

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Pangasinan MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61**

Series of 2023

## AN ORDER SUSPENDING CLASSES AT ALL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE IMEDIATELY DUE TO EARTHQUAKE (JUNE 15, 2023)

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life, health, safety and property and to promote the general welfare of its people at all times, especially during disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, it is likewise the declared policy of the State to institutionalize the policies, structures, coordination mechanism and programs on disaster risk reduction from national down to local levels; recognize the local risk patterns across the country and strengthen the capacity of Local Government Units (LGUS) for disaster risk reduction and management through decentralized powers, responsibilities, and resources at the regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, a magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck off Batangas province on Thursday morning (June 15, 2023), the epicenter of the quake was 4 kilometers southwest of Calatagan at depth of 103 kms (per Philippine Volcanology and Seismology) which was felt by entire Luzon including the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as "Local Government Code of 1991" provides that "every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, x x x promote health and safety x x x, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 66, series of 2012 which prescribes the rules on the cancellation or suspension of classes and work in government due to typhoons, flooding, other weather disturbances and calamities also delegated the authority to cancel classes and work to local chief executives of the affected areas of typhoons and other calamities, AND IN CONSONANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 2023-77 issued April 20, 2023 by the DepEd Assistant Secretary for Operations reiterating the DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022, titled "Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Schools in the event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/Power Interruptions, and Other Calamities";

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Bayambang, 2423 Pangasinan (075) 633-1000 Loc 100 WHEREAS, to protect and ensure the safety of our learners from the physical hazards and dangers from any damages in classrooms and school structures and all other dangers posed as an aftermath of the earthquake, there is a need to declare a suspension of classes at all levels in public and private schools in Bayambang.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO, Municipal Mayor, Bayambang, Pangasinan, and chair of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the suspension of classes in all levels both in public and private schools in Bayambang, Pangasinan on 15 June 2023.

Done in the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan this 15th of June 2023.

For and by authority of:

HON. MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO

Municipal Mayor

ATTY. RODELYNN RAJINI S. VIDAD

Municipal Administrator Officer-in-Charge

