

## Republic of the Philippines SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

City Government of Pasig

Resolution No. <u>131–11</u> Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC HELPDESKS FOR INFORMATION, LIVELIHOOD AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTIONS (SHIELD) AGAINST CHILD LABOR PROJECT AND THE CHILD LABOR LOCAL REGISTRY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF PASIG, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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or: Councilor Ma. Luisa "Angelu" M. De Leon or: Councilor Syvel Asilo-Gupilan

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WHEREAS, in line with this policy, various laws were promulgated to formulate policies and programs for children at the local level, including Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act. The said law was amended by Republic Act Nos. 7658 and 9231, which provided stronger protection for working children, among others;

WHEREAS, Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7610, as amended, specifies that children below fifteen (15) years of age shall not be employed except for particular instances/exceptional cases as provided in the same section;

**WHEREAS**, data from the Philippine Statistics Authority showed that in 2021, there were 1.37 million children aged 5 to 17 years old or 68% of the total number in the following sectors: agricultural, service, and industry;

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, 1,102 children were profiled by the Department of Labor and Employment for provision of assistance with the aim of alleviating their conditions for their welfare and benefit;

**WHEREAS**, some of the major concerns of barangays in the country are the protection of children and how to raise awareness about violence against children including child labor;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Labor and Employment is firm in upholding the rights of the children, and through its Child Labor Prevention and Elimination Program aims to remove children from child labor particularly in its worst forms by



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promoting child-focused actions, rights-based approach, result-based management, gender-responsiveness, cultural sensitivity, sustainable development, children and youth participation and community development, among others;

WHEREAS, one of the programs of the Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region (DSWD–NCR) Social Technology Bureau is the Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Livelihood and other Developmental Interventions or SHIELD, which aims to strengthen efforts at the local level including the establishment of helpdesks and the Child Labor Local Registry (CLLR) System, a local registry system for child labor, for referral and convergence of support services;

WHEREAS, the Pasig City's Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) through the Pasig City Local Council for the Protection of Children (PCLCPC) in coordination with the Pasig Employment and Service Office (PESO), Barangay Local Council for the Protection of Children, intends to conduct capacity building, advocacy and information dissemination on child labor and other existing laws with the participation of duty bearers and stakeholders to effectively address the concerns of child labor within the City of Pasig and establish a CLLR System for the City;

WHEREAS, the DSWD–NCR has offered its technical assistance for the implementation of the SHIELD Project and the CLLR System and conduct of capacity-building and other related activities to the CSWDO;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to authorize the Honorable City Mayor, Victor Ma Regis N. Sotto, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region for the implementation of the Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Livelihood and other Developmental Interventions (SHIELD) against Child Labor Project and the Child Labor Local Registry System within the City of Pasig.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** that the City Mayor is similarly authorized to enter into and sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) between the Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region and the City Government of Pasig in relation to the implementation of the SHIELD against Child Labor Project and the Child Labor Registry System;

RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that copies of the Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution;

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**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that the Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall furnish all concerned agencies/offices copies of this Resolution, as duly adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

APPROVED, this <u>19th</u> day of June 2023 in the City of Pasig.

HON. CORAZON M. RAYMUNDO City Councilor

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## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG PASIG OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCILOR MARIA LUISA "ANGELU" DE LEON

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted by the Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs Re: Proposed Resolution 282-2023: A Resolution Authorizing the Honorable City Mayor, Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto to Enter into and Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region for the Implementation of Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Livelihood and Other Developmental Interventions and the Child Labor Local Registry System in the City of Pasig, and for Other Purposes

Authored by: Councilor Maria Luisa "Angelu" De Leon

Referred to the Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs on 5 June 2023

#### Preliminaries

The Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs met on 14 June 2023 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pasig City Hall, to discuss Proposed Resolution No. 282-2023 entitled: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT – NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC HELPDESKS FOR INFORMATION, LIVELIHOOD AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTIONS AND THE CHILD LABOR LOCAL REGISTRY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF PASIG, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** 

In attendance were the following members of the Sanggunian: Maria Luisa "Angelu" De Leon, Marion Rosalio M. Martires, Paul Roman C. Santiago, Roderick Mario U. Gonzales, Simon Gerard R. Tantoco, and Syvel Asilo-Gupilan.

Resource persons present were Atty. Isobelle Santocildes from the Office of the City Mayor, Ms. Sheryl Tutor from the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), and Ms. Herminia Arcanghel, Ms. Helen Pereya and Mr. John Fernandez from the Department of Social Services and Development National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR).

#### **Summary of Discussion**

 Councilor De Leon provided a brief background on the proposed resolution, stating that the objective of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DSWD-NCR is the implementation of its intervention program to respond to the needs of child laborers and their families called SHIELD or the "Strategic Helpdesks for Information, Education, Livelihood and other Developmental Interventions" against Child Labor within Pasig City.



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- The Committee Chairperson also added that the partnership with DSWD-NCR aims to replicate SHIELD against Child Labor at the local level, with the national agency providing the technical assistance for its establishment and implementation through the conduct of capacity-building and other related activities for the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), which shall ensure protection, optimum participation, growth, and development of child laborers and their families.
- Representative from DSWD-NCR Ms. Pereyra added that the project aims to withdraw children from the worst forms of child labor through the provision of holistic and immediate interventions at the community level. She mentioned the three (3) components of the program which are Child Labor Local Registry (CLLR), Barangay Helpdesk on Child Labor and Organizing, Advocacy, and Capability Building.
- Ms. Arcanghel raised that based on her experience, many children are not aware that they are being abused; parents also have the tendency to be unaware that their actions are already-equivalent to exploiting their children.
- The Committee Chairperson raised a concern on the liabilities of the employers that hire children. Atty. Santocildes answered that we can refer to the RA 7610, as amended by RA 7658 and RA 9231, for the penalties for the employers and that this can have a separate section in the MOA. Additionally, we can refer to RA7610, as amended, particularly Section 12, for the definition of working children.
- It was clarified by Ms. Arcanghel that the helpdesk does not necessarily need a physical desk, but could be a trained point person that is assigned to cater to certain cases or concerns. Moreover, Councilor Asilo-Gupilan suggested that the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) can be considered as a helpdesk as well.
- Ms. Tutor clarified that the Pasig CSWD is clustered not per barangay, but per program.
- The importance of disseminating hotlines was raised wherein Mr. Fernandez suggested that besides the existing social media advocacy of the program, the inclusion of police, BCPC, WBCP, OSD and other related offices can be included.
- In connection to the yearly celebration of Family Week every 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, Councilor De Leon suggested the conduct of a child labor awareness campaign to ensure the continuous implementation of SHIELD and similar programs in the city.
- Given that many children are visual learners nowadays, Councilor Asilo-Gupilan asked for a film presentation that can give knowledge about child labor and exploitation that can be shown to schools, seminars, and SK projects. This would help the different offices get data and assessment if necessary.
- Councilor Santiago suggested to include the process on how to get a permit from DOLE in cases where a child has to work without any negative intention and negative effect on the child.



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#### Recommendations

- The Committee agreed on the following action points for the finalization of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement:
  - Despite the existence of Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) in the MOA, a separate section on Data Privacy should be included in the MOA.
  - A separate section for the liabilities and penalties for employers should be specified in the MOA.
  - A whereas clause that refers to Section 12 of RA 7610, as amended, for the definition of working children should be added in the Resolution.
- The Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs recommends that the Sanggunian approve Proposed Resolution No. 282-2023, as attached, subject to the integration of the revisions agreed upon by the Committee as specified above.

Pasig City, 14 June 2023

## COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND SOLO PARENT AFFAIRS

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SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND SOLO PARENT AFFAIRS 15 JUNE 2023

## Republic of the Philippines SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD City Government of Pasia

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