



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06-A - 2020**

#### **RE-ESTABLISHING THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (PCAT-VAWC) INTO A COMMITTEE AND RECONSTITUTING THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF**

**Whereas**, the Philippines is a signatory to international human rights instruments such as the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women*, and the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*;

**Whereas**, in keeping with the fundamental freedoms guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution, it is the policy of the State to promote human dignity, protect the people from any threat of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, as embodied in Republic Act 9208, otherwise known as the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, as amended by RA 10364 or the Expanded AntiTrafficking in Persons Act of 2012 ;

**Whereas**, the State guarantees, by virtue of Republic Act 9262, otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004, full respect of human and individual rights, and recognizes the need to protect the family and its members particularly women and children, from violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

**Whereas**, it is a key policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela or PGI, to ensure, promote, and safeguard the safety of residents from all acts that violate their human and individual rights ;

**Whereas**, pursuant to policy, the *Provincial Council Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (PCAT-VAWC)* was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 2 issued by Governor Faustino G. Dy III in January 2014;

**Whereas**, the separation, transfer and/or promotion from office of the members of the PCAT-VAWC, have resulted in vacancies in the membership of the Council;

**Whereas**, *DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-006* issued 20 January 2020 provides for the Guidelines in monitoring the functionality of local bodies on anti-trafficking and violence against women and their children;

**Whereas**, in accordance with MC 2020-006, there is a need to re-establish the PCAT-VAWC into a Committee that will focus on the implementation of the laws against human trafficking and violence against women and their children, and will harness, combine, and utilize government resources, coordinate functions, and ensure multi-sectoral cooperation towards the same, as well as concerns related thereto;

**Now therefore**, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

**Section 1. Re-establishment.** The Provincial Council Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children is hereby re-established as the Provincial Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women And their Children;

**Section 2. Nature and Character.** The PCAT-VAWC shall be a multi-agency body under the Provincial Governor's Office.

**Section 3. Reconstitution.** As provided under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-006 dated 20 January 2020, the PCAT-VAWC shall be reconstituted as follows:

HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III Governor	-	Chairman
MS. LUCILA M. AMBATALI Provincial Social Welfare & Development Officer	-	Co-Chairman
ATTY. EDUARDO R. CABANTAC Provincial Planning & Development Coordinator	-	Member
HON. VENUST T. BAUTISTA Chair, SP Committee on Women's Affairs	-	Member
Hon. CLIFFORD R. RASPADO Chair, SP Children's Affairs	-	Member
DR. NELSON O. PAGUIRIGAN Provincial Health Officer	-	Member
MS. HORTENCIA R. GALAPON Human Resource Management Officer	-	Member
SDS MADELYN LATA MACALLING DepEd Schools Division Superintendent Province of Isabela	-	Member
ENGR. CORAZON D. TORIBIO Provincial Director, DILG	-	Member
The Provincial Director Isabela Provincial Police Office	-	Member
The Provincial Prosecutor NPS-DOJ	-	Member
The Field Office Director Civil Service Commission	-	Member

and a SECRETARIAT to be composed of One (1) Head and three (3) personnel from PGI offices

**Section 4. Functions.** The PCAT-VAWC shall perform the following functions:

- a) Assist the Provincial Governor in crafting policies, plans, and projects for the prevention of human trafficking and violence against women and their children, such as but not limited to the issuance of ordinances, conduct of information and education campaigns, and holding of symposia on the nature, causes, incidence, and consequences of such crimes;



- b) Review and evaluate all existing programs, projects, and services designed for the protection of residents against trafficking in persons (TIP) and violence against women and their children (VAWC);
- c) Sustain and coordinate the implementation of all such projects and services, as well as the enforcement of all laws and ordinances against trafficking and violence against women and their children;
- d) Establish a Referral System and Quick - Response mechanisms to accept, filter, validate, and process reports of incidents of trafficking and violence, and extend valuable assistance in the surveillance, investigation, transport, rescue, and protection of victims of trafficking and violence;
- e) Extend assistance in the filing, immediate release, and implementation of Barangay, Temporary, and Permanent Protection Orders for the victims of violence;
- f) Propose ordinances and other institutional mechanisms or systems that will ensure compliance with the Law against trafficking, such as but not limited to transparency in the recruitment of persons for employment and movement; authenticity of government, training, compliance, and employment documents; leasing of buildings for medical or clinical, recruitment, and holding purposes; compliance with adoption procedures; and, monitoring of entry and exit points within the province of Isabela;
- g) Ensure that all the rights, benefits, relief, and entitlements of trafficked persons and victims of violence such as but not limited to appropriate protection, admission to the Witness Protection Program, legal remedies and assistance, medical and psychological help, emergency shelter, and support services, as provided for under RA 9262 and RA 9208, are respected and granted;
- h) Monitor and document cases of trafficking and violence in Isabela, effect the cancellation of licenses of establishments found to have violated the provisions of RA 9208, and ensure effective prosecution of such cases;
- i) Encourage volunteerism and support community- based initiatives of individuals and public and private organizations or institutions that assist in the mission of the PCAT-VAWC and to address victims of violence and trafficking;
- j) Pursuant to RA 9208, effect the establishment of Migrants Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) desks in the provincial level and in the different cities/municipalities of the province, as a key element in information dissemination and campaigns against trafficking;
- k) Submit to the Provincial Governor sustainable plans, projects, and programs that support the rehabilitation, return to mainstream society, and livelihood of victims of violence and trafficking, for approval and implementation by the Provincial Government;
- l) Establish a database for all TIP and VAWC Cases, and all relevant information gathered and printed materials published or disseminated by the Council to serve as basis for policy formulation, program direction, and studies on the patterns and schemes employed by violators of RA 9262 and RA 9208;
- m) Educate and train all personnel of Council member-offices on the prevention of violence against women and their children and trafficking in persons, to develop responsiveness in service delivery, sensitivity towards client needs, and for them to serve as the extension of the Council in their respective communities or barangays;
- n) Ensure the crafting and implementation of the PCAT-VAWC Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) and the submission of the same to the LGU for inclusion in the Local Development Investment Program/Annual Investment Program to ensure its funding;
- o) Set goals for its term and come up with an annual Accomplishment Report by which to gauge the Council performance;



- p) Call upon any government or private office and organization, including LGUs, for such assistance as it may require in the exercise of its functions;
- q) Perform such other functions as necessary in furtherance of the Council objectives.

**Section 5. Appointment and Designation of Personnel.** Personnel appointed or designated to the PCAT-VAW Council shall come from the Provincial Government and national offices and non-government offices based in the province. Council members may designate representatives who shall have a rank not lower than Deputy or Assistant, or the equivalent, and who shall attend Council meetings in their behalf.

Members of the Secretariat shall come from offices within the Provincial Government. They shall be on-call, without prejudice to their regular duties and functions.

The Desk Officer who will be in-charge of the Referral System shall be a registered female social worker from the Provincial Social Welfare Office. She will be designated based on merit, including her actual work experience with victims of child and women abuse, and should enjoy the full trust and confidence of the Appointing Officer.

**Section 6. The Referral System.** The Referral System shall be composed of personnel from the Provincial Government of Isabela and the Isabela Police Provincial Office, and shall be headed by a Desk Officer. Any call or report of trafficking and violence against women and children brought before the PCAT VAWC shall be validated and processed through the Referral System, which will also initiate the grant of assistance for the transport, rescue, and protection of victims of trafficking and violence;

Upon receipt of the complaint or information from concerned individuals, the Desk Officer shall forward the same, with her recommendations and other pertinent information to the designated PNP for the filing of the corresponding complaint or for protection. The Desk Officer shall input the data into the System databank, for further reference ;

**Section 7. Meetings.** As provided in the Guidelines, The PCAT-VAWC shall conduct regular quarterly meetings and hold special meetings as may be necessary.

Agenda shall include among many others, the development and implementation of policies/programs/projects/activities (PPPs) relative to the promotion, protection, fulfillment of women's and children's rights especially those who are victims-survivors of TIP and VAWC. The meetings shall be supported by Minutes of the Meetings duly signed by the Secretariat Head, Notices of Meetings, Attendance Sheets, and photos, if available.


**Section 8. Funding.** The funding requirements for the operations of the PCAT-VAWC shall be sourced from the Office of the Governor, subject to the usual budget, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. .

**Section 9. Repealing Clause .** All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 11. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 30th day of January, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor