



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 65

Series of 2020
August 20, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the entirety of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the IATF released an updated risk classification in all Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities in the country, placing localities under different classifications of community quarantine with the goal of balancing economic activity and public health;

WHEREAS, as of August 20, 2020, there are total of Sixty-One Thousand Twenty-Five (61,025) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

- A. The recognition of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or the *Listahanan* of the Department of Social Welfare and Development by the IATF Technical Working Group as a critical government service is ratified. Surveyors, enumerators, and/or supervisors of the DSWD Regional Offices are considered authorized persons outside of residence and should be allowed inter-zonal and intrazonal travel in such mode and/or manner as may be available especially in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas;



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- B. The IATF adopts as a national policy the directive to all provincial governors, city and municipal mayors, and punong barangays to accept, receive, and undertake all necessary actions to manage returning residents of their respective jurisdictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. The recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on Vaccine Development are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:
1. All applications for clinical trials should first be submitted to the Vaccine Expert Panel, reviewed by designated Ethics Boards and submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for review and approval for conduct of clinical trials;
 2. Zoning guidelines on vaccine clinical trials must be issued by the sub-Technical Working Group on Vaccine Development to avoid competition for sites;
 3. Local government units should prioritize World Health Organization Solidarity Trial over independent trials; and
 4. The Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB) should review the Ethical Guidelines for the COVID-19 clinical trials and standardize compensation of trial participants both for WHO Solidarity Trial and independent clinical trials.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Chairperson and/or the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 65th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 20th of August 2020 *via* video conference.

KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary
IATF Co-Chairperson



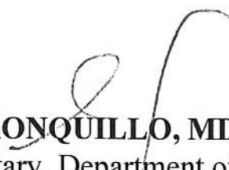
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **20 August 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **65** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **20th** day of August 2020, Manila.


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Secretariat Head, IATF