

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04, October 11, 2016]

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, in light of the government's unrelenting campaign against illegal drugs, the number of drug dependents who have voluntarily surrendered to the authorities continues to grow;

WHEREAS, the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to provide effective mechanisms or measures to re-integrate into society individuals, who have fallen victim to drug abuse or dangerous drug dependence, through sustainable programs of treatment and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, in light of such policy, Republic Act (RA) No. 9165, as amended, otherwise known as the "Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," mandates the national government, through its appropriate agencies, to establish at least one drug rehabilitation center in each province, depending on the availability of funds;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9165 also mandates local government units (LGU) to appropriate a substantial portion of their annual budgets to assist in or enhance the enforcement of such law, giving priority to preventive or educational programs and the rehabilitation or treatment of drug dependents;

WHEREAS, RA No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," mandates the *Sangguniang Bayan*, *Sangguniang Panglungsod* and the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* to approve ordinances providing for the care of drug dependents and, subject to availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities for said persons;

WHEREAS, there are only sixteen (16) Department of Health (DOH) accredited government drug rehabilitation centers operating in the country, and the increasing number of patients is straining the capacity of such facilities and their personnel beyond their limits;

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution vests in the President power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force for the Establishment and Support of Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers (DATRCs) Throughout the Country. An inter-agency task force (Task force) is hereby created for the establishment and support of DATRCs throughout the country. The Task Force shall be composed of the following members, or their duly appointed representatives:

Chairperson:	Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government
Vice-Chairpersons:	Secretary of the DOH Chairman of the Dangerous Drugs Board
Members:	Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Director General of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Representative of the Office of the President

SECTION 2. Authority and Functions of the Task Force. Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, the Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Determine the type, capacity and suitable locations of the DATRCs, taking into consideration the need of the locations and the accessibility and manageability of facilities, with the long-term goal of having at least one DATRC in every province. Such determination shall also take into consideration the presence of duly accredited private DATRCs and the availability of community-based rehabilitation programs (CBRPs) in the concerned localities;
- b) Established the needed DATCs and provide support for their operations, with authority to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require;
- c) In accordance with the pertinent provisions of RA No. 9165, as amended, and RA No. 7160, as amended, anjoin the cooperation of LGUs in the establishment and support of the DATRCs and in the implementation of CBRPs.
- d) Submit a report with recommendations to the Office of the President, within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this Executive Order and every six months thereafter, on the implementation of the provisiona herein;
- e) Issue relevant guidelines for the effective implementation of the Executive Order, and
- f) Perform such other function provided in this Executive Order and as