



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

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**CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ZERO OPEN
DEFECATION (ZOD) VERIFICATION AND
CERTIFICATION TEAM, AND DESIGNATION OF ITS
FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) issued Administrative Order No. 2019-0054 entitled “Guidelines on the Implementation of the Philippine Approach to Sustainable Sanitation (PhATSS)” which aims to provide Local Government Units (LGUs) with a practical sanitation program strategy to gradually achieve sustainable sanitation and to reach 100% of local governments as certified Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) by 2025;

WHEREAS, DOH Administrative Order No. 2010-002 declares sustainable sanitation as a national policy and priority program. This policy is anchored on the principle that sustainable sanitation is a fundamental human right.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) takes the action and advocates that sanitation be an urgent priority of government with the involvement of LGUs and communities to accelerate actions to improve sanitation for all;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) and other partner agencies in the country are presently promoting the Zero Open Defecation Program (ZODP) as one of the major strategies for scaling-up rural sanitation development;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the Zero Open Defecation Program (ZODP) in the Municipality of Concepcion, Tarlac, there is a need to create a Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Verification and Certification Team and designate its corresponding duties and responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NOEL L. VILLANUEVA, Municipal Mayor of Concepcion, Tarlac, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the Municipal Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Verification and Certification Team, and designate its functions and responsibilities, to wit:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL ZERO OPEN DEFECATION (ZOD) VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM

CHAIRPERSON : HON. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA
Municipal Mayor

VICE CHAIRPERSON : DR. BENJAMIN Q. BENGCO, III
Municipal Health Officer





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MEMBERS	:	HON. MARVIN P. MACALINO Chairperson- Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Health and Sanitation
	:	HON. RAMON G. MANUCDUC, JR. President LNB/SB Ex-Officio Member
	:	MARIA NOEL BORNEO-LIM Provincial DOH Representative
	:	SONOFFRAY F. DANTES Head-MENRO
	:	GREGORIO ARCEO MHO-Sanitation Inspector III
	:	AARON GONZALES MHO-Sanitation Inspector II
	:	GERALD CASTRO MHO-Sanitation Inspector I
	:	MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MUÑOZ MHO-Sanitation Inspector I
	:	MAR PANLILIO MHO-RHU Nurse
	:	RENATO M. LINDO Senior Administrative Assistant V Office of the Mayor

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL ZERO OPEN DEFECATION (ZOD) VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM

1. **Assessment and Verification:** The team evaluates the ZOD compliance of each barangay to confirm that open defecation has ceased and sanitary toilets are in use.
2. **Recognition:** The team has the responsibility to reward and commend communities that successfully attain and maintain ZOD status.
3. **Coordination:** The team liaises with the municipal ZOD task force to ensure a unified and coordinated effort in achieving and upholding the Zero Open Defecation policy.
4. **Certification:** The team's official verification and certification process ensures that the ZOD status of barangays is officially recognized. Receive the letter requests from the barangays seeking verification and certification of their having achieved ZOD status. Visit the requesting barangays and verify the claim of ZOD status using the ZOD verification form.





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5. **Monitoring:** The team prepares and submits reports to the Provincial level offices concerned. Monitor the barangays' status every three months and if necessary, revoke the ZOD status if the barangays do not sustain the criteria.

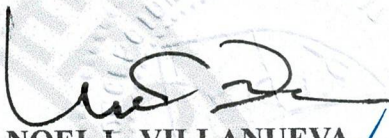
SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All orders, issuances or memoranda or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect upon signing hereof.

Signed this 14th day of August 2025 at Concepcion, Tarlac.


NOEL L. VILLANUEVA
Municipal Mayor

