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FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS AND FIELD OFFICERS

SUBJECT : EXPANSION OF THE BARANGAY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE (BADAC) THROUGH ORGANIZATION OF BADAC AUXILIARY TEAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RATIONALE:

The surge of drugs has assumed alarming proportions in the country over the past three decades. Drugs are a threat to health and a serious threat to the well-being and security of the residents due to drug related crimes. Moreover, the proliferation and use of illegal drugs hamper efforts aimed at promoting peace and harmony as well as meaningful social and economic development in the country.

Major improvements have been made especially with the passage of RA 9165 or Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 which expanded the range of unlawful acts, increasing penalties imposed on drug related crimes and reducing the threshold quantities for non-bailable offenses. Most notable are the progress made in the dismantling of some 19 large illegal drug laboratories and clearing of thousands drug affected barangays

However, there is a necessity to accelerate the campaign against illegal drugs in our communities to attain our target of drug free communities before 2010. There is a need for more community initiatives where everyone can participate to combat the evils spawned by drug abuse. We need the participation of all sectors: the elderly, the youth, families, religious organizations, the school, the barangay government since local institutions and residents are in the best position to combat problems of the community.

It is for these reasons that we need to empower the BADACs to be more effective by providing them with more impetus for action and by expanding their membership through organization of BADAC Auxiliary Team, hence this issuance.

OBJECTIVES

General: To consolidate all anti-drug efforts at the grassroots and instill commitments among barangay residents to fight the problem of drug menace and eradicate incidence of drug related crimes before 2010.

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Specific:

1. Expand the present BADAC to include volunteers who shall organize themselves into BADAC Auxiliary Team representing all sectors of the community
2. Strengthen community anti-illegal drug campaign in collaboration with concerned government agencies, entities and people organizations in the barangay.
3. Sustain continuing information on anti-illegal drugs and the menace of drug addiction in the community through leaflets, streamers, banners and posters locally prepared by students, children, residents and other organizations in the community.
4. Provide alternative activities to prevent drug problems especially among the youth in the barangay.

SUGGESTED STRATEGIES

A. To attain these objectives the following shall be undertaken by the Sangguniang Barangay and the existing BADACs:

1. Organize the BADAC Auxiliary Team with 25 members per 2000 population of the barangay representing streets, puroks, subdivisions or sitios with the following functions:
 - a. Identify and report to the BADAC, drug dependent cases and/or suspected pushers/illegal drug laboratories in his area.
 - b. Assist in the conduct of information campaign against illegal drugs and its negative consequences.
 - c. Help facilitate in the preparation and distribution of information materials in collaboration with the school, neighborhood associations, etc.
 - d. Initiate the conduct of neighborhood activities to prevent drug addiction in his area of operation especially among children and youth.

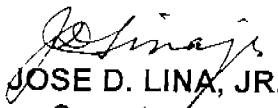
The BADAC Auxiliary Team may elect their team coordinators, assistant coordinators and other officers to make the team more functional and effective.
2. Prepare a barangay situational analysis/assessment of the drug problem in the barangay.
3. Identify organizations in the barangay which shall assist in the Anti-illegal drug campaign such as the Parents Teachers Community Association (PTCA), Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), Boy & Girl Scouts, religious organizations, Senior citizens, homeowners associations, neighborhood associations, puroks and Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODA) and other organizations existing in the community.

4. Conduct consultative meetings with these identified organizations/associations/groups and get their commitment to assist in responding to the drug menace in the community.
5. Orient the BADAC and auxiliaries on their roles and functions and in formulating plan of action to address the problem.
6. Conduct activities to prevent drug addiction especially among children and youth through poster making, paintings, slogans & jingle contests, cultural, social and sports activities.
7. Strengthen the family in the barangay by promoting family affairs and conduct value formation fora on parental care and guidance in coordination with other people's organization and concerned agencies.
8. Link up with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Department of Education (DepEd) Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Liga Ng Mga Barangay, National Youth Commission (NYC) and higher level Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs) in the anti-illegal drugs campaign.
9. Ensure participation of BADACs and their auxiliary team in national events to stir outrage against illegal drugs.

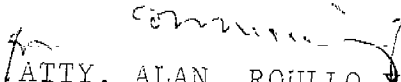
B. Higher level LGUs through their respective ADACs shall guide, assist and support the BADACs and their auxiliaries in undertaking activities against drug addiction.

C. DILG Officials at all levels shall assist the ADACs and the BADACs by coordinating with the LGUs in conducting anti-drug abuse planning workshops, disseminate this issuance and monitor its compliance.

D. Barangays shall report their expanded BADAC or BADAC Auxiliary Team and individual members to their respective DILG field officers within the 1st quarter of the year for record purposes.


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