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2nd INDORSEMENT
September 15, 2026

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2 entitled: **“Expanded 4ps Ordinance of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,

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1ST INDORSEMENT
28 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 02, series of 2026 of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing the expanded benefits of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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July 28, 2026

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Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFECIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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Municipal Ordinance No. 02 Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING
THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE
PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFECIARIES IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE



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RUDIN P. BABANTE
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: JUL 24, 2026

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 51ST REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON
06 JULY 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Honorable Raul E. Mundala

SB Member

Presiding, Pro Tempore

Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr.

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Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante

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Honorable Trina C. Burawis

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Honorable Jose A. Baranda

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Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos

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ABSENT:

Honorable Jesus A. Baranda

Vice Mayor

Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin

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Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02

Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF
THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)
BENEFECIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.

SPONSORED BY : Honorable Trina C. Burawis

WHEREAS, the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order,
thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty
through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life
for all. The State further recognizes the need to foster social justice as
provided for in Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution;

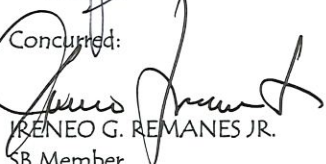
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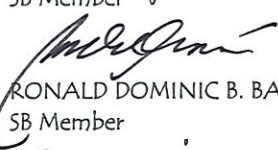
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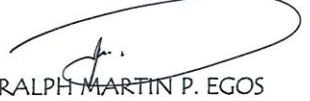
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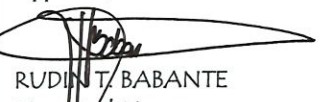

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RUDIN T. BABANTE
Municipal Mayor
Date Approved: **JULY 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for maximum period of seven (7) years to improve the health nutrition and education aspect of their lives as provided for under Republic Act No. 1130 pursuant to the above constitutional mandate;

WHEREAS, RA 11310 provides the convergence of programs and services of national and local government agencies in ensuring that the Pantawid Program beneficiaries are alleviated from poverty and remain non-poor even after they exit from the program;

WHEREAS, Section 50 of the 4Ps law IRR mandates the partnership of DSWD with the LGUs to address the supply side requirements necessary for the compliance of qualified household beneficiaries to program conditions and provision of complementary support services in preparation for the households' eventual exit program within the 7-year maximum period;

WHEREAS, on May 2022, DILG and DSWD issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2022-001 to all Local Chief Executives. The JMC covers all provinces, cities, and municipalities with 4Ps beneficiaries and shall serve as the guidelines of the LGUs in support of the 4Ps beneficiaries, and shall serve as the guidelines of the LGUs in support of the 4Ps implementation within respective areas of jurisdiction. It enjoins LGUs to include as many necessary 4Ps-related programs and activities in each LGU's budget allocation through the AIP, CDP, and or LPRAP, to complement the implementation of the 4Ps program;

WHEREAS, LGUs shall also facilitate and address the identified supply-side gaps and concerns for health, nutrition and education to comply with the program conditions as well as livelihood and employment in a timely manner to enable the beneficiaries to sustain and the gains of the program;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of MacArthur recognizes its role in ensuring inclusive development and commits to address the need of the poor within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur in support of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the poor within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, as Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur, in support of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the National Government hereby institutionalize and expand the benefits of this program in order to further improve the gains reached by the 4Ps beneficiaries-residents of the Municipality of MacArthur.

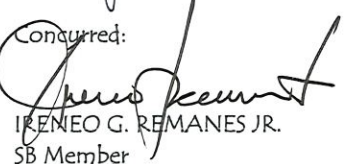
WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Trina C. Burawis duly seconded by en masse, be it

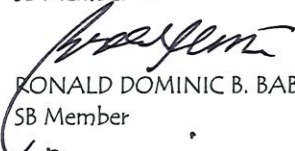
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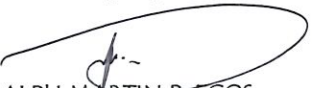
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Approved:


RUBEN T. BABANTE
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: JULY 24, 2026

Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as the 'EXPANDED PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE'.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY. The Ordinance is applicable to all qualified Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310 residing in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows.

Beneficiaries- refers to the households identified by the DSWD for entitlement to the monthly conditional cash grants as provided under Act No. 11310 residing in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte,
Benefits- refers to the expanded benefits herein Section 4 of this Ordinance.

Case Management- refers to a process used by the DSWD to enable household beneficiaries to improve their functioning by dealing with their difficulties specially in complying with the terms of the program hence the development of Kilos-Unlad 7-year case management strategy
Family Development Sessions (FDS)- refers to parent group activity attended by the main grantee/s of the household, usually mothers, to enhance their parenting capabilities and encourage them to be more active citizens of the society.

Institutionalization- refers to expanding the benefits of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino (4PS) to be received by the beneficiaries of the program who are residents of the Municipality of MacArthur.

Kilos Unlad Case Management Framework- Kilos-Unlad is a social case management strategy which aims to guide the households (HHS) in achieving improved well-being, stepping out of poverty, and employing individual/family cooperation.

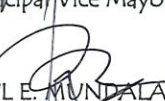
SECTION 4. CREATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES/TEAMS TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

The Local Government thru Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)- 4Ps may organize subcommittees/teams which are deemed necessary for the support in the institutionalizing the expanded benefits of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4PS) beneficiaries in the Municipality of MacArthur.

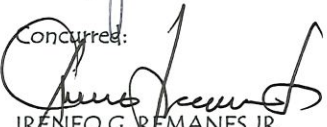
1. Case Management Team (Kilos Unlad Case Management Framework)

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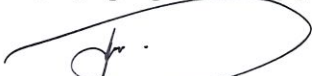
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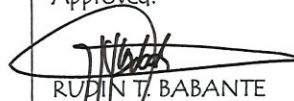

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A developed standardized procedure, mechanisms and tools to ensure that household beneficiaries are assessed on their level of well-being and status of compliance to the conditions of the program upon entry into and until they exit from the program within a 7-year operational timeline.

Family Development Session (FDS) Team

The FDS shall be delivered by the DSWD with its implementing partners. It shall aim to provide a venue to enhance and acquire new skills and knowledge in responding to their parental roles and responsibilities, promoting the concept of shared parenting.

Local ACTION Committee/Team (per barangay)

This will replicate the Local Advisory Council in the Barangay level of MacArthur and allocate funds thereof. The Local Action Committee Team are as follows:

Chairperson: Punong Barangay

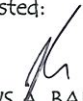
Members: Sangguniang Barangay Members
CSOS
SK Chairperson
Barangay Health Workers
Day Care Workers
School Heads
Parent Leader

SECTION 5. EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS).

Notwithstanding the mandate of Republic Act No. 11310 is unto the National Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, the Municipality of MacArthur formally imposes unto itself the obligation of expanding the benefits of the 4PS beneficiaries and their families. Specifically, the following benefits shall be accorded them:

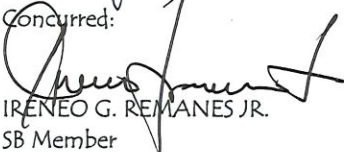
1. Guaranteed and Continued Preferential Access to Municipal Social Welfare Programs.
2. Educational support to 4Ps beneficiaries qualified dependents through DepEd Division Office
3. Employment Assistance through the Municipal Public Employment Service Office and MacArthur Man power and Training Center of 4Ps Beneficiaries and qualified dependents.
4. Medical Assistance through the Municipal Social Welfare program and services in the Local Government of MacArthur.
5. Livelihood Assistance through the Municipal Livelihood Programs in the Local Government of MacArthur.
6. Others needed interventions/services, which can be provided by the Municipal Advisory Council members based on the assessment of the Case Managers. Specifically, in the conduct of

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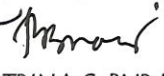

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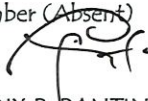

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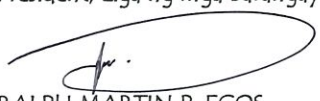
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Municipal Mayor

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Pantawid Pamilya graduation ceremonies of all MacArthur Pugay Tagumpay candidates for exit program.

SECTION 6. FUNDING. The amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (100,000.00) is hereby allocated annually under the Annual Budget of the Municipality specifically under the Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWD) necessary for the implementation and sustainability of the program.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and affectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect after the approval from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the requirement of posting prescribed in RA 7160 is complied with.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on July 6, 2026 at the Municipal Session Hall, Legislative Building, MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Committee on Women and Social Services last Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Barangay Multi-Purpose Hall, Barangay Danao, MacArthur, Leyte.

PRESENT:

Honorable Trina C. Burawis

Chairman, Presiding Officer

ABSENT:

Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante

Co-Chairman

Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso

Member

Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos

Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:06 in the morning.

AGENDA:

Review and discuss on the following proposed Municipal Ordinance:

- Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE AND MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GAD PROGRAM.

The Public Hearing started with Mr. Wilson Ruña—4Ps Municipal Link, acknowledged the presence of the attendees and introduced Honorable Burawis as the Chairman of the Committee together with the Sangguniang Bayan Staff. Also present was Ms. Gretchen C. Catingub—Cluster Grievance Officer, Ms. Jemabeth M. Canales—Municipal Bookkeeper and Ms. Evelina Maceda—MSWDO.

Honorable Burawis seated as the Presiding Officer acknowledged the presence of the 4Ps beneficiaries who were present and extended her appreciation to Mr. Ruña for organizing the beneficiaries. Afterwards, she stated the purpose of the public hearing was for the benefit of the members of 4Ps through the proposed Ordinances.

The Presiding Officer started with Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.

The Presiding Officer read the provisions under the Ordinance. She added that the Ordinance was for those members of 4Ps who are graduating. She added that on her last term, there was a program of the LGU for those who have graduated who were 4PS beneficiaries. She expressed her delight knowing that some beneficiaries have graduated from different courses such as nursing, and education. She also stated that the MPDO Designate—Mr. Jodel Villacorte was a beneficiary of the program and was a graduate from the University of the Philippines.

Moreover, she stated that the purpose of the Ordinance is for the beneficiaries to have additional benefits, to not be startled after graduating high school. The LGU would provide financial aid to help support the beneficiaries. She then read *Section 2. Applicability*, which stated that it is applicable to all qualified 4Ps beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310 residing in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

The Presiding Officer stated *Section 5. Creation of Sub-Committees/Teams to Support the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)*. She added that the 4Ps beneficiaries will organize a Local ACTION Committee/Team per barangay and stated the composing members of the committee.

The Presiding Officer discussed provisions under *Section 5. Expanded Benefits of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)*. She stated benefits such as employment assistance, medical assistance, and livelihood assistance through different programs of the LGU.

Moreover, the Presiding Officer stated *Section 6. Funding*. She added that the Municipal Budget Officer stated that the program would be allocated the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00). She clarified that there is no budget of the program for this year as it still needs to be added for budgeting for the year 2027. She also clarified that the initial one hundred thousand pesos budget is for the 31 barangays already. In addition, she stated that the MSWD would be responsible for the implementation of the program.

Ms. Roselyn Saoy—4Ps Member, asked what are the bases for the beneficiaries to be included. Mr. Ruña responded that those who will be included for the program are the graduating students that have undergone screening from SWDI or Social Welfare and Development Indicator. There would also be additional assesment because duplication of services is not allowed. So if they are already a beneficiary of a program from other agency, then they would not be included on this program.

Additionally, Mr. Ruña stated that the Ordinance is one of the ordinances that their office is looking forward to being institutionalized. He added that the Ordinance would strengthen the partnership with the Local Government Unit and to have fundings for other programs.

There being no more questions for proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026, the Presiding Officer proceeded to discuss proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

The Presiding Officer stated that this Ordinance would protect and also discipline the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program as it is prohibited to give off the beneficiaries cash cards. She stated provisions under *Section 4. Objectives*. She added that the objectives of the Ordinance is to address the misuse of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program cash card and to serve its purpose which is solely for the benefit of the members.

Furthermore, the Presiding Officer read provision on *Section 7. External Municipal Action Team* and stated the composition of the team and their duties and responsibilities. She stated that there would be an investigation first for the welfare of the beneficiaries to avoid wrongful accusations. She also discussed provisions under *Section 8. Barangay Action Team*, its creation, composition, duties and responsibilities, and meeting and quorum.

Presiding Officer proceeded to discuss provisions under *Section 10. Penalties*. She stated that the maximum penalty for municipal level is only two thousand five hundred pesos (Php 2,500.00). This be the fine for any person or business establishment who accepts 4Ps cash card as loan collateral and it will be per card. The cash card will also be confiscated. She added that this Ordinance will be implemented in the municipality upon the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Ms. Roselyn Saoy asked if there is a penalty for those establishment who accepts the cash card. The Presiding Officer clarified that the person or establishment who will accept the cash card as loan collateral would be fined the amount of two thousand five hundred. And the person who informed that a certain person is pawning their card or is accepting a card will be awarded one thousand pesos as an incentive. In addition, the Presiding Officer stated that this Ordinance will prohibit individual or business establishment in accepting cash cards as loan collateral.

Ms. Gretchen Catingub—Cluster Grievance Officer, stated the reason they seek for the LGU's help was to have sanction to loan sharks as they do not have a hold to those individuals but they have a hold to the beneficiaries. She added that even before, they have warned the members to not pawn their cards. In addition, she stated that on the National Advisory Committee Resolution No. 20, if proven that the beneficiaries have pawned their cash cards, they can hold their grants and their account would be locked. She added that the program given by the government would be put to waste that is why the resolution was made for the discipline of the beneficiaries.

Mr. Ruña suggested that if they could include penalties for those who will pawn their cash cards as the Ordinance only fine those who accepts the cash card. He suggested to include

the Resolution No. 20 of NAC which provides penalties for those beneficiaries who does not follow their guidelines.

In addition, Ms. Catingub stated the offenses on *NAC Resolution No. 20* which states:

1. *Misbehavior of beneficiaries: Refer to complaints filed against the beneficiaries pawning their cash cards, using the cash card for loan collateral and use of cash grants for livelihood activities.*
 - 1.1. *First Offense: A verbal warning from the Municipal Link (ML)*
 - 1.2. *Second Offense: Suspension of grants for 3 months*
 - 1.3. *Third Offense: Termination from the program issued by the NAC based on the recommendation from the Regional Advisory Committee, Appeals shall no longer be entertained as the decision of the NAC is deemed final.*

Ms. Catingub stated that it is a privilege to be part of the program, that is why she encouraged the beneficiaries to be more considerate especially now that their grants are increasing. She also warned the beneficiaries that the offenses don't end after every year, every offense would be counted continuously. Once they are caught, it would be uploaded on their system recording their misbehavior that would be accessible nationwide. In addition, Ms. Catingub stated that in times the beneficiaries are really in need, there are a lot of government programs that would help them.

Furthermore, Mr. Ruña stated that before, they have identified people who would pawn their cash card to loan sharks but do not have the authority to take action. With this Ordinance, he added that they can now take appropriate measures for those who would contravene. He clarified that they can still borrow money or take loans, so long that they do not take their cash cards as collateral.

Ms. Jessica Cayubit—4Ps beneficiary, asked if there is a scholarship program for the upcoming college students. The Presiding Officer responded that, base on her knowledge, as of now the LGU do not have scholarship program. The reason is because colleges and universities are free of tuition.

Moreover, Ms. Evelyn Maceda—MSWDO, stated that the government already provided from elementary to senior high school. And now, colleges and universities are tuition free, but not everything is free. Other miscellaneous expenses are still responsibility of the parents. She added that they should not let the government shoulder everything as there are still a lot who are most in need and that they should leave it off for the next generation.

Ms. Maceda manifested that there are a lot of graduates and now professionals, who were beneficiaries of the program. She stated that they should show that the investment of the government was not put to waste. She added that it is a matter of cooperation with the beneficiaries, the parents, and the government. Mr. Ruña added that there are a lot of financial assistance coming from different agencies of the government such as CHED but only a few would approach to avail. He suggested that they should reach out to avail the program.

The Presiding Officer then proceeded to discuss proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE AND MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GAD PROGRAM". She explained what the GAD Code is. She stated that the GAD Code serves as the local legal

framework that promotes and protects the rights, welfare and equal opportunities of women, men, children, LGBTQIA+, senior citizens, and other vulnerable sectors in the municipality.

Furthermore, the Presiding Officer stated that traditionally, men would have the upperhand to most things but now, there is an equality for all gender. She stated that in the GAD Code, women would have more benefits as they would be given their rights. She added that this GAD Code is already in implementation on the municipality and some programs are already implemented.

The Presiding Officer discussed provisions under *ARTICLE III. HEALTH*. Under *Section 19. Women's Right Over Their Bodies*. She stated that women have the right and control over themselves. That they have control over their pregnancy. Under *Section 22. Reproductive Health Services*. Health care services shall not deny any woman by reason of their poverty.

Under *ARTICLE IV. EDUCATION AND TRAINING*, she stated that if there are scholarship programs, it is not limited to the male population. The women can also avail such programs so long as they are willing to study. She also discussed *Section 29. Special Education for Differently-abled Women*. That the municipal government shall ensure that all interested differently-abled women of the municipality shall have access to special education programs.

The Presiding Officer stated that under *ARTICLE V. LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES*, the municipality shall ensure that all departments and agencies shall engage in and expand their socio-economic programs to include women as beneficiaries and implement programs and projects designed to further capacitate women to empower them to access medium and large scale economic opportunities.

Furthermore, under *ARTICLE VI. POLITICAL AND PUBLIC SPHERE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN*, *Section 53. Creation of the Municipal Gender and Development Inter-Agency Committee*. This will serve as the focal point of GAD programs. The Presiding Officer stated the composition of the committee. She added that the Alternative Learning System (ALS) is also one of the program of GAD.

CHAPTER II. ARTICLE I. PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION OR ABUSE. The presiding Officer stated that under this, includes *Section 72. Sexual Abuse*, there should be a consent from the women even if they are already married. She also stated the corresponding penalties and punishments from the article.

Under *ARTICLE VII. WOMEN AND CHILDREN*, *Section 96. Support to Women and Children*. She stated the rights of the children and also the rights of women.

The Presiding Officer stated that the GAD Code is the Local Law Ordinance that make sure women and men equally benefit from government program, projects, and services. She added that there are already a lot of programs of GAD funded with 5% of the annual investment program of the municipality. She stated that even in barangay level, there is also a 5% allotted for GAD programs.

In addition, she stated that this Ordinance is already being implemented in the municipality but this has been updated and would still need approval from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. She added that this Ordinance is for the equality of everyone.

Mr. Ruña gave emphasis to the first discussed Ordinance—the expanded benefit for the 4Ps, he stated that they are already implementing programs through referral system to avail

programs such as Summer Job program, job orders, seed and fertilizer assistance and other programs. She stated that these services are already available but they needed it to be institutionalized.

In conclusion, the Presiding Officer stated that the discussed Ordinances are all subject for approval to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. After its approval, then they would implement the programs of the Ordinances. She added that some of the programs and services are already implemented on the LGU such as the GAD Desk and Women's Desk on the police station.

The Presiding Officer then extended her appreciation to those who have attended and listen to the proposed Ordinances and to the officers of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

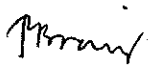
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business to be discussed, Hon. Burawis declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 in the morning.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.


ARIANNE M. MERILO
Temporary Secretary

Committee on Women and Social Services


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ATTENDANCE

Public Hearing: Committee on Women and Social Services, Thursday, June 10, 2026 @ 09:00 o'clock in the Morning at Brgy. Danao Covered Court.

AGENDA:

- MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE AND MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GAD PROGRAM.
- MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.
- MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 06 SERIES OF 2025 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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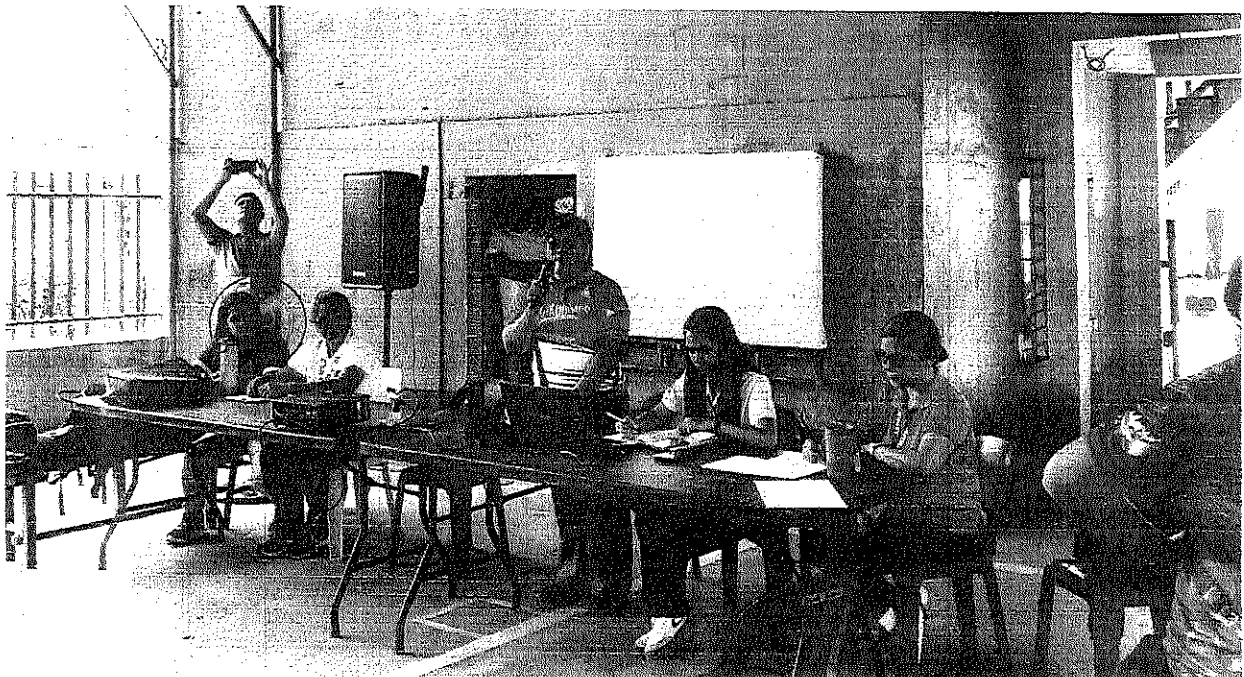
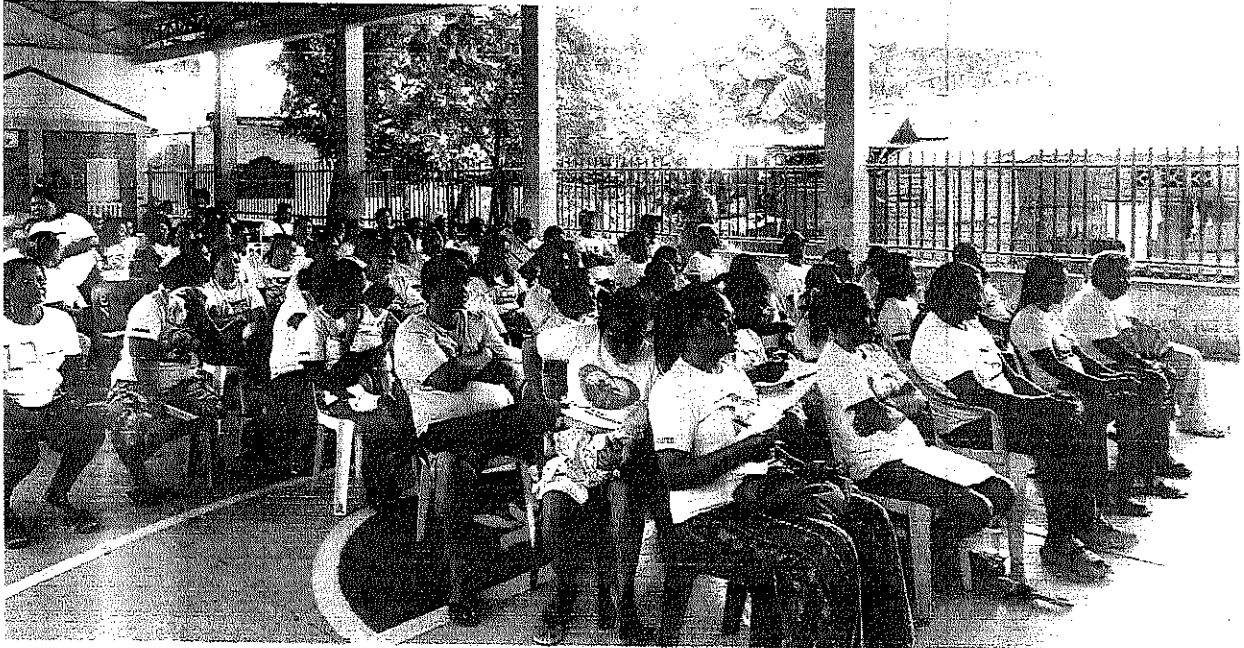


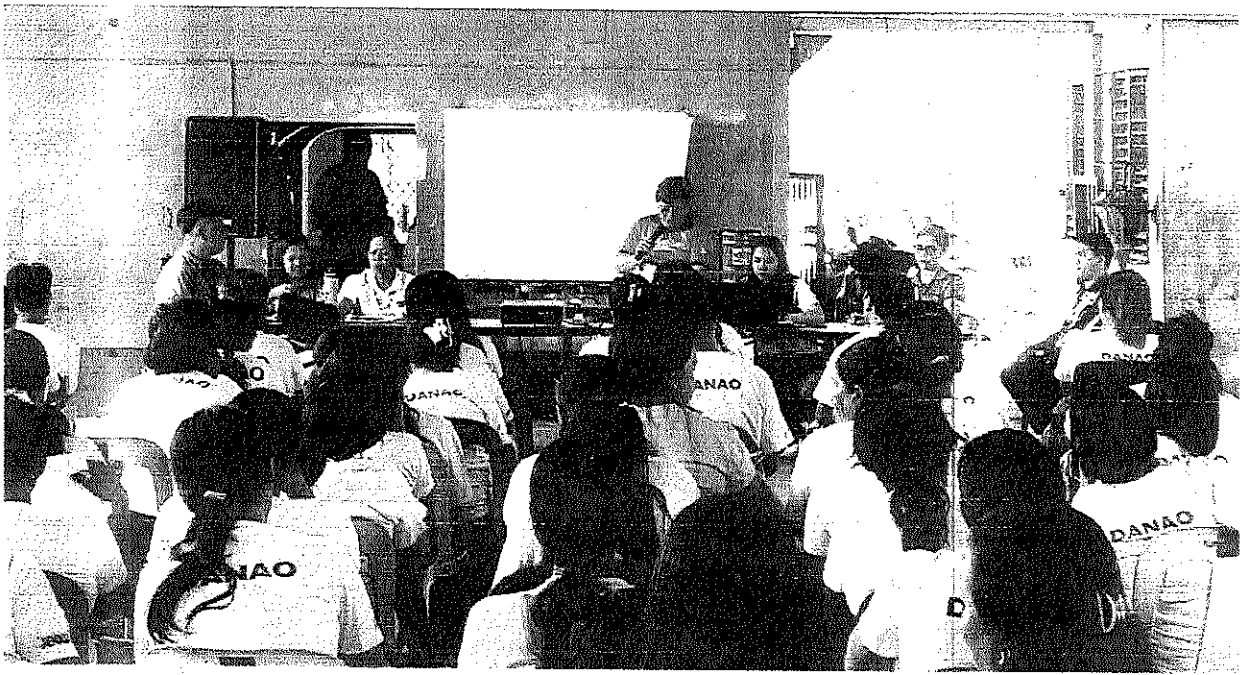
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on 06 July 2026 and approved last 24 July 2026 has been posted since 27 July 2026 at the bulletin board of the Legislative Building, at Poblacion Public Market, and at Palale I Outpost pursuant to Section 511 of R.A. 7160.


MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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