

Republic of the Philippines MUNICIPALITY OF MATNO Province of Sorsogon

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 617

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AN ORDER CREATING A TEAM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DEAD AND THE MISSING (MDM) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID 19);

WHEREAS, per DILG Guideline under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-063, it is required to organized a team who will handle cases of dead Patient Under Investigation (PUI) and confirmed cases of COVID-19, including cases of PUI from home quarantine or symptomatic person who died similar to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there is a need to in placed mechanics and personnel to handle remains of COVID cases where the situation should be balanced with the rights of the family to the body, as well as to minimize the risk of exposure of COVID infection to family members, health and funeral personnel and the general public;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CATTLEYA M. SO, Municipal Mayor of Matnog, Province of Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the Creation of a Team for the Management of the Dead and the Missing (MDM), in the municipality.

SECTION 1. The MUNICIPAL TEAM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD AND THE MISSING (MDM) shall be composed of the following:

CHAIR: NEIL ALVIN DIOQUINO, MLGOO

VICE CHAIR: PMAJ VOLTAIRE JUN J. PEDIDO, OIC CHIEF OF POLICE

Members:

RICK FRANCISCO, LCR
CHADY CERBITO, MSWDO
DR. ROSSANA GALERIA, MHO
JAY GALLANO, MDRRMO
HON. SILVESTRE FRANDO, ABC/LIGA PRESIDENT
SFO3 RONNIE G. AÑONUEVO, OIC-BFP MATNOG
ENGR. CIRDION MANUEL, MEO

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE MDM TEAM: In coordination with the LCE, the Municipal MDM Team shall act on the following:

- 1. Facilitate, the designation and commissioning of reputable funeral parlor in the municipality;
- 2. Identify suitable burial sites:
- 3. Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with all designated funeral parlor/s on the management of human remains for PUI and confirmed COVID-19 Cases, and other pertinent provisions in the circular;
- 4. Recommend to the LCE to impose a price freeze on funeral services located within the area of jurisdiction, when needed;
- 5. Coordinate with the Provincial PNP-PCL, BFP-SRU or NBI to provide technical assistance in the orientation of funeral/mortuary workers of the designated funeral parlors on the universal,



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Circular No. 2020-063, with the emphasis on the PROPER DONNING, DOFFING and DISPOSAL of PPEs and other infectious wastes, and other related precautionary measures, as deemed necessary;

- 6. Conduct orientation with the funeral/mortuary workers of the designated funeral parlors on a face-to-face basis on the proper handling and the general precautionary measures of all, including health care workers, responders, retrieval team of the remains, funeral and mortuary staff, relatives who are likely to come into contact with the PUI or confirmed COVID-19 human remains;
- 7. Ensure that transfer/transportation of humans remains is coordinated with the local PNP;
- 8. Secure copies of the duly accomplished death certificate as part of reportorial requirements and submit copy to the Provincial MDM Cluster. The Municipal MDM shall not disclose the number of deaths to the public, only the LCE or the duly designated spokesperson can do so;
- 9. Ensure the compliance of the Interim Guidelines on the Management of Human Remains for Patient Under Investigation (PUI) and confirmed cases of COVID-19;

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced until otherwise revoked.

Done this _____ day of May 2023, in the Municipality of Matpog, Province of Sorsogon.

CATTLEYA M. SO Municipal Mayor