



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Pasig

Resolution No. 160-11
Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, POPULATION COMMISSION AND ZUELLIG FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHALLENGE INITIATIVE PROJECT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author: **Councilor Corazon M. Raymundo**

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals, which include the commitment to provide universal access to reproductive health and to reduce maternal deaths, development of girls and ending all forms of violence and discrimination against girls under Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 5;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10354, or The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, provides for a strategic policy framework for the provision, delivery, and access to reproductive health care services, and to promote, protect and fulfill women's reproductive health and rights, including girls or adolescents;

WHEREAS, The Challenge Initiative (TCI) Project which aims for a faster reduction of teen pregnancies through the development of adolescent – friendly cities and increased access to family planning is led internationally by the Melinda and Bill Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and nationally by the partnership among Zuellig Family Foundation, Department of Health and the Population Commission;

WHEREAS, the proposed Project with a 30-month timetable includes a framework of improved leadership and governance, and improvements in the local health system at two (2) levels: effective health services and increased community participation that are expected to produce better health outcomes;

WHEREAS, SDG 5 aims to put importance to promoting equality among the sexes and in particular ending violence against women as a negative factor in attaining good reproductive health;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the potential of the TCI Project in producing good results in women's reproductive health especially in preventing teen pregnancies, the City Government of Pasig has signed a letter of intent expressing Pasig's desire to participate in the TCI Project as one of at least five (5) TCI hubs in the National Capital Region;





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WHEREAS, with the potential of applying the model of TCI Project which consists of selecting high impact projects and applying solutions that have worked successfully in many situations, the City of Pasig is bound to benefit from the TCI Project engagement;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod finds merit in the design of the TCI Project and its implementation plan and sees a hopeful way of improving the conduct of projects in a multi-sectoral manner;

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 Understanding with the Department of Health, Population Commission, and Zuellig Family Foundation for the implementation of The Challenge Initiative (TCI) Project.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the budgetary requirement to implement the project shall be chargeable against any available funds from the City Treasury subject to existing rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit;

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

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod furnish all concerned agencies and/or offices with copies of this resolution as duly adopted and approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

APPROVED, this 10th day of **July 2023** in the City of Pasig.


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City Councilor


HON. CORAZON M. RAYMUNDO
City Councilor


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HON. ROBERT VINCENT JUDE B. JAWORSKI, JR.
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APPROVED:


HON. VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. NICOLO JOEL B. GUTIERREZ
Acting City Council Secretary





JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH, SANITATION AND NUTRITION

COMMITTEE REPORT

July 7, 2023

This report covers the proceedings of the Joint Committee Hearing on Gender and Development and Health, Sanitation and Nutrition held on July 6, 2023 at 10:17am – 11:44am at the Session Hall, 7th floor Pasig City Hall on the

Proposed Resolution No. 245-2023:

A Resolution Authorizing The Honorable City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto To Enter Into And Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Department Of Health (DOH), Population Commission (POPCOM) And Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF) For The Implementation Of The Challenge Initiative (TCI) Project And For Other Purposes.

which was passed on First Reading and referred to the Committees on Gender and Development and Health, Sanitation and Nutrition for proper action during the Regular Session of the 11th Sangguniang Panlungsod last May 2, 2023.

Present were:

COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Corazon M. Raymundo	Chairperson
Hon. Simon Gerard R. Tantoco	Member
Hon. Maria Luisa 'Angelu' De Leon	Minority Floor Leader – Ex – Officio

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SANITATION AND NUTRITION

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Hon. Maria Luisa 'Angelu' De Leon	Minority Floor Leader – Ex – Officio

Resource Persons:

Ms. Jackylin Robel	Acting Regional Director, POPCOM – NCR Development Management Office IV, DOH Metro Manila Center For Health Development OIC, Pasig City Social Welfare and Development NCR Manager, TCI Philippines
Mr. Jaya Ebuena	
Ms. Teresa Briones	Health Department In – Charge in Health Program FP Coordinator/ Population Officer, Pasig City Health Dept. Coordinator, AYDH Pasig City Health Dept.
Mr. Alphonse V. Guevarra, MD, MPH	
Dr. Stuart Santos	President, IMAP Pasig
Dr. Leah Fairchild Lucas	
Dr. Maria Laarni C. Bernales	Nurse Coordinator, SDO Pasig OIC, Local Youth Development Office
Ms. Veronica Barlaan	
Ms. Mhelmar Oblipias	Division Chief – GAD Admin (Representative, Mr. Jose Rey Espina)
Ms. Colleen De Guzman	
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INTRODUCTION

Brief Description of TCI.

Dr. Alphonsus Guevarra of Zuellig Family Foundation gave a brief description of the project, The Challenge Initiative (TCI) aims to reduce the prevalence of teenage pregnancies, improve sexual and reproductive health of young people and make Pasig City an adolescent-friendly city. These will be done through a number of interventions/activities such (1) coaching and master training of leaders, coaches and trainers; (2) assistance in capacity development; (3) program design; (4) effective referral system within the Integrated Service Delivery Network (ISDN). All these for a more comprehensive and responsive programs and projects in favor of improving adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

The three partners of TCI gave a brief of the participation that their agencies are providing in the implementation of the project.

1. Acting Regional Director Jacklyn Robel of POPCOM offers their expertise in their Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Program, will provide technical assistance in coaching and mentoring to local executives and Pasig TCI leadership team, technical assistance in establishing and analyzing relevant data to understand AYSRH situation and develop solutions, oversee the implementation of and mainstreaming various approaches of TCI in Pasig, develop and recommend policy issuances.
2. Mr. Jaya Ebuena of Regional DOH will provide technical inputs in establishing and analyzing data base to understand the AYSRH situation in Pasig, mobilize and allocate resources for the project, provide guidance in the delivery of unbiased and quality AYSRH services, develop and recommend policy issuances, among others.
3. Dr. Alphonse Guevarra of Zuellig cited their provision of technical inputs and technical assistance to POPCOM and Pasig and close collaboration with DOH in the implementation of the TCI-ZFF leadership and governance program, participation in the team meetings and provide technical assistance, deliver the training, coaching and mentoring modules and programs for the city and barangays, etc.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISCUSSION

The following were noted as issues in implementing AYSRH-related programs in Pasig City:

1. The lack of framework in delivering services related to promotion of adolescent sexual and reproductive health as well as their protection against threats to well being.
2. Dr. Stuart Santos of CHD and other participants noted the inadequate referral system among programs related to AHYD and that they operate largely as vertical programs. It was noted that this situation led to isolated and compartmentalized efforts.
3. Ms. Teresa Briones brought out issues related to adolescent health problems encountered by her office which are all related to the primacy of prevention vis a vis having to deal outright with teen pregnancies (Teen Zones, Community -based After Care and pre-pregnancy programs).



4. Nurse Mhelmar Oblipias of DepEd mentioned the lack of health personnel at the SDO and lack of capacity of current nurses to roll out Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) and having teachers who are not comfortable in the subject matter – as the two main issues with regards to implementing CSE.
5. The importance of different ways of reaching the adolescents especially helping them when they are in need. Councilor Angelu De Leon brought out intervention like Hotline.
6. Programs to strengthen the adolescents themselves were cited such as the CSE, life coaching, peer counseling.

Highlighted In the meeting is the concern on the limited promotion and protection of the adolescents and youth of Pasig City and the need to provide and strengthen these among the different existing programs. It was also highly recognized that the TCI can potentially address the issues mainly through putting together a system of referral and collaboration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Committees in attendance were unanimous in the importance of having the TCI implemented in Pasig City and approved this report and endorsed the proposed resolution to the 11th Sanggunian during the latter's next regular or special session.

APPROVED to endorse to the 11th Sanggunian during its regular session on **July 10, 2023**

FOR THE COMMITTEES on:

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