. Tuzon	Lubintad	
6. Felicitiana A. Calambor	Sto. Domingo	
7. Jennifer Pata	TONGOMAN	
8. Evelyn A. RABANES	MAHAWAY	
9. Teulora B. Baraban	Sto. Domingo	
10. ANTONIO M. CABERO S	HILUTOGAN	
11. Helenida C. Timpas	Aguiting	
12. Paulita V. Cabugay	Poblacion	
13. Sabeniano L. Alon	Lomay	
14. Pierminda S. May	Imbo	
15. JUANILIO G. KONG	AGUITING	

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16. Leonila B. Gornu	Brig. Kanayon	
17. ELIS A. DELA	Brig. Liban	
18. Mrs. Kathy V. Madica	POB Kananga	
19. Mary Grace DeLeon	Brig. Masaraya	
20. Benigno P.	Brig. dr	
21. Danilo Obanadas	Tr. 1	
22. LILIBETH M. Harani	Nag	
23. RAONIA L. SOLA	NATUNDEAN	
24. Jonalyn Pontay	San Ignacio	
25. JENNA A. MAMORIN	MSWD	
26. Eric S. Candido	Tybang	
27. RICHIE CRUZ	SB Member	
28. MIGUEL JOSE TAN	VICE MAYOR	
29. Romil A. Orida	Mayor's Office	
30. Reelyn Jay C. Ombido	Montealegre	
31. JOHN KATH V. JUANITA	Kananga ?	
32. FLORENTINO ARO TACATAY		
33. Aurora J. J. J.	PSDC - K 3	
34. VINCE TACATAY	ESO OFFICER	
35. Allan ESPINOZA	SP	
36. FERNANDO M. AYED	VA	
37. ROSELYN R. P. P.	Morus	
38. EMILYN D. FRANCISCO	Whomyn	
39. JOSE F. PALICORNA	Marghali	
40. Amadeo N. Merizo	MAH	
41. MA. JENNIFER T. RODRIGUEZ	MAH	
42. MICHELLE S. RIVERA	MAH	
43. ANTHE M. RIVERA	DIC	
44. Mariano P. Pano	Panay Brgy	
45. Aileen Capanang	Kanayon	
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47. MICA A. CAMINAOE	SO STAFF	
48. Daniel V. Liguera	Student Intern	
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50. Marnel S. Plazos	UNO STAFF	
51. ELIZABETH T. TAY	UNO	
52. Vanessa M. J. Rodriguez	UNO	

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54. Sunny Cristol	Nagpartian	
55. Maricris Inday	Libertad	
56. JUTALYN MORALES NATILHAN	NATILHAN	
57. Mario Casu	Mohawan	
58. JOVELYN ARANTE	NATUROGAN	
59. Maricel Sabeyon	Masarayas	
60. Nicha Mae Mendoza	Tongonan	
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