



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG-37  
SERIES OF 2023**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE CHALLENGE INITIATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM TO  
REDUCE TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND TO ENHANCE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH WITHIN THE  
CITY OF PASIG AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations (UN) which include the commitment to provide universal access to reproductive health and to reduce maternal deaths, development of girls, and end all forms of violence and discrimination against girls under SDG 3 and 5;

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

**WHEREAS**, The Challenge Initiative (TCI) Project aims for a faster reduction of teen pregnancies through the development of adolescent-friendly cities and increased access to family planning 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 (ZFF), Department of Health (DOH), and the Commission on Population and Development (CPD);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RPRH Law, Pasig City Mayor Sotto 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 (NCR).

**WHEREAS**, given Pasig's intent to participate in the TCI Project, a TCI Leadership Team must be created to enable proper coordination with ZFF, DOH, and POPCOM and for the proper implementation of the TCI Project in the TCI hub-Pasig.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE TCI LEADERSHIP TEAM.** – The Committee is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Members: : *Chairperson of the Committee on Gender and Development*  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

*President*  
LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY



*Assistant City Health Officer*  
CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – CITY EPIDEMIOLOGY  
SURVEILLANCE UNIT

*Family Planning Coordinator*  
CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Adolescent and Youth Health and Development Coordinator*  
CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Head*  
GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

*Head*  
LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

*Head*  
CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

*Nurse Coordinator*  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF PASIG CITY

*President*  
INTEGRATED MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION OF THE  
PHILIPPINES – PASIG CITY

**SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TCI LEADERSHIP TEAM.** – The following shall be the functions of the team:

- (a) Coordinate, leverage, and mobilize available technical and financial resources to ensure implementation of the agreement among parties;
- (b) Establish a monitoring and evaluation database system for real-time and reliable data and information that can be used in monitoring and assessing the progress of this partnership and also in addressing any concern that may arise in the implementation of the agreement among parties;
- (c) Mutually enhance existing systems and institutional capacities in the City towards greater ownership, accountability, and sustainability; and
- (d) Documents and diffuse knowledge, learning, and good practices within the City and to other localities;
- (e) Set in place support mechanisms and support structures for the implementation of the TCI as agreed in the corresponding work and financial plan;



- (f) Provide necessary support and resources essential for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of TCI high-impact approaches and other related interventions for leadership and governance and health system strengthening;
- (g) Mobilize, monitor, manage, and utilize funds for the implementation of the program and the TCI high-impact approaches;
- (h) Together with ZFF, DOH-NCR and POPCOM-NCR, develop, continually update and apply standards, guidelines and tools to be used in program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation;
- (i) Provide and make available necessary reports to ZFF, such as budget and expenditure reports, relevant data, etc.;
- (j) Set up protocols for the timely submission of reports;
- (k) Communicate and update ZFF, POPCOM-NCR, and other partners, on any updates and issues that may arise from the conduct of the said activities; and
- (l) Collaborate and coordinate with stakeholders and other CSOs and private sector partners to align programs, policies, and mobilize resources and initiatives towards AYHD and local health system development.

**SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.** – This should take effect immediately.

DONE this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2023, at the City of Pasig, Metro Manila.

  
VICTOR MA REGIS N. SOTTO,  
City Mayor



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