

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

NINTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT 173-2024
MAY 31, 2024

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

PRESENT:

HON. GILBERT S. LABANG	-Chairperson
HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY	-Vice Chairperson, Committee on Social Services
HON. GRACE B. ARAGO	- Member, Committee on Social Services
HON. RESTITUTO C. RAMIREZ	- Member, Committee on Social Services

COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND ETHICS

HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	-Chairperson, via zoom
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	-Vice Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Laws, and Ethics
HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO	- Member, Committee on Rules, Laws, and Ethics Via zoom
HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN	-Member, Committee on Rules, Law, and Ethics Via zoom
HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY	-Member, Committee on Rules, Laws, and Ethics

RESOURCE PERSONS:

MS. ROSANA B. CALIMUHAYAN	-CPD RII
MS. MARY JANE NARAG	-PDAO/CSWD

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

SUBJECT:

- Indorsement of the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que on the draft Memorandum of Agreement between and among the Tuguegarao City Government, Commission on Population and Development (CPD) II and National Anti-Poverty Commission R02 relative to the proposed partnership on programs concerning Persons with Disabilities (PWD) for information and appropriate action.

FINDINGS:

1. The Republic Act No 7277 or Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, 1992 provides for the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society;
2. One of the principles under RA 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012, provides for the protection and fulfilment of reproductive health and rights which seeks to promote the rights and welfare of every person particularly couples, men, women, adolescents and all other adult individuals;
3. The RPRH Law provides the definition of reproductive health which implies that women and men attain equal relationships in matters related to sexual relations and

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reproduction. It also includes male responsibility and involvement and mens reproductive health as one of the 12 reproductive health elements;

4. The RPRH Law provides for the active participation of institutions/agencies or organizations that are faith or community-based including non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and private institutions to strengthen the implementation of the law and ensure wider reach of reproductive health services giving priority to woman, the poor and the marginalized;
5. Studies suggest that adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities often do not receive developmentally appropriate sexual health education, and this is associated with poor sexual health outcomes and increased rates of sexual and reproductive health risks, including sexual abuse, exploitation, and inadequate access to reproductive healthcare services, due to societal stigma, and barriers to information and services;
6. The orientation on Adolescent and Sexuality and Reproductive Health (ASRH) for parents of adolescents/children with Neuro Developmental disabilities in Tuguegarao City will be held on June 14, 2024 at the City Hall Compound more or less eighty (80) Parents/Guardians are expected to attend the said activity.
7. The City Government of Tuguegarao shall provide financial support subject to the availability of funds, for the conduct of the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Orientation for Parents of Adolescents/Children with Special Needs (CSNs) in Tuguegarao City on June 14, 2024
8. The Tuguegarao City thru the City Population Office (CPO) and Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) and NAPC R02 are expected to undertake the proposed Training Designs of activities related to RFPF, AHD, and GAD as provided by CPD II.

RECOMMENDATION:

Finding the Memorandum of Agreement to be in order, with merit and beneficial to the City Government and its constituents particularly the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), the Committee favorably recommends for its approval.

The Committee further recommends for the passage of Resolution granting authority to the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que to sign for and on behalf of the City Government the said Memorandum of Agreement.

Respectfully submitted:




HON. GILBERT S. LABANG
Chairperson, Committee on Social Services

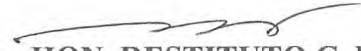
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DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR, HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING QUE TO SIGN FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP ON PROGRAMS CONCERNING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No 7277 or Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, 1992 provides for the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, One of the principles under RA 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012, provides for the protection and fulfilment of reproductive health and rights which seeks to promote the rights and welfare of every person particularly couples, men, women, adolescents and all other adult individuals

WHEREAS, The RPRH Law provides the definition of reproductive health which implies that women and men attain equal relationships in matters related to sexual relations and reproduction. It also includes male responsibility and involvement and men's reproductive health as one of the 12 reproductive health elements;

WHEREAS, The RPRH Law provides for the active participation of institutions/agencies or organizations that are faith or community-based including non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and private institutions to strengthen the implementation of the law and ensure wider reach of reproductive health services giving priority to woman, the poor and the marginalized;

WHEREAS, Studies suggest that adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities often do not receive developmentally appropriate sexual health education, and this is associated with poor sexual health outcomes and increased rates of sexual and reproductive health risks, including sexual abuse, exploitation, and inadequate access to reproductive healthcare services, due to societal stigma, and barriers to information and services;

WHEREAS, the orientation on Adolescent and Sexuality and Reproductive Health (ASRH) for parents of adolescents/children with Neuro Developmental disabilities in Tuguegarao City will be held on June 14, 2024 at the City Hall Compound more or less eighty (80) Parents/Guardians are expected to attend the said activity:

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao shall provide financial support subject to the availability of funds, for the conduct of the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Orientation for Parents of Adolescents/Children with Special Needs (CSNs) in Tuguegarao City on June 14, 2024

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City thru the City Population Office (CPO) and Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) and NAPC R02 are expected to undertake the proposed Training Designs of activities related to RFPF, AHD, and GAD as provided by CPD II.

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting Que, endorsed to the Ninth City Council the subject MOA and requested for an authority to sign for and on behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government the said MOA;

WHEREAS, after a deliberation of the Committee on Social Services for the said purpose, found the request to be in order and with merit and beneficial to the constituents particularly the Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, after the approval of the report, the Ninth City Council during the 94th Regular Session held on June 3, 2024 deemed it proper and necessary to approve the herein resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises;

RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** to approve the draft resolution and to grant authority to the Honorable City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting Que to sign for and in behalf of the Tuguegarao City Government the Memorandum of Agreement by and among the Commission on Population and Development and the National Anti-Poverty Commission for the proposed partnership on programs concerning the Persons with Disabilities;

On joint motion, City Resolution No. _____ was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL PERSON BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Partnership Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2024 by and between:

The **COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) II**, created by and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at Bagay Road, San Gabriel, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan represented herein by **THERESA C. SORIANO, MADem** in her capacity as Regional Director, and hereinafter referred to as the “**Commission on Population and Development (CPD) II;**”

The **CITY GOVERNMENT OF TUGUEGARAO** a government entity created and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at Enrile Boulevard, Regional Government Center, Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, Philippines, represented herein by **HON. MAILA ROSARIO TING-QUE** in her capacity as City Mayor, as duly authorized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod under Resolution No. _____ dated _____ and herein referred to as “**TUGUEGARAO CITY;**”

The **NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION-REGION 02**, with principal address at _____, represented herein by **MS. AMALIA A. DECENA** in her capacity as the Regional Coordinator, and hereinafter referred to as the “**NAPC R02**”

Hereinafter be collectively referred to as “**PARTIES.**”

-WITNESSETH-

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons statement adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on December 9, 1975 states that all persons with disabilities have the same rights as other persons;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons emphasizes the need for equal opportunities, rehabilitation, and participation in social life for persons with disabilities, and calls upon all nations to take measures to ensure the full realization of their rights;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines recognizes the dignity and rights of every individual, including persons with disabilities, and mandates the State to ensure their full social integration and participation in all aspects of national development;

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities in the Philippines continue to face various forms of discrimination, barriers to access to education, employment, healthcare and other essential services; hindering their full participation and enjoyment of their rights as equal members of the society;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed to fulfilling its obligations under international human rights treaties and conventions, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and to aligning its domestic laws and policies with international standards for the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need for concerted efforts by government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to address the multifaceted challenges faced by persons with disabilities and to ensure their full and meaningful participation in the socioeconomic development of the country;

WHEREAS, the Republic Act No. 7277 or Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, 1992 provides for the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, the Republic Act No. 10524 – An Act Expanding the Positions Reserved for Persons with Disability (Amended RA 7277), Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability states that “at least 1% of all positions in all government agencies, offices or corporations shall be reserved for persons with disability” in order to further strengthens the rights and privileges of persons with disabilities by expanding the coverage of benefits and services available to them;

WHEREAS, one of the principles under RA 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012, provides for the protection and fulfilment of reproductive health and rights which seeks to promote the rights and welfare of every person particularly couples, men, women, adolescents and all other adult individuals;

WHEREAS, the RPRH Law provides the definition of reproductive health which implies that women and men attain equal relationships in matters related to sexual relations and reproduction. It also includes male responsibility and involvement and men’s reproductive health as one of the 12 reproductive health elements;

WHEREAS, the RPRH Law provides for the active participation of institutions/agencies or organizations that are faith or community-based including non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and private institutions to strengthen the implementation of the law and ensure wider reach of reproductive health services giving priority to women, the poor and the marginalized;

WHEREAS, the Section 18 of the RA10354 or the RPRH Law makes specific mention of access to sexual and reproductive health information and services for PWDs;

WHEREAS, studies suggest that adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities often do not receive developmentally appropriate sexual health education, and this is associated

with poor sexual health outcomes and increased rates of sexual and reproductive health risks, including sexual abuse, exploitation, and inadequate access to reproductive healthcare services, due to societal stigma, discrimination, and barriers to information and services;

WHEREAS, the sexual and reproductive rights of persons with disabilities, including their right to make informed choices about their bodies, relationships, and parenthood, are often overlooked and neglected, leading to violations of their autonomy, dignity, and well-being;

WHEREAS, studies and reports indicate that persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls, are at heightened risk of experiencing various forms of violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and exploitation, and may face additional challenges in accessing support services and seeking justice due to physical, communication, or institutional barriers;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognizes the rights of persons with disabilities to live free from violence, abuse, and exploitation, and calls upon States Parties to take effective measures to prevent and address all forms of violence, including gender-based violence, against persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for the elimination of all forms of violence, discrimination, and harmful practices against women and girls, including those with disabilities, and emphasize the importance of promoting gender equality and ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights;

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for comprehensive laws, policies, and programs that address the intersecting issues of disability, gender, and violence, and that promote the empowerment, autonomy, and inclusion of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes related to their sexual and reproductive health and safety;

WHEREAS, the full and integrative development of young people in the country is critically challenged by existing and emerging concerns particularly those affecting their health, including sexuality and reproductive health concerns, the issues on increasing adolescent pregnancy, incidence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, illegal drugs and substance use and abuse, smoking, and other related issues;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 141, series 2021, entitled, "Adopting as a National Priority the Implementation of Measures to Address the Root Causes of the Rising Number of Teenage Pregnancies, and Mobilizing Government Agencies for the Purpose." Said order adopts as a national policy the implementation of measures to tackle the root causes of the rising number of young Filipinos giving birth;

WHEREAS, the State shall mobilize existing coordinative and functional mechanisms related to the prevention of adolescent pregnancies. It also includes interventions for the prevention of adolescent pregnancies such as comprehensive sexuality education, education and employment opportunities for the young, as well as health promotion through media and communication platforms;

WHEREAS, CPD is directed to continue to educate leaders, parents and other community members about evidence-based strategies to reduce, if not eliminate, adolescent pregnancy, and improve adolescent reproductive health;

WHEREAS, the adolescents and young people are the foundation of our future and the significant contributor to current development;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Magna Carta of Women (R.A. 9710) has been regarded nationally and internationally as a significant milestone in the empowerment of Filipino women that provides and entrenched women's rights particularly among those who are marginalized, underserved, and discriminated;

WHEREAS, capacity building and appropriate institutional mechanisms have been set in place for the mobilization of DILG and LGUs in the implementation of the Magna Carta, specifically at the local level;

WHEREAS, CPD recognizes the important roles of men in responsible parenthood and family planning and adopted effective strategies in educating males through the conduct of KATROPA (**K**alalaki**h**ang **T**apat sa **R**esponsibilidad at **O**bligasyon sa **P**amilya);

WHEREAS, to effectively advocate CPD programs, projects, activities and interventions to all the target clients/audiences is through meaningful partnership with other institutions/organizations like the City Government of Tuguegarao and NAPC R02;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, CPD II, Tuguegarao City and NAPC R02 hereunto agree to undertake the following:

Section 1. OBJECTIVES

CPD II, Tuguegarao City and NAPC R02 hereby commit to actively participate in the planning, implementation and monitoring of Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RPPF), Adolescent Health and Development (AHD), gender and development (GAD) strategies at the local level to address the alarming issue of adolescent pregnancy, violence against women and children (VAWC); as well as to intensify male involvement in responsible parenthood and family planning through the "Kalalakihang Tapat sa Responsibilidad at Obligasyon sa Pamilya" o KATROPA; women empowerment; gender equality and many others, among the persons with disabilities.

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each party to this agreement hereby commits to perform the following roles and responsibilities:

A. COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) II will:

1. Provide technical assistance in the conduct of advocacy activities on Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health (ASRH), Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RPPF), Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage Prevention; VAWC; KATROPA, and other interventions for the PWD sector;
2. Mobilize a pool of experts in the conduct of activities for the target audiences especially the PWD sector;

3. Initiate and/or attend meetings relative to the conduct of activities for the PWD sector agreed upon by the parties;
4. Disseminate all accurate and age-appropriate and gender-sensitive information during the conduct of RPPF, AHD and GAD related activities/events for PWDs initiated and implemented by the parties; and
5. Conduct monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of all the programs, projects and activities conveying the CPD corporate messages for RPPF, AHD and GAD to the PWD sector.

B. CITY GOVERNMENT OF TUGUEGARAO will:

1. Conduct orientation and/or provide necessary technical support for the conceptualization of all programs, projects and activities relative to the prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage; VAWC; KATROPA, gender equality; women empowerment; and others within the PWD sector;
2. Collaborate with CPD II in the conduct of its RPPF, AHD and GAD related activities/events for the PWD sector;
3. Initiate the implementation of the following activities with the support and technical assistance of CPD II:
 - a. KATROPA Orientation for PWDs and Fathers of Children with Special Needs;
 - b. RPPF Orientation for PWDs and Parents of Children with Special Needs; and
 - c. 2nd Batch of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Orientation for Parents of Adolescents/ Children with Special Needs (CSNs).
4. Augment additional or necessary fund for special projects (when necessary) for the PWD sector.

C. NAPC R02 will:

1. Conduct orientation and/or provide necessary technical support for the conceptualization of all programs, projects and activities relative to the prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Child Marriage; VAWC; KATROPA, gender equality; women empowerment; and others within the PWD sector;
2. Collaborate with CPD II in the conduct of its, RPPF AHD and GAD related activities/events for the PWD sector; and
3. Augment additional or necessary fund for special projects (when necessary) for the PWD sector.

Section 3. RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

1. To complement the available funds of CPD II, the City Government of Tuguegarao shall provide financial support, subject to the availability of funds, for the conduct of the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Orientation for Parents of Adolescents/Children with Special Needs (CSNs) in Tuguegarao City on June 14, 2024;

2. Tuguegarao City thru the City Population Office (CPO) and Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) and NAPC R02 are expected to undertake the proposed Training Designs of activities related to RPPF, AHD, and GAD as provided by CPD II.

Section 4. AMENDMENTS AND EFFECTIVITY

1. Any amendments, modification, addition or deletion in this Agreement shall only be effective and binding if all PARTIES have mutually agreed thereon in writing; and
2. This agreement shall take effect upon signing of the PARTIES and shall continue to be valid and binding unless superseded.

Section 5. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. In case of disputes, claims and controversies due to non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement, the PARTIES agree to submit to voluntary arbitration before resorting to court action following the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 242.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

1. If any provision of this Agreement for any reason is found to be unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue to be in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have hereunto set their hands and signature this ___ day of _____ 2024.

CPD II

TUGUEGARAO CITY

THERESA C. SORIANO, MADem
Regional Director

MAILA ROSARIO TING-QUE
City Mayor

NAPC R02

AMALIA A. DECENA
Regional Coordinator

Signed in the presence of:

LEVIE P. LUIS
Accountant II

ANGELINA SOMERA
Accountant (Tug City)

SHIARLAINE C. DONATO
PEO-I & SPG Focal Person

AMALIA A. CALUBAQUIB
CPO-Designate

MELANI L. PEREZ
PPO-III/OIC PPO-IV

JULI ANNE L. GAVINO
OIC-PDAO

Republic of the Philippines)
_____) SS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BEFORE ME, this _____ day of _____ 2024 personally appeared:

Name	Community Tax Certificate No.	Date/Place Issued
THERESA C. SORIANO		
MAILA ROSARIO TING-QUE		
AMALIA A. DECENA		

All known to me and known to be the same persons who execute the foregoing instrument consisting of eight (8) pages, including this page wherein the acknowledgement is written, together with the documents deemed part of the contract, duly signed by them and their instrumental witness, and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed as well as that of the entities they represent.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL at the place and on the date above-stated.

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