



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10**  
Series of 2025

**AN ORDER RECONSTITUTING THE CITY COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING  
AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (CCAT-VAWC)**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 9208, also known as the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, as amended by RA 10364 or the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012 and further amended by RA 11862 or the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022, provides that the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will 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, not only to support trafficked persons but more importantly, to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society in a manner that is culturally-responsive, gender- and age-appropriate, and disability-inclusive;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11930, also known as the Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act, provides for the special protections of children from all forms of sexual violence, abuse, and exploitation, especially those committed with the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT);

**WHEREAS**, RA 11313 or the Safe Spaces Act mandates local government units to enforce the provisions of said law, specifically Article I – Gender-Based Streets and Public Spaces Sexual Harassment;

**WHEREAS**, RA 9262, also known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Act of 2004, underscores the commitment of the State in safeguarding the dignity of women and children while guaranteeing full respect of their human rights and protecting them from violence and threats to their personal safety and security;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Councils (IACs) for trafficking and violence against women and children (VAWC) were organized at various levels to address human trafficking and VAWC and serve as the coordinating and monitoring bodies on Anti-VAWC and trafficking initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish functional and parallel structures and systems at the local level which will monitor and oversee the implementation of the provisions of Republic Act 9208, Republic Act 9262, and other women/VAW-related laws and policies, as also enshrined in the local ordinance on anti-trafficking (City Ordinance No. 0532-18, Series of 2018) and the amended Women Development Code of Davao City;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 04, Series of 2023 was issued last February 9, 2023, entitled "An Order Creating the Local Committee on Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (LCAT-VAWC)";

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**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) released a Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2023-181, Series of 2023, entitled "Guidelines on the Operationalization of the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC)";

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend Executive Order No. 04, Series of 2023 and reconstitute the Davao City LCAT-VAWC to conform with DILG MC No. 2023-181, particularly on the composition of the Committee and their respective functions.

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

**SECTION 1. RECONSTITUTION AND COMPOSITION.** The City Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (CCAT-VAWC) is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Mayor

Vice-Chairperson: Chairperson of the Committee on Women, Children and Family, Sangguniang Panlungsod

Members:

- Department Head, City Social Welfare and Development Office
- Department Head, City Planning and Development Office
- Department Head, City Health Office
- Head, City Public Employment Services Office
- Head, Integrated Gender and Development Division
- City Prosecutor
- City Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government
- City Director, Davao City Police Office
- President, Liga ng mga Barangay
- Three (3) Representatives from each sector:
  - Women;
  - Children; and
  - Overseas Filipino Workers

The representatives from the NGOs shall have a record of involvement in the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons and violence against women and children. They shall be nominated by any member of the Committee and shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the CCAT-VAWC.

**SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF CCAT-VAWC.** The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Recommend policies or measures to ensure the effective implementation of RA 9208 as amended by RA 10364 and RA 11862, RA 9262, RA 11313, RA 11930, and other related laws and policies to protect women and children within Davao City;
- b. Recommend ordinances to implement local programs and related interventions on Trafficking in Persons (TIP), Violence Against Women and their Children



- (VAWC), Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC), Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials (CSAEM), and Gender-Based Sexual Harassment (GBSH) in streets and public spaces and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV);
- c. Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking, violence, sexual abuse or exploitation, sexual harassment, and other forms of gender-based violence (formulate or recommend local ordinances and resolutions);
  - d. Identify communities and families that are vulnerable to TIP for the purposes of providing appropriate interventions;
  - e. Undertake information, education, and advocacy campaigns against TIP, VAWC, GBSH in streets and public spaces, OSAEC, CSAEM, and other forms of VAW in the community and for the protection, recovery, and reintegration to the community of victim-survivors;
  - f. Monitor and oversee the implementation of the laws;
  - g. Prepare an Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) to serve as a guide to actions to be undertaken in order to effectively implement the duties and responsibilities of the LGU and attain the objectives of the laws. A copy of the AWFP must be submitted to the Regional Inter-Agency Committee Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (RIACAT-VAWC) to ensure alignment of the priorities of the region;
  - h. Prepare and submit annual accomplishment reports on local initiatives every 30<sup>th</sup> of November to RIACAT-VAWC through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office XI, copy furnish the Department of Local Government (DILG) Regional Office XI. The coverage of the annual accomplishment report will be from November 1 of the previous year to October 31 of the current year;
  - i. Monitor the creation and functionality of CCAT-VAWC and/or the establishment and functionality of the Barangay VAW Desk within Davao City;
  - j. Meet quarterly to discuss, plan, and formulate local policies, implement and monitor programs, projects and activities within the context of the local government;
  - k. Designate principal and alternate representatives in meetings to ensure the ownership of policies and activities;
  - l. Document and monitor of TIP, VAWC, OSAEC and CSAEM, GBSH in streets and public spaces, and other forms of gender-based violence within the city;
  - m. Maintain and update database on cases of TIP, VAWC, OSAEC and CSAEM, GBSH in streets and public spaces, and other forms of GBV within the city;
  - n. Ensure the harmonization of data on cases of TIP, VAWC, OSAEC and CSAEM, GBSH in streets and the public spaces, and other forms of GBV within the city;



- o. Conduct mapping of available services in the area for efficient referral of victim-survivors of TIP, VAWC, GBSH in streets and public spaces, OSAEC and CSAEM, and other forms of GBV; and
- p. Performs such other functions necessary to achieve the objectives of the laws and policies related to trafficking in persons, VAWC, and other forms of GBV.

**SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT.** The City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) shall serve as the Secretariat of the Committee and have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate the CCAT-VAWC meetings by preparing and sending out the notice of meetings together with the agenda and other relevant documents to the CCAT-VAWC members and other invited guests, if any. The Secretariat shall also take care of the logistics for the meetings;
- b. Document the CCAT-VAWC meetings by taking note of all the discussions and agreements during the meeting, among others, and thereafter prepare the highlights/minutes of the meetings. The Secretariat shall ensure the highlights/minutes of the meetings are distributed to the members;
- c. Maintain the records and documents of the CCAT-VAWC, particularly the signed resolutions, highlights/minutes of the meetings and other relevant documents;
- d. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs, projects, and activities of the CCAT-VAWC members in line with the approved annual work and financial plan and/or mandates; and
- e. Gather and consolidate reports from the CCAT-VAWC members and submit to the Chairperson and/or to the higher CCAT-VAWC for action, information, and reference.

#### **SECTION 4. MEETINGS AND QUORUMS.**

- a. The Committee shall meet at least once every quarter or as often as may be deemed necessary.
- b. The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson may call for a meeting at any time necessary.
- c. A quorum shall be constituted by a simple majority, defined as 50% plus one (1) of the members.

**SECTION 5. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS.** All costs pertaining to the operations of the Committee shall be chargeable against available funds and resources of the local government, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.



**SECTION 7. 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 8. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective unless sooner revoked or modified.

Done this JUN 19 2025 in the City of Davao, Philippines.

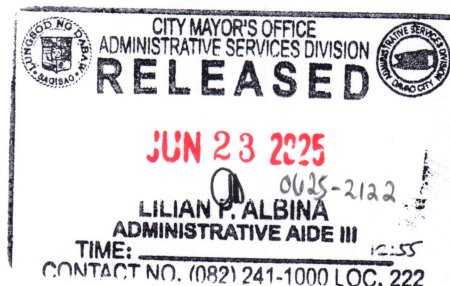
**SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE**

City Mayor

Attested by:

**ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG**

City Administrator



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