



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72

Series of 2021

AN ORDER CREATING THE DAVAO PEACEBUILDING OFFICE

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, Executive Order No. 34, Series of 2017 was issued, which created the Davao City Local Peace Committee (DC-PEACE) to particularly initiate, lead, promote, encourage, and facilitate the joint and inclusive local peace negotiations with members of the communist movement within the jurisdiction of Davao City;

WHEREAS, the President issued Presidential Proclamation No. 374 on December 5, 2017 declaring the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) – New People's Army (NPA) as a designated/identified terrorist organization pursuant to Republic Act No. 10168, otherwise known as "The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012";

WHEREAS, in light of the above-mentioned issuance of the President, there is a need to modify the mandate of Executive Order No. 34, Series of 2017, which created the Davao City Local Peace Committee (DC-PEACE). Hence, in order to adhere to Presidential Proclamation No. 374, Executive Order No. 45, Series of 2017 was issued by the local chief executive on December 7, 2017, which reconstituted the Davao City Local Peace Committee ("DC-PEACE") into the Davao City Advisory Committee on Peace and Development ("DC PEACE-DEV"), defining its duties and responsibilities, and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, in response to the urgency of addressing the issues and concerns raised by the Paquibato Community through the DC PEACE-DEV, Executive Order No. 12 Series of 2018 was issued on May 10, 2018 that expanded the role of the DC PEACE-DEV with the creation of the Task Force Peace 911 (Peace 911) as the Implementing Arm for all programs under the peacebuilding process within Davao City;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 16, Series of 2017, signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, adopted the National Security Policy 2017-2022, which calls for the end of all armed threats in the Philippines and recognizes that internal socio-political stability rests upon healing the rifts that divide the nation by promoting participatory governance, synergy of government development efforts, and enhancing the participation and responsibilities of local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, to bolster the above-mentioned policy, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order No. 70, Series of 2018, institutionalizing the "Whole-of-Nation" approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creating a national task force to end local communist armed conflict, and directing the adoption of a national peace framework;

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of EO 70, Davao City has long engaged into peacebuilding through its Davao City Advisory Committee on Peace and Development (DC PEACE-DEV) created by virtue of Executive Order No. 45, Series of 2017 and DC PEACE 911 created by virtue of Executive Order No. 12, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, DC PEACE-DEV conducted Community consultations called "panag-ambit" in pilot barangays and as a result thereof, programs for peacebuilding processes in focus areas were devised as part of the committee's duty to create solutions to identified concerns within this jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, after its creation, DC PEACE 911 implemented peacebuilding efforts, programs and measures, that aim to prioritize and harmonize the delivery of basic services and social interventions to the focus areas;

WHEREAS, with the positive gains in the implementation of these peacebuilding efforts and with the mandate of EO 70, Executive Order No. 54, Series of 2019 was issued by the local chief executive on December 27, 2019, integrating Presidential Executive Order No. 70, Series of 2018 promulgated by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and its implementing guidelines into the Peace 911;

WHEREAS, the Peace 911 General Committee, under Section 2 of Executive Order No. 54, Series of 2019 and with the guidance of the local chief executive, finds it necessary to refocus the mandate of Peace 911 by redefining the functions of Peace 911, and identifying the specific Peace 911 focus areas;

WHEREAS, after the creation of Executive Order No. 08, Series of 2021, an order amending Executive Order No. 54, Series of 2019, the focus area of Peace 911 was redefined.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE DAVAO PEACEBUILDING OFFICE. There is hereby created the Davao Peacebuilding Office and the designation of the Peacebuilding Officer.

SECTION 2. HEAD OF OFFICE. A Peacebuilding Officer shall be designated by the City Mayor to head the Davao Peacebuilding Office.

SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE DAVAO PEACEBUILDING OFFICE. The office shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Serve as the gatekeeper of all programs and projects to be implemented within its focus areas, and as such, shall coordinate all efforts and initiatives with relevant officials and citizens in the affected barangays, government agencies concerned and/or prospective project proponents in order to effectively manage and smoothly carry out the programs to build and sustain peace in these areas.
2. Serve as the implementing arm of all initiatives under the peacebuilding program in the focus areas.
3. Create a single channel for all programs and services that shall be introduced in the focus areas so as to ensure convergence of efforts toward building and sustaining peace.

4. Coordinate with relevant city, regional, and national government agencies in the implementation of programs and projects.
5. Employ, as appropriate, the Whole-of-Nation peacebuilding approach of the national government.
6. Report any issues and concerns and make appropriate recommendations to the City Mayor and/or to the Peace 911 General Committee; and
7. Perform such other duties and functions related to peacebuilding within this jurisdiction as may be assigned by the City Mayor.

SECTION 4. PEACE 911. Peace 911 will continue to be a project under the Davao Peacebuilding Office, focusing on concerns in the Paquibato District.

SECTION 5. ORGANIZATIONAL STAFF. Pending the passage of ordinance for the official organizational setup of the proposed Department of Peacebuilding and in order that said Davao Peacebuilding Office be immediately operational, the human resource requirements shall be determined by the City Mayor, upon recommendation of the Peacebuilding Officer, after which staff recruitment and assignment shall be completed.

SECTION 6. FUNDING. The personnel and operating expenses of the Davao Peacebuilding Office shall be sourced from the Office of the City Mayor.

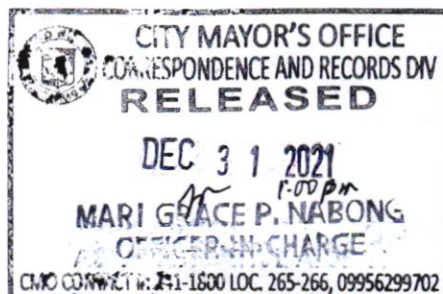
SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this DEC 29 2021.


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
 City Administrator



SARA Z. DUTERTE
 City Mayor



SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
 Acting City Mayor



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