

## **[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 42, April 10, 2014 ]**

### **CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL PLAN TO COMBAT ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS** , antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organization on Animal Health, as well as other policy-makers, scientists, professionals, and civil society groups, as a global threat to humankind and animal health because it reduces the effectiveness of antimicrobial medicines;

**WHEREAS** , AMR has serious health and economic consequences, such as increased mortality, prolonged illness, increased cost of health care, and adverse impact on trade and foreign affairs;

**WHEREAS** , there is a need to ensure efficient government response to control AMR through the formulation, adoption, and implementation of a comprehensive national plan that would integrate, coordinate, and develop sustainable and collaborative systems and mechanisms to combat AMR in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS** , the creation of an inter-agency committee to formulate and implement the plan can rationalize, harmonize, streamline, integrate, and unify the efforts of government agencies to address the AMR problem; and

**WHEREAS** , the Philippines has committed to the WHO Six-Point Health Policy Agenda as a response to the efforts to control and prevent AMR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III** , President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. Creation and Composition.** The Inter-Agency Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) is hereby created, to be composed of representatives from the following:

Co-Chairs: Department of Health (DOH)  
Department of Agriculture (DA)

Members: Department of Science and Technology (DOST)  
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

DOH shall provide secretariat support to the Committee.