

Republic of the Philippines Province of Pangasinan MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

Series of 2020

"AN ORDER PROHIBITING ANY FORM OF HARRASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HEALTH WORKERS AND CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PATIENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, PANGASINAN"

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) stated earlier that some health workers, persons suspected or infected with Coronavirus disease (CoViD-19) suffered acts of discrimination, maltreatment and harassment due to fears of infection;

WHEREAS, discrimination or harassment lowers to a great extent the morale and motivation of health Workers or persons suspected or infected with coronavirus disease (CoViD-19) due to the debilitating impact of this deadly virus;

WHEREAS, any form of discrimination has no place during this health emergency crisis and must be stopped and prevented because what we need at this difficult time is to be united in fighting this invisible enemy and to HEAL as ONE;

WHEREAS, in Resolution no. 19 Series of 2020, the inter - Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of the Emerging Infectious Diseases denounces in the strongest terms acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare workers, OFWs, CoViD-19 cases, Whether confirmed or suspected. Recovered or undergoing treatment, as well as Patients under Investigation and Persons under Monitoring;

WHEREAS, the fear of infections and the threat or being infected by this CoViD-19 should not be the reason, alibi or excuse to harass, maltreat, discriminate health workers, persons suspected, probable case or confirmed case of CoViD-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DR. CEZAR T. QUIAMBAO, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACTS. Any act in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as Contracts of Lease or Employment is hereby prohibited. No person shall commit the following acts by reason of discrimination against persons covered by this Order:

- a. Denying access to any public or social program and service;
- b. Denying access or admission to medical and other health services;
- c. Refusal to admit or expulsion from public markets and other related establishments;
- d. Any form of harassment or threat of physical, mental and verbal violence, intimidation or other threatening disruptive behavior;

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e. Making abusive statements, malicious disclosure of information of suspected, possible, or confirmed CoViD-19 patients.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Order protects from the above-mentioned prohibited acts the following:

- ➤ HEALTH WORKERS medical doctors, dentists, midwives, nurses, pharmacists, medical technologists of public and private hospitals, Rural Health unit staff, Barangay Health Workers.
- > COVID-19 CASES whether confirmed or suspected, recovered or undergoing treatment;
- PATIENTS UNDER MONITORING (PUMs)

SECTION 3. APPLICATION. This Order applies to all discriminatory acts, harassment, and maltreatment, committed within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bayambang by all individuals, whether, residents or non-residents, of the municipality.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT. The Bayambang Municipal Police Station and Barangay Officials are hereby mandated to strictly enforce this Executive Order.

Any person who will commit discriminatory acts, harassment, maltreatment against any health worker, CoViD-19 patient in the Municipality of Bayambang shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of the Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and will continue until amended or revoked.

Let copies of this Order be furnished to Offices and Departments concerned, the Bureau of Fire Protection, the Philippine National Police and all Barangays for their information and guidance.

Done in the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan, Philippines, this 14th day of April, 2020.

DR. CEZAR T. QUIAMBAO Municipal Mayor

