

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR CITY OF DAVAO

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

Series of 2024

AN ORDER CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR FORMER REBELS OF THE CPP-NPA-NDF BY VIRTUE OF PROCLAMATION NO. 404, SERIES OF 2023

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 404, Series of 2023 declares the grant of amnesty to former members of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) who have committed crimes punishable under the Revised Penal Code and Special Penal Laws in pursuit of their political beliefs;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Davao, through the Peace 911 initiative, has demonstrated is committed to supporting the national government's efforts in the implementation of the amnesty program for former rebels from the CPPP-NPA-NDF;

WHEREAS, the City Government has been instrumental in fostering peace and development in conflict-affected areas within the city, specifically in the Marilog and Paquibato Districts;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Davao recognizes the importance of ensuring the effective implementation of the amnesty program to achieve lasting peace and reconciliation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Technical Working Group to facilitate and oversee the implementation of the amnesty program, ensuring it is executed in a coordinated, transparent, and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SEBASTIAN 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 TECHICAL WORKING GROUP. A Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to oversee and facilitate the implementation of the amnesty program for former rebels of the CPP-NPA-NDF within the jurisdiction of Davao City.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION. The Technical Working Group shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:

City Mayor or, in his absence, his duly authorized

representative

Co-Chairperson:

Peace 911

Secretariat:

City Social Welfare and Development Office

Members:

City Legal Office

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- Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Peace and Public Safety
- Public Safety and Security Office
- Davao City Police Office
- Philippine Army 1003rd Infantry Brigade
- Philippine Army 56th Infantry Battalion
- Philippine Army 48th Infantry Battalion
- Philippine Army 27th Infantry Battalion
- Philippine Army 89th Infantry Battalion
- Public Attorney's Office XI
- Department of Justice Region XI
- Department of the Interior and Local Government Davao City
- Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity
- Local Amnesty Board

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) shall serve as the Secretariat, tasked to handle all administrative and secretarial activities.

SECTION 4. COORDINATION WITH PEACE 911. The TWG shall closely coordinate with the Peace 911 Legal Cluster to ensure that only former rebels who are enrolled in the Peace 911 Program are vetted and shall be recommended for the amnesty program.

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS. The TWG shall have the following functions:

- a. Assist former rebels who committed criminals acts in pursuit of political beliefs, including those detained, charged, convicted, and those who surrendered in Davao City by providing them with comprehensive support services insofar as their amnesty application is concerned.
- b. Coordinate with relevant government agencies such as the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Justice (DOJ), and stakeholders to ensure the completion of pertinent documents, i.e. AFP Interrogation Report, Joint AFP-PNP Intelligence Committee (JAPIC) Certificate, and court documents, among others, relative to the efficient processing and provision of the amnesty to qualified former rebels.
- c. The CSWDO and Peace 911 shall monitor the status of the former rebels' amnesty application, identifying and addressing any issues or challenges that may arise.
- d. Submit regular reports to the Office of the City Mayor on the progress and status of the amnesty program.
- e. Perform other functions that may be necessary to ensure the successful implementation of this program.

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SECTION 6. FUNDING. The appropriation necessary for the operation of the TWG and the implementation of the amnesty program shall be chargeable against the approved Annual Budget of the City Mayor's Office in consonance to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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 other 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 this SEP 2 5 2024 in the City of Davao, Philippines.

SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE

City Mayor

Attested by:

ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG

City Administrato





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