

## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2019 – 2020 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOOC, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON HELD AT MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 08, 2020.

### PRESENT:

HON. DIANSON R. TAYTAY	Municipal Vice Mayor/
	Presiding Officer
HON. PERIANO R. BERNARDO	SB Member
HON. ISMAEL S. OSORIO, JR	SB Member
HON. BENROL M. PALACIO	SB Member
HON. TEODULO G. TIROL, JR	SB Member
HON. JOHNNY M. AGUIRRE	SB Member
HON. HERMIE G. LACHICA	SB Member
HON. MICHAEL P. FRANCISCO	SB Member
HON. ROLANDO F. BAUTISTA	SB Member
HON. JOSEFINA G. MORTEL	LnB President
HON, ANGELIC F. CONDES	SK Federation President

#### ABSENT:

NONE

## **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 089 - 2020**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTION PACKAGE FOR THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS OF A CHILD.

Sponsor: Hon. Johnny M. Aguirre

Co-sponsors: Hon. Periano R. Bernardo, Hon. Ismael S. Osorio, Jr., Hon. Benrol M. Palacio, Hon. Teodulo G. Tirol, Jr., Hon. Rolando F. Bautista, Hon. Hermie G. Lachica, Hon. Michael P. Francisco, Hon. Josefina G. Mortel - Lnb President, and Hon. Angelic F. Condes - SK Federation President

WHEREAS, Republic Act NO. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that Local Government Units shall endeavor to provide health services which include the implementation of programs on maternal and child care;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization strongly recommends proper health care on the first 1,000 days – starting from the first day of conception until the second birthday – is the most critical period of growth and development;

WHEREAS, the first 1,000 days - starting from the first day of conception until the second birthday, is the most critical period for growth and development;

WHEREAS, any nutritional deficiency in a child's first 1,000 days will have irreversible effects on their health and their physical and mental development; preventing him from completing his schooling and eventually acquiring decent employment. These children are more prone to dying of illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhea, or measles;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance seeks to establish a sustainable early childhood health care program in the Municipality of Looc, Romblon;

WHEREAS, the program aims to provide prenatal and postnatal maternity care service to pregnant women in order to protect her health as well as to ensure the nutritional diet of her newborn child. The program shall include awareness on the significance of good maternal nutrition and proper infant and young child feeding practices, particularly exclusive breastfeeding; timely, safe and appropriate and high-quality complementary food; and appropriate micronutrient interventions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIAN OF LOOC, ROMBLON IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – this Ordinance shall be known as the Municipality of Looc, Romblon "Early Childhood Development Intervention Package."

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS –** for purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

- a.) "First 1,000 Days" is the period between conception until the child's second birthday. The first 1,000 days comprise 270 days of pregnancy, 365 days for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his or her life. The First 1,000 Days is the period of rapid growth where nutrient deficiencies can have long term consequences. Good nutrition during this period can help maximize the child's ability to grow, learn and develop that has profound effect in his or her health, well-being and success later in adulthood.
- b.) "Pregnancy (270 Days)" during pregnancy, the baby is solely dependent on the mother for nourishment that he or she needs in order to grow and develop properly. The mother during this period should get a balanced and varied diet together with the right amounts of vitamins and minerals (iron or ferrous sulfate, folate or folic acid and iodine) to provide the needs of the growing child in her womb. This lays the foundation for the child's cognitive motor, and social skills that will eventually affect future school performance, employment and productivity.
- c.) "Birth to 6 months (1-180 days)" starting from the first hour after giving birth, the mother should exclusively breastfeed the infant for the first 6 months of life. Breast milk contains essential nutrients needed for the baby's cognitive development as well as good bacteria and immunoglobulin for strong immunity.
- d.) "6 to 23 months (181 55 days)" at 6 months, the baby should start receiving appropriate complementary feeding while continuing breastfeeding in order to meet his or her nutritional requirements for growth and development. Six months to 2 years of age is a critical period of a child's life because deficiencies and illnesses during this

period can contribute significantly to under nutrition, particularly stunting. Appropriate complementary feeding is a proven intervention to significantly reduce stunting during the first two years of life.

# **SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES -** The objectives of this Ordinance are to:

- a) Reduce mortality and morbidity rates among children 0-23 months old;
- b) Reduce the prevalence of stunting and wasting among children 0-23 months old;
- Increase the percentage of children 0-23 months old meeting developmental milestones; and
- d) Increase awareness on the importance of proper nutrition and early childhood care and development during the first 1,000 days of life

SECTION 4. PROGRAM CONTENT - The Maternal and Child Health Care services which may be provided to eligible individuals during the 1,000 - day period include the following:

- a) Instruction and counseling on maternal and child care and proper nutrition;
- b) Provision of micro-nutrient supplements during prenatal and postnatal stage;
- c) Provision of newborn screening, vaccination, supplemental feeding, multivitamins supplement and monitoring of exclusive breastfeeding up to 2 years of age; and
- d) Treatment of incidence of malnutrition.
- e) Other services and interventions as mandated by the National Government.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Rural Health Unit – Looc, Romblon shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days from its approval.

**SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION** – An annual budget taken from the General Fund or any available fund shall be appropriated for the successful implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Local Executive Orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved: 08 September 2020/50th Regular Session.

CERTIFIED to the correctness of the aforesaid Ordinance.

REYAM A. REYES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

DIANSON RATAYTAY Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

Concurred:

PERIANO R. BERNARDO SB Member

BENROL M. PALACIO

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ATTY. LISETTE M. ARBOLEDA Municipal Mayor