

Republic of the Philippines City of Bago Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 23-20

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING/SUPPORTING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) IN THE CITY OF BAGO.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 11310 otherwise known as The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve the health, nutrition, and education aspect of their lives;

WHEREAS, JMC No. 2022-001 dated May 05, 2022 states that for more than a decade of implementation, the 4Ps was institutionalized through the passage of Republic Act No. 11310 on April 17, 2019 while its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) was approved on December 10, 2019;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of RA 11310 states that farmers, fisher folks, homeless families, indigenous peoples, those in the informal settler sector and those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas including those in areas without electricity shall be automatically included in the standardized targeting system to be conducted by DSWD:

WHEREAS, Section 19 of 4Ps Act-Convergence of Programs and Services for the poor with the aim of ensuring that targeted household beneficiaries are alleviated from poverty and remain non-poor even after the prescribed maximum period for the conditional cash grant.

WHEREAS, Section 46 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 11310 states that the various government agencies of government implementing multi-stakeholder programs and services for the poor shall guarantee that the same complement and coverage seamlessly with the aim of ensuring that the targeted households are alleviated from poverty and remain non-poor;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1990, consistent with local autonomy and decentralization, the provision for the delivery of basic services and facilities shall be devolved from the National Government to provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays so that each LGU shall be responsible for a minimum set of services and facilities following established policies, guidelines and standards;

WHEREAS, in adherence to RA 11310 or the 4Ps Act, DSWD and partner LGUs are enjoined to have clear and targeted programs for the beneficiaries ensuring that their well-being is improved and sustained, thereby preventing them from sliding back to poverty status;

WHEREAS, in the Supplementary agreement to the Unified Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the City Local Government of Bago details the implementation arrangement for the Pantawid Pilipinong Program in the City anchored on Republic Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations 11310;

WHEREAS, in the Specific Implementation Agreements for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, the following are the Roles and Responsibilities of the City Local Government Unit;

- Take the lead and facilitate the passage of Local Ordinance supporting the implementation of 4Ps to improve the condition of its poor constituents;
- Include in the GAD Annual Plan and Budget, Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and/or Local Reduction Action Plan (LPRAP) to complement the implementation of 4Ps programs, activities and projects (PAPS);
- Provide services to address the gaps/result of the DSWD conducted Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) to program beneficiaries;

- Convene, preside or designate a permanent representative in the regular City Convergence Council meetings (CCC meetings);
- 5. Support the implementation of the Kilos-Unlad (KU): 4Ps 7-Year Social Case Management Strategy (Kilos Unlad Seven Year Social Case Management Strategy) through as but not limited to:

a. Participation and attendance (can be represented by the CSWDO) in case conferences of identified household beneficiaries for program exit and transfer;

b. Ensuring implementation of a City Action Plan and agreements for the 4Ps beneficiaries with specific programs and services details on transitioning or exit procedure for an eventual exit of household beneficiaries from the program:

c. Ensuring regular funding using the LGUs GAD Budget, Annual Investment Program (AIP), Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and Local Poverty Reduction plan (LPRAP) for post –program services to sustain the gains of household through the issuance such as Municipal Ordinances, Resolutions or through Local Executive Orders, and included in the local development planning process;

d. Effectively engaging partners and other stakeholders to mobilize the needed resources to sustain households and prevent them from sliding back to the poverty level;

- e. Ensuring that records of exited/graduated 4Ps households will be maintained, updated and inorder;
- f. Maintaining Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment for more productive monitoring and referral systems and if necessary adopt an Electronic Case Management System at the local level.
- Provide conducive office space and other logistical support to the Pantawid staff such as but not limited to office supplies, equipment, among others for the period of program implementation;
- Designate permanent counterpart: LGU Links with 1 is to 1 ratio with assigned City Links; to assist the DSWD hired City Links in the implementation of all Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program activities in the city;
- 8. Advocate to other agencies and Civil Society Organizations, Private and Business Sectors and other intermediaries to gain support in the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program;
- Support in the conduct of Family and Youth Development Session through the creation of Local Family and Youth Development Session Team which is a pool of resource persons, support to the FDS and YDS resource person such as limited to materials, training and transportation expenses supported with EO and SP Resolution; and
- 10. Conduct case assessment through the CSWDO and validation of special cases referred by field staff.

WHEREAS, in the light of the passage of the RA 11310 otherwise known as the 4Ps Act of 2019 and the desire of the City to sustain the program there is a need to adopt the implementation of the program in the City of Bago;

WHEREAS, after thorough deliberation, this body is of the consensus to adopt the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in the City;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Ma. Femmy A. Martir unanimously seconded by SP Members present, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bago City in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and cited as "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BAGO".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This ordinance is aimed at adopting the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in the City of Bago.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The City of Bago adheres to the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services and an improved quality of life for all.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have their corresponding meaning:

- a. 4Ps refers to Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program;
- Beneficiaries are qualified individual or family eligible for assistance under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program;
- c. Poor households refers to households whose income falls below the poverty threshold as define by National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and cannot afford in a sustained manner to provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing and other essential amenities of life;
- d. 7-Year Kilos Unlad Case Management Strategy is a process to guide the shepherding 4Ps households to achieve improved well-being towards stepping up (from survival to subsistence to self-sufficiency) and out of poverty (graduation or exit) within a 7-year operational period while being in the program;
- e. Case Management refers to a process used by the DSWD to enable the qualified household beneficiaries to improve their functioning by dealing with their difficulties in complying with the terms of the program;
- f. Convergence of Programs and Services is an approach to mobilize various government agencies to strengthen the capacity of the poor communities to identify their needs, mobilize resources, and participate in the Local planning and policy development including the budgeting processes;

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this ordinance shall be included in the budget of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO).

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The City Mayor, with the assistance of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision hereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the others thereby so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other provisions of existing ordinance, resolutions and executive issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and prescribed posting and publication.

Enacted: December 27, 2023.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its Regular Session held on December 27, 2023.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

RAMÓN D. TORRES
City Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

to the Sangguniang Panlundsod

Approved this 29th day of December, 2023.

APPROVED:

NICHOLAS M. YULO

City Mayor