

**[ DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2008-0012,  
April 24, 2008 ]**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) PARTNERSHIP WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) FOR  
STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR WORKPLACE HEALTH  
PROGRAMS**

**I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE**

The Millennium Development goals are eight goals envisioned to be achieved by the year 2015, responding to the world's main development challenges. These were drawn from the action and targets embodied in the "Millennium Declaration" adopted by 189 nations and signed by 147 heads of state during the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000. These MDGs, significant of which are Goal 4 (reduction by two thirds the under five mortality rate among children) and Goal 5 (reduction by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio by 2015) form the blueprint agreed to by all the world's countries and heads of states.

Recognizing the importance of these undertakings and the opportunity to address them through workplace programs, the DOH and DOLE are concerting efforts through this AO.

**II. GOALS and OBJECTIVES**

**A. Goal**

Improve the quality of life of the population by increasing access to affordable, accessible, and quality family health services in the industrial and commercial sectors.

**B. Objectives:**

1. Adopt and implement the memorandum of understanding to provide an enabling environment for private sector investment in health.

1.1 Harmonize the initiatives of the partners in support of the workplace Family Health programs

1.1.1 Identify and execute opportunities for collaboration with companies, donors, foundations, business sector partners, local government units and other community institutions.

1.1.2 Optimize resources to support Family Health programs

1.1.3 Establish and sustain linkages across multiple government sectors

to encourage and support the implementations of Family Health programs

1.1.4 Establish referral system and network between public and private health care providers within the catchment area

1.2 Strengthen the expertise and capability of partners to provide training and technical assistance at the workplace level.

1.3 Ensure that clinic facilities are compliant with the standards of DOH and philhealth.

### III. COVERAGE

This Administrative Order shall apply to all DOH offices within the DOH system including its attached agencies. Also within the scope of this Order are offices and entities such as non-government organizations and private providers that commit to participate in the national family planning/MNCH programs.

### IV. RELEVANT POLICIES

This framework is guided by the following policies;

1. Public and Private Partnership for Health as embodied in AO No. 2006-0008: Guidelines on Public Private Collaboration in the Delivery of Health Services including Family Planning for Women of Reproductive Age.

It is the national policy to establish and sustain a supportive public and professional opinion climate, conducive regulatory regime, fair health financing system and responsive operating and business environment in the health sector that promote efficient, effective and equitable collaboration between public and private sectors delivering services necessary for population wide coverage of essential health services to women of reproductive a levels sufficient to reduce risks of maternal deaths.

2. Provision of Reproductive Health Commodities and Services as Shared Responsibility A.O 158s. 2004: Guidelines in the Management of Donated Commodities under the CSR strategy which provides for guidelines regarding the orderly, fair and beneficial disposition declining quantities of donated contraceptives in a manner that maximizes the opportunities for domestic stakeholders of the national family planning programs to take appropriate Proactive steps to protect and assure continued access to contraceptives of all Filipino especially the poor who need these vital health commodities.

This principle ensure that LGUs as well as employers have shared responsibility providing reproductive health commodities and services to women of reproductive age through better access and informed choice.

3. Promotion and Implementation of RA7600: The Rooming In and Breast Feeding Act 1992