

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING POST PROGRAM SERVICES TO EXITED/GRADUATED HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES OF PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4P's) IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that 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;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates that every local government unit shall exercise powers which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao has fully supported the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the implementation of various social services projects, programs and activities among which is the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4P's) with the end in view of reducing poverty and improving the lives among its constituents;

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve the health, nutrition and education aspect of their lives.

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021 enjoined all LGU's with identified 4P's to Institutionalize a comprehensive local Social Protection Ordinance which shall mandate the delivery of social protection services including a clause complementing the Pantawid Program and a package of support services to exiting and graduated households as part of the sustainability plan of the LGU with the end in view of reducing poverty and vulnerability;, improve the well-being and promote the rights of the poor and marginalized;, and to allocate funds relative thereto;

WHEREAS, in view of the passage into Law of Republic Act 11310, otherwise known as "An Act Institutionalizing Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program" the support in the local level such as the local government units for the implementation of the 4Ps Program of the national government is needed;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Tuguegarao City Government to provide necessary interventions and services to graduating/exiting 4P's beneficiaries in order that they will sustain and remain non poor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the 9th City Council of Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, in Session Duly Assembled

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Institutionalizing the Implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of Tuguegarao City."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of Tuguegarao City Government to promote a just and dynamic social order to uplift the life of its citizens especially those in the vulnerable 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.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS. This Ordinance is in compliance with to R.A 1310, specifically Section 19, thereof, which provides:

"Within the framework of a national poverty alleviation strategy and a holistic social protection program, the various agencies of government implementing multi- stakeholder programs and services for the poor shall guarantee that the same complement and converge seamlessly with the aim of ensuring that the targeted household-beneficiaries are alleviated from poverty and remain non-poor even after the prescribed maximum period for the conditional cash grant. Such convergence shall focus on the enhancement of operational efficiency and strengthening of inter-agency partnership. The government shall monitor the performance of these agencies to ensure the sustainability and positive impact of its pro-poor programs;"

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY. This Ordinance is applicable to residents of Tuguegarao City who are identified 4Ps Beneficiaries and those households who shall graduate or exit in the program.

SECTION 5. OBJECTIVE. This Ordinance is aimed of ensuring support in the implementation of Pilipino Pantawid Program in the City of Tuguegarao, especially the exiting/graduating 4Ps household-beneficiaries through the prioritization in the delivery of services in order that they shall remain non poor.

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- a. **CONVERGENCE OF SERVICES** - refers to provision of various services needed by the Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program (4P's) household from different agencies, civil organizations, non-governmental organizations, self-help groups and other partners.
- b. **EXITED HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES** - refer to 4P's households who are disengaged from the program due to natural attrition or not eligible to continue their exposure to the programs and who remains in their survival or subsistence level of household well-being.
- c. **GRADUATED HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES** - refer to the improvement of the level of well-being of poor households from survival and subsistence to self-sufficiency towards their eventual exit from the program through provision of integrated and holistic support services and programs
- d. **HOUSEHOLD WELLBEING** – refers to a family's economic status that has sustainably adequate economic resources to live a comfortable life.
- e. **POST-PROGRAM SERVICES** – refer to Post-Service Intervention or After-Care services provided by Local Government Unit for the continued economic and well- being of the household after exiting the Program.
- f. **STANDARD TARGETING SYSTEM** – refers to a system for identifying who and where the poor households are through the generation of socioeconomic database of poor households that is adopted by National Government Agencies (NGAs) and implemented by the DSWD

SECTION 7. TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT. The City of Tuguegarao is committed to deliver the following in support to the implementation of the 4P's program;

1. Include 4Ps-related programs and activities in the Annual Investment Program, Comprehensive Development Plan and/or Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan to complement the implementation of the 4Ps program;
2. Provision of appropriate programs, services and interventions to vulnerable groups and sector within the 4Ps such as but not limited to, women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous People (IPs), especially those Geographical Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas and Homeless Families (HSF);
3. Assist in the assessment and ensure resolution of program concerns in coordination with the Pantawid Pamilya workforce; and,

4. Facilitate and address the identified supply-side gaps and concerns for health, nutrition and education to enable beneficiaries to sustain the gains of the program;
5. Collaborate and work with the City Council for the Protection of Children, the Local School Board, the Local Health Board and other existing groups or units established in focusing on health and education for children, youth and women or vulnerable sectors of the community encompassing Pantawid Pamilya concerns;
6. Designate a LGU Link as the LGU's counterpart in the 4Ps implementation which shall assist the assigned DSWD City Links/Community Facilitator/Case Worker in the conduct of family development sessions (FDS) and program monitoring, promotion, and other functions related to the program;
7. Support the implementation of the Pantawid Kilos-Unlad Seven (7) Year Social Case Management Strategy which shall facilitate provision of support services including referral to relevant institutions through convergence.
8. Perform other functions or counterparts as the case may be in the implementation of the 4P's Program in the city.

SECTION 8. EXIT FROM 4P'S PROGRAM. Qualified Household Beneficiaries shall be deemed to exit from the program under the following circumstances:

1. The last monitored child in the household turned 19 years old;
2. The last monitored child finishes high school;
3. The household reaches the seven year duration of the program;
4. The household is no longer poor based on the assessment through the adopted standardized targeting system;
5. The household commits offenses identified by DSWD wherein sanction is delisting.

SECTION 9. POST PROGRAM SERVICES TO EXITING PANTAWID PAMILYANG HOUSEHOLDS. In order to achieve household self-sufficiency, exited household beneficiaries shall be given preference in the availment of the programs and services and other similar program offered by the Tuguegarao City Government and other government agencies or accredited private institutions such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Sustainable Livelihood Assistance
- Scholarship Programs
- Employment Facilitation
- Free Skill Training
- Preventive Health Check-up
- And other services as recommended by the CSWD Focal Convergence

SECTION 10. CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AS CONVERGENCE FOCAL.

The City Social welfare Development Officer shall serve as a focal person to assist, facilitate referral and information with regard to social and after care services for the exited household beneficiaries.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance shall be included in the budget of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The City Mayor, through the assistance of City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance specifically after care services to those exiting beneficiaries.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is found to be a violation of the constitution and declared invalid, the provisions or portion hereof which are not so declared shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders and rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE. On matters not provided in this Ordinance, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding implementing rule and regulation, executive fiats, relevant issuances issued therefor shall apply in supplemental manner.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.