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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

TO : PRESIDENTS/ HEADS/ OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

SUBJECT : CALL FOR NOMINATION AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
THE HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE : 07 MAY 2021

In support of the Department of Health (DOH) and its implementation of the Universal Health Care Act (UHC), higher education institutions are invited to participate in the "Call for Nomination and Expression of Interest for the Health Impact Assessment Review Committee".

Interested parties must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. A post graduate degree in any of the following: public health, medicine, economics, sociology and environmental health;
2. Experience and training on the conduct of HIA;
3. Subject matter expert on their own fields of practice e.g. public health, medicine, social science, medicine, etc.;
4. Participation in any impact assessment review committee is an advantage.

HIA RevCom Members will have a 3-year engagement with possibility of renewal or extension.

Kindly contact Ms. Alyzza Vienn M. Eclavea of the DOH Health Promotion Bureau at 8 651 8700 local 2832 or hia@doh.gov.ph for further information.

Enclosed are the DOH-DILG JAO No. 2021-0001 and DOH Department Circular No. 2021-0076 for reference.

Thank you.

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
Chairman



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2021 - 0010

TO : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, REGIONAL OFFICES AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 2021-0001 entitled "Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects"

Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of the DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 2021-0001 entitled "Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects" dated January 23, 2021.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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LILIBETH C. DAVID, MD, MPH, MPM, CESO I
Undersecretary of Health
Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development Team



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

JAN 23 2021

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2021 - 0001

Subject: Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects

I. RATIONALE

Best available evidence has consistently validated that health is largely determined by the context and circumstances people live, study, and work in. The social determinants of health as such play a crucial role in creating healthy communities and society, highlighting the need for improving the consideration of health across critical decision-making activities. In line with this, Section 33 of the Universal Health Care Act (Republic Act No. 11223), leverages Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to systematically identify and address the inherent or unintended risks of development initiatives that are crucial in attaining better health outcomes, or may have an impact on the health sector.

In pursuit of ensuring safe and healthy developments, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall jointly issue these guidelines that will oversee the implementation of the HIA Review Process - for compliance of Project Proponents in order to secure a Health Impact Clearance Certification, which shall be a requirement for local government permits before developments can commence.

II. GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Precautionary Principle - To guide public health decisions under uncertainty, or in cases where evidence is incomplete or speculative, the DOH shall take precautionary measures to ensure the protection of the public's right to health. In this regard, the HIA Review Committee shall decide in favor of public safety and wellbeing when evaluating HIA Reports.

III. OBJECTIVES

This Order aims to provide a general framework and guidance on the operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment Review for development projects as well as define the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved pursuant to the UHC Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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IV. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Order shall apply to all offices and attached agencies of the DOH and DILG, Centers for Health Development (CHDs), Local Government Units, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) subject to the applicable provisions of RA No. 11054 or the "Bangsamoro Organic Act" and subsequent rules and policies issued by the Bangsamoro government, involved in the implementation of the HIA Review Process of development projects initiated either by the public or private proponents.

Further, all Project Proponents and designated HIA Preparers shall adhere to the guidelines set forth by this Order in complying with the HIA Review Process promulgated by the DOH.

V. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. **Development Projects** refer to all proposed and existing physical or infrastructure undertakings, initiated by either public or private proponents to achieve any specific development or economic objective
- B. **Health Impact Assessment** refers to a means of assessing the health impacts of policies, programs, and projects in diverse economic sectors before, during, and after implementation
- C. **Health Impact Clearance Certification** refers to official document issued by the Department of Health upon positive recommendation of the HIA Review Committee, as verification that the development project has complied and satisfied the HIA requirement provided for in the UHC Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- D. **Health Sensitive Projects** refer to projects whose raw materials, by products, intermediate products, finished products, and other components and processes during construction, operation, and decommissioning phases have potential to pose significant health risks to workers and potentially affected communities
- E. **HIA Methods Guide** refers to a document that aims to provide guidance to all those involved in conducting a Health Impact Assessment
- F. **HIA Preparer** refers to a multidisciplinary team commissioned by the Project Proponents to conduct the HIA and submit an HIA Report
- G. **HIA Process** refers to the standard steps in conducting Health Impact Assessment as promulgated by the World Health Organization, which include at the minimum: screening, scoping, appraisal, review and recommendations, and monitoring and evaluation
- H. **HIA Review Process** refers to the DOH's procedural framework for the management and technical review of the HIA reports submitted by Project Proponents
- I. **HIA Terms of Reference (HIA TOR)** refers to the scope and boundaries of the required HIA Report, based on the outputs of the community and technical scoping activities, and duly agreed by the parties involved during the Scoping Review Meeting. The HIA TOR specifies the data requirements and suggested methodologies, and serves as a basis for subsequent data collection and analyses that is essential in the development of the HIA Reports
- J. **Multi-Sectoral Monitoring Team** refers to a group constituted by the CHDs tasked to validate the self-monitoring conducted by the Project Proponents
- K. **Potentially Affected Communities** refer to groups who are on the receiving end of the intended and unintended effects of the development initiatives, and whose lives will be affected by the development initiative being assessed

- L. **Projects in Health Sensitive Areas** refer to projects located in areas delineated as critical for health, such that significant health impacts can be expected and vulnerable populations adversely affected due to implementation of certain types of projects, or to any sudden changes to the natural and community resources in which livelihood and health are also closely dependent
- M. **Project Proponent** refers to any public or private entities initiating new development projects or proposing expansions in existing development infrastructures
- N. **Public Health Mitigation and Management Plans** refer to a set of actions necessary to routine operations that seeks to prevent or limit negative public health impacts and losses associated with the risks involved in the implementation of development initiatives
- O. **Social Determinants of Health** refers to the conceptual framework which identifies the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes

VI. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The HIA Review Process shall be managed by the Health Promotion Bureau. The review of all submitted HIA Reports shall be led by the HIA Review Committee.
- B. All developments projects located in health sensitive areas, and/or health sensitive projects shall conduct HIA and submit it to the DOH for review and clearance.
- C. The conduct of HIA shall adhere to the HIA Methods Guide issued by the DOH.
- D. Members of the HIA Review Committee shall declare their Conflicts of Interest and abide by the COI Management Requirements detailed in existing DOH regulations.
- E. Health Impact Clearance certification shall be issued by the DOH upon positive recommendation by the HIA Review Committee. No further actions or decisions shall be carried out by the Health Promotion Bureau without the recommending approval or resolution of the HIA Review Committee.
- F. Non-compliance with agreements and conditions shall result in the revocation of the Health Impact Clearance Certification (HICC).

VII. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. Governance Structure

1. The **Health Promotion Bureau** shall manage the HIA Review Process, and exercise technical oversight on other related operations in support of implementing the UHC mandates on HIA.
2. **HIA Review Committee** shall be convened to provide technical guidance to Project Proponents and HIA Preparers, and recommend actions to the DOH.
 - a. **Composition** - The HIA Review Committee shall be composed of experts on public health, medicine, economics, sociologist, and environmental health at the minimum. Participation of specialists from other relevant fields of expertise in the HIA Review Committee, representatives from pertinent Centers for Health Development and local health offices, national government agencies (NGA), non-government or civil society organizations (NGO/CSO), and local People's Organizations shall be contingent on the agreed scope of assessment for the development project.
 - b. **Selection** - Participating members of the HIA Review Committee shall be systematically selected from an expert pool through official nominations from the NGAs, academic institutions, and from the general public.

3. **HIA Preparers** shall be commissioned and remunerated by the Project Proponents for the preparation of the Report for submission to the DOH. The composition of the HIA Preparers shall be a multidisciplinary team contingent on the agreed scope of assessment for the development project.
4. **Project Proponents** shall, as required by law, secure necessary permits or clearances from concerned agencies with regard to implementation. The Project Proponent shall commission the conduct of HIA in compliance with these guidelines, and bear any incidental costs that may arise due to unforeseen health events connected to project operations.

B. HIA Review Process

i. Criteria for HIA

- a. **Coverage** - Requirement for development projects to conduct HIA for submission to the DOH, shall be based on the following:

- i. **Projects in Health Sensitive Areas.** For this purpose, Health Sensitive Areas shall be further categorized as:

- i.i. Disease-endemic areas or emerging hotspots for vector-borne diseases;
- i.ii. Areas with limited local health care system;
- i.iii. Areas vulnerable to natural or climate occurrences;
- i.iv. Areas designated as tourism sites or areas whose natural resources are used for tourism purposes;
- i.v. Areas of indigenous and ancestral domains, or areas traditionally occupied by cultural communities;
- i.vi. Areas where local communities derive their livelihood and basic needs;
- i.vii. Areas designated as industrial towns, zones, sites, or areas with multiple development projects in operation;
- i.viii. Areas whose land is converted for housing and resettlement purposes.

- ii. **Health Sensitive Projects.** For this purpose, determination of projects as health sensitive shall be based on the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) Categories of 'Environmentally Critical Projects' pursuant to the applicable provisions of EMB Memorandum Circular No. 005 s. 2014. This is without prejudice to the subsequent updates to the guidelines that will be issued by the DENR.

- b. **Exemption**

- i. Development projects may be exempt from conducting an HIA provided that (1) the project does not fall under any of the categories stated above, and (2) total project cost shall not exceed the cost threshold that will be jointly set and adjusted for inflation by the DOH and the National Economic and Development Authority.
- ii. Development projects identified as "Exempt from the Conduct of HIA" shall submit their project's Public Health Management and Mitigation Plan (PHMMP) to the DOH for review and clearance.

Failure to submit the PHMMP shall result in the non-issuance of the 'Certificate of Exemption' to the Project Proponents.

2. Review Process (See Annex A)

- a. The HIA Review Process Methods Guide shall be issued and regularly updated by the DOH to guide Project Proponents and HIA Preparers on the HIA Review Process. Each step in the standard HIA Process shall have a counterpart activity in the HIA Review Process.

C. Minimum Standards for Data Collection and Analysis

1. Assessments shall be anchored on the Social Determinants of Health framework, synthesizing the best available evidence that are collected using appropriate and established methods. In cases where primary data are not available at the time of data collection, HIA Preparers shall make use of secondary or proxy evidence.
2. HIA Preparers shall make reasonable effort to incorporate evidence accrued from local communities through participatory means (i.e. public consultations, focus group discussions, etc.) in the analysis and synthesis of data during the development of HIA Reports.

D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1. To ensure transparency, objectivity, and integrity of HIA Review Committee, all members, representatives, and subject-matter experts of the HIA Review Committee shall declare all possible sources of conflict of interest (COI) and abide by existing DOH regulation on disclosing and managing Conflicts of Interests, without prejudice to future policy issuances on this subject matter.

E. Issuance of Health Impact Clearance Certification and Certificate of Exemption

1. The HICC or Certificate of Exemption shall be part of the Local Government Unit's requirements in issuing the development, business, and building permits necessary in commencing operations of infrastructure developments.
2. The HICC is officially issued after the submission of the Project Proponent's sworn statement of compliance to conditions and agreements specified in the HICC.
3. HICC shall be issued for development projects that have satisfied the Review Committee's evaluation and/or prescribed revisions.
4. The Certificate of Exemption shall be issued for development projects that are classified as "Exempt to Conduct HIA" and have satisfied the requirements for exemption. The Certificate of Exemption shall be signed by the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee.
5. The HICC shall be signed by the Secretary of Health with recommending approval from the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee. Upon attainment of system maturity, this authority shall be delegated to Regional

Directors in the Centers for Health Development, in signing off on the HICC for projects that are region-specific. For projects that will be implemented in multiple regions, the HICC shall still be signed by the Secretary of Health with recommending approval from the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee.

F. Monitoring

1. Project Proponents shall routinely monitor compliance with the conditions and agreement specified in the HICC, for reporting to the concerned Centers for Health Development.
2. A Multi-Sectoral Monitoring Team shall be initiated by the concerned Centers for Health Development, in partnership with the Provincial, City and/or Municipal Health Offices, to validate the self-monitoring conducted by the Project Proponents.

G. Revocation of Health Impact Clearance Certification

1. In the event of non-compliance of Project Proponents to the conditions and agreement specified in the HICC, the HICC shall be revoked.
2. A grievance redress mechanism shall be institutionalized in the CHDs. Reports and complaints on the development project shall be submitted to and addressed by the corresponding CHD.
3. The DOH and DILG shall issue appropriate advisories to the public, and recommend to the Provincial, City and/or Municipal Health Offices, LGUs, and other relevant governing bodies, actions to this effect.
4. The revocation of the HICC shall not prejudice any action that may be brought against the erring entity under other prevailing and applicable laws, rules and regulations.

H. Dissemination of HIA Findings and Policy Recommendations

1. Findings and policy recommendations from the HIA Reports shall be disseminated to appropriate governing bodies for discussion or for their appropriate action.

I. Transparency in the HIA Review Process

1. HIA Reports, HICC, and other relevant supplemental documents shall be considered public documents, and therefore shall be made available and accessible to the public through the DOH website by HPB unless otherwise provided by law.

J. Appropriation of Funds

1. All members of the HIA Review Committee shall receive an honorarium subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

K. Legal Protection

1. All official actions in relation to the HIA Review Process shall be supported by appropriate legal staff as deemed necessary.

VIII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Health Promotion Bureau shall:

1. Provide overall management and technical oversight to the HIA Review Process for development projects;
2. Lead the coordination with relevant national government agencies related to the conduct of the HIA Review Process; and
3. Select members of the HIA Review Committee from an expert pool through official nominations from the NGAs, academic institutions, and from the general public.

B. The Disease Prevention and Control Bureau shall:

1. Lead the provision of technical inputs to environmental health and clinical health-related aspects of HIA Reports submitted by Project Proponents and HIA Preparers.

C. The Centers for Health Development shall:

1. Lead the monitoring of compliance of Project Proponents with the conditions and agreements in the HICC for projects implemented in their jurisdiction;
2. Lead the HIA Review Process for region-specific projects upon attainment of system maturity; and
3. Establish a grievance redress mechanism to address reports and complaints from stakeholders on development projects

D. The Province and City-Wide Health Systems shall provide technical inputs to clinical health-related aspects of HIA Reports submitted for projects situated in their respective jurisdictions, in addition to compliance to the provisions stipulated in Annex F of the DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0037.

E. The Local Government Units shall:

1. Require the submission of an HICC or Certificate of Exemption in acquiring development, business, and building permits for projects to be implemented under their jurisdiction;
2. Coordinate with and provide assistance, when necessary, to the CHDs in monitoring compliance of Project Proponents with the conditions and agreements stipulated in the HICC; and
3. Coordinate and cooperate with CHDs and MMTs in matters pertaining to addressing reports and complaints from stakeholders on development projects

F. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall ensure compliance of LGUs with the provisions stated in this Order;

IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Order is declared invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and this Order shall be interpreted as if it did not contain the particular invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional provision.

X. PENALTY CLAUSE

Violation to any provisions of this Order shall be subject to the penalties/sanctions provided under Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Coverage Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other penalties provided by other applicable laws.

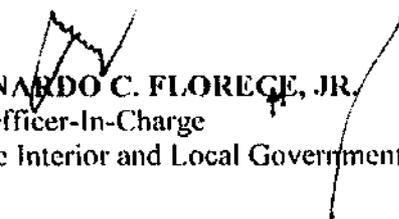
XI. TRANSITORY PROVISION

The Department of Health and DILG shall issue an advisory on the acceptance of applications for the Health Impact Clearance Certification by July 2021. Any other provisions stipulated in this Order shall fall under the regular effectivity timelines.

XII. EFFECTIVITY

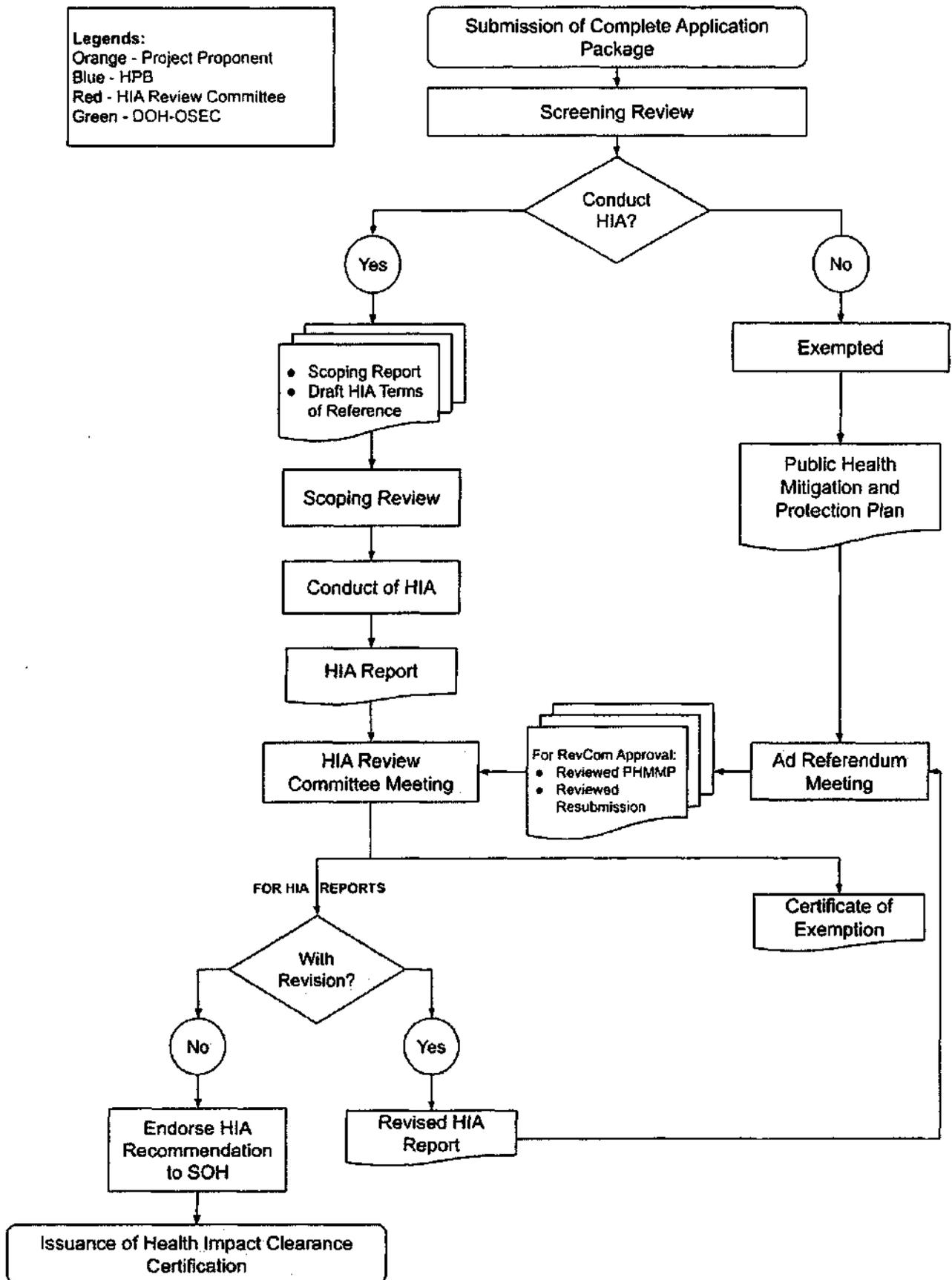
This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR) at the UP Law Center.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc
Secretary
Department of Health


USEC. BERNARDO C. FLORECE, JR.
Officer-In-Charge
Department of the Interior and Local Government



ANNEX A. The DOH Health Impact Assessment Review Flowchart





Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 24, 2021

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

No. 2021 - 0076

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES; ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF DOH-HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES; DIRECTOR OF TREATMENT REHABILITATION CENTERS; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Call for Nomination and Expression of Interest for the Health Impact Assessment Review Committee

Please be advised that the Department of Health (DOH) is now accepting nominations and applications for the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Committee starting **1 March 2021**.

Pursuant to DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 2021-0001: Guidelines on the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment Review Process for Development Projects, an HIA Review Committee (RevCom) shall be institutionalized in the Department to recommend actions to the Secretary of Health (SOH) and provide technical inputs and recommendations to Project Proponents and HIA Preparers for the issuance of a Health Impact Clearance Certification (HICC). As stipulated in this JAO, the HICC shall be required by LGUs prior to the acquisition of a development, business, or building permit and shall only be issued by SOH upon positive recommendation of the RevCom.

The duties and responsibilities of the HIA RevCom Members are as follows:

1. To attend all the HIA Review Committee meetings;
2. To act as primary reviewers of Scoping Reports, HIA Reports and PHMMP that fall under their respective expertise, as appointed by the HIA Chair and/or the HIA RevCom Secretariat;
3. To participate in the review and discussion of HIA Reports;
4. To provide decisions and/or actions for the HIA Reports under review through casting of votes;
5. To designate an alternate representative in cases where the member, due to inevitable circumstances, is unavailable to attend the scheduled meeting; and

6. To participate in Ad Referendum meetings as deemed necessary by the HIA Review Committee Secretariat; and
7. To review PHMMP endorsed by the Ad Referendum Committee for ratification.

To ensure quality of review of the HIA RevCom, core members of the committee shall be composed of experts and/or practitioners on public health, medicine, economics, sociology, and environmental health. Specialists from other relevant fields of expertise may be invited as resource persons/ independent consultants in the RevCom Meeting based on the scope and coverage of the development project. The HIA RevCom shall be composed of the Health Promotion Bureau, representatives from pertinent local health offices, national government agencies (NGA), and non-government or civil society organizations (NGO/CSO).

As such, the DOH is calling for nominations and expression of interest of experts and practitioners with the following eligibility criteria:

1. A post graduate degree in any of the following: public health, medicine, economics, sociology, and environmental health.
2. Experience and training on the conduct of HIA
3. Subject matter expert on their own fields of practice e.g., public health, medicine, social science, medicine, etc.
4. Participation in any impact assessment review committee is an advantage.

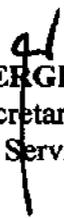
The initial engagement of the HIA RevCom members shall be three (3) years with possibility of renewal or extension.

Please submit nomination or interest on or before **31 March 2021, 5PM** through this link: <http://bit.ly/HIARevCom>. Kindly attach accomplished Personal Data Sheet and Conflict of Interest Form of the nominee in the submission.

Attached herewith is a copy of the DOH-DILG JAO No. 2021-0001, and Annex A. Declaration of Conflict of Interest Form, for reference. For questions, you may contact Ms. Alyzza Vienn M. Eclavea of the DOH Health Promotion Bureau at local 2832 or email at hia@doh.gov.ph.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


MARIA ROSARIO SINGH-VERGEIRE, MD, MPH, CESO IV
OIC - Undersecretary of Health
Public Health Services Team

Call for Nomination and Expression of Interest

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3. Subject matter expert on their own fields of practice e.g., public health, medicine, social science, medicine, etc.
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Link to Forms: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T9ZT1ovlOersam9eOAJL_11w_w-mUhmF?usp=sharing

For questions, you may contact Ms. Alyzza Vienn M. Eclavea of the DOH Health Promotion Bureau at 8651-8700 local 2832 or email at hia@doh.gov.ph.

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ANNEX A

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. CURRENT FINANCIAL INTERESTS

To the best of your knowledge, do 1) you or any of your relative within the fourth (4th) civil degree, by affinity or consanguinity, 2) organization in which you serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee and/or 3) entity with whom you are negotiating or have any arrangement concerning prospective employment have any current involvement or financial link with any policy determining activity of the office/agency/advisory body/committee:

a. INVESTMENTS (e.g. stocks, bonds, retirement plans, trust, partnerships, sector funds, etc.) NONE (if "none", skip to item b.)

ESTABLISHMENT	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	OWNER (self, spouse, etc.)	NUMBER OF SHARES	CURRENT VALUE	CHECK PERCENTAGE NET WORTH		
					LESS THAN 5%	5-15%	MORE THAN 15%

b. EMPLOYMENT (Full or Part Time) (Current or Under Negotiation) NONE (if "none", skip to item c.)

ESTABLISHMENT	RELATIONSHIP	POSITION IN FIRM	DATE EMPLOYMENT OR NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN

c. CONSULTANT/ADVISOR (Current or Under Negotiation) NONE (if "none", skip to item d.)

ESTABLISHMENT	TOPIC/ISSUE	AMOUNT RECEIVED	DATE FROM	DATE TO	RELATED TO LISTED PRODUCTS/INDICATIONS/ISSUES

d. CONTRACTS/GRANTS (Current or Under Negotiation) NONE (if "none", skip to item e.)

TYPE OF AGREEMENT (contract, grant)	PRODUCT UNDER STUDY AND INDICATIONS	AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION TO		TIME PERIOD	SPONSOR*	YOUR ROLE**	AWARDEE	RELATED TO LISTED PRODUCTS/INDICATIONS/ISSUES
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* Government, Establishment, Institution, Individual

** Site Investigator, Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, Employee, Partner, No Involvement, or Other

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1. CURRENT FINANCIAL INTERESTS (Continued)

e. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (PATENTS/ROYALTIES/TRADEMARKS)

NONE (if "none", skip to Item f.)

FOR	ESTABLISHMENT	RELATED TO LISTED PRODUCTS/ INDICATIONS/ ISSUES	IF "YES", EXPLAIN BELOW AND INDICATE INCOME RECEIVED
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f. EXPERT WITNESS (Last 12 Months or under negotiation)

NONE (if "none", skip to Item g.)

I appeared for or against the following listed establishment(s) and issue(s)

FIRM AND ISSUE	AMOUNT RECEIVED	RELATED TO LISTED PRODUCTS/ INDICATIONS/ ISSUES	IF "YES", EXPLAIN BELOW
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g. SPEAKING/WRITING (Last 12 Months or under negotiation)

NONE (if "none", skip to Item g.)

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2. PAST FINANCIAL INTERESTS

a. To the best of your knowledge, do 1) you or any of your relative within the fourth (4th) civil degree, by affinity or consanguinity, 2) organization in which you serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee have any past involvement with any policy determining activity of the office/agency/advisory body/committee:

YES NO NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

b. If "Yes," describe involvement.

FIRM/PRODUCT	FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT (e.g. contract/consultant)	ROLE	DATES	RELATED TO LISTED PRODUCTS/ INDICATIONS/ ISSUES
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3. OTHER INVOLVEMENTS (Other Kinds of Relationships) NONE (if "none", skip to Item 4.)

Using the list of products/firms/issues, identify anything that would give an "appearance" of a conflict which has not been disclosed above (e.g. involvement in a lawsuit, researcher initiated study, gift of research materials, etc.).

4. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, _____ designated as _____ of the _____
(First Name, MI, Family Name) (Petitioner/Designation, when applicable) (Name of Agency, Office, Bureau, Service, Hospital, or Unit)

do hereby declare on my honor that the above information is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. If there are any changes, I will promptly notify you. This includes any change that occurs before or during the meeting or work itself and through the period up to the publication of the final results or completion of the activity concerned.

My response contains _____ pages.

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

DATE

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

The primary use of this information is for review of the Public Health Ethics Committee (PHEC) to determine compliance with applicable conflict of interest with laws and regulations.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2021 - 0010

TO : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, REGIONAL OFFICES AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 2021-0001 entitled "Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects"

Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of the DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 2021-0001 entitled "Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects" dated January 23, 2021.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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LILIBETH C. DAVID, MD, MPH, MPM, CESO I
Undersecretary of Health
Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development Team



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

JAN 23 2021

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2021 - 0001

Subject: Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review Process for Development Projects

I. RATIONALE

Best available evidence has consistently validated that health is largely determined by the context and circumstances people live, study, and work in. The social determinants of health as such play a crucial role in creating healthy communities and society, highlighting the need for improving the consideration of health across critical decision-making activities. In line with this, Section 33 of the Universal Health Care Act (Republic Act No. 11223), leverages Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to systematically identify and address the inherent or unintended risks of development initiatives that are crucial in attaining better health outcomes, or may have an impact on the health sector.

In pursuit of ensuring safe and healthy developments, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall jointly issue these guidelines that will oversee the implementation of the HIA Review Process - for compliance of Project Proponents in order to secure a Health Impact Clearance Certification, which shall be a requirement for local government permits before developments can commence.

II. GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Precautionary Principle - To guide public health decisions under uncertainty, or in cases where evidence is incomplete or speculative, the DOH shall take precautionary measures to ensure the protection of the public's right to health. In this regard, the HIA Review Committee shall decide in favor of public safety and wellbeing when evaluating HIA Reports.

III. OBJECTIVES

This Order aims to provide a general framework and guidance on the operationalization of the Health Impact Assessment Review for development projects as well as define the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders involved pursuant to the UHC Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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IV. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Order shall apply to all offices and attached agencies of the DOH and DILG, Centers for Health Development (CHDs), Local Government Units, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) subject to the applicable provisions of RA No. 11054 or the "Bangsamoro Organic Act" and subsequent rules and policies issued by the Bangsamoro government, involved in the implementation of the HIA Review Process of development projects initiated either by the public or private proponents.

Further, all Project Proponents and designated HIA Preparers shall adhere to the guidelines set forth by this Order in complying with the HIA Review Process promulgated by the DOH.

V. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. **Development Projects** refer to all proposed and existing physical or infrastructure undertakings, initiated by either public or private proponents to achieve any specific development or economic objective
- B. **Health Impact Assessment** refers to a means of assessing the health impacts of policies, programs, and projects in diverse economic sectors before, during, and after implementation
- C. **Health Impact Clearance Certification** refers to official document issued by the Department of Health upon positive recommendation of the HIA Review Committee, as verification that the development project has complied and satisfied the HIA requirement provided for in the UHC Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- D. **Health Sensitive Projects** refer to projects whose raw materials, by products, intermediate products, finished products, and other components and processes during construction, operation, and decommissioning phases have potential to pose significant health risks to workers and potentially affected communities
- E. **HIA Methods Guide** refers to a document that aims to provide guidance to all those involved in conducting a Health Impact Assessment
- F. **HIA Preparer** refers to a multidisciplinary team commissioned by the Project Proponents to conduct the HIA and submit an HIA Report
- G. **HIA Process** refers to the standard steps in conducting Health Impact Assessment as promulgated by the World Health Organization, which include at the minimum: screening, scoping, appraisal, review and recommendations, and monitoring and evaluation
- H. **HIA Review Process** refers to the DOH's procedural framework for the management and technical review of the HIA reports submitted by Project Proponents
- I. **HIA Terms of Reference (HIA TOR)** refers to the scope and boundaries of the required HIA Report, based on the outputs of the community and technical scoping activities, and duly agreed by the parties involved during the Scoping Review Meeting. The HIA TOR specifies the data requirements and suggested methodologies, and serves as a basis for subsequent data collection and analyses that is essential in the development of the HIA Reports
- J. **Multi-Sectoral Monitoring Team** refers to a group constituted by the CHDs tasked to validate the self-monitoring conducted by the Project Proponents
- K. **Potentially Affected Communities** refer to groups who are on the receiving end of the intended and unintended effects of the development initiatives, and whose lives will be affected by the development initiative being assessed

- L. **Projects in Health Sensitive Areas** refer to projects located in areas delineated as critical for health, such that significant health impacts can be expected and vulnerable populations adversely affected due to implementation of certain types of projects, or to any sudden changes to the natural and community resources in which livelihood and health are also closely dependent
- M. **Project Proponent** refers to any public or private entities initiating new development projects or proposing expansions in existing development infrastructures
- N. **Public Health Mitigation and Management Plans** refer to a set of actions necessary to routine operations that seeks to prevent or limit negative public health impacts and losses associated with the risks involved in the implementation of development initiatives
- O. **Social Determinants of Health** refers to the conceptual framework which identifies the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes

VI. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The HIA Review Process shall be managed by the Health Promotion Bureau. The review of all submitted HIA Reports shall be led by the HIA Review Committee.
- B. All developments projects located in health sensitive areas, and/or health sensitive projects shall conduct HIA and submit it to the DOH for review and clearance.
- C. The conduct of HIA shall adhere to the HIA Methods Guide issued by the DOH.
- D. Members of the HIA Review Committee shall declare their Conflicts of Interest and abide by the COI Management Requirements detailed in existing DOH regulations.
- E. Health Impact Clearance certification shall be issued by the DOH upon positive recommendation by the HIA Review Committee. No further actions or decisions shall be carried out by the Health Promotion Bureau without the recommending approval or resolution of the HIA Review Committee.
- F. Non-compliance with agreements and conditions shall result in the revocation of the Health Impact Clearance Certification (HICC).

VII. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. Governance Structure

1. The **Health Promotion Bureau** shall manage the HIA Review Process, and exercise technical oversight on other related operations in support of implementing the UHC mandates on HIA.
2. **HIA Review Committee** shall be convened to provide technical guidance to Project Proponents and HIA Preparers, and recommend actions to the DOH.
 - a. **Composition** - The HIA Review Committee shall be composed of experts on public health, medicine, economics, sociologist, and environmental health at the minimum. Participation of specialists from other relevant fields of expertise in the HIA Review Committee, representatives from pertinent Centers for Health Development and local health offices, national government agencies (NGA), non-government or civil society organizations (NGO/CSO), and local People's Organizations shall be contingent on the agreed scope of assessment for the development project.
 - b. **Selection** - Participating members of the HIA Review Committee shall be systematically selected from an expert pool through official nominations from the NGAs, academic institutions, and from the general public.

3. **HIA Preparers** shall be commissioned and remunerated by the Project Proponents for the preparation of the Report for submission to the DOH. The composition of the HIA Preparers shall be a multidisciplinary team contingent on the agreed scope of assessment for the development project.
4. **Project Proponents** shall, as required by law, secure necessary permits or clearances from concerned agencies with regard to implementation. The Project Proponent shall commission the conduct of HIA in compliance with these guidelines, and bear any incidental costs that may arise due to unforeseen health events connected to project operations.

B. HIA Review Process

1. Criteria for HIA

- a. **Coverage** - Requirement for development projects to conduct HIA for submission to the DOH, shall be based on the following:

- i. **Projects in Health Sensitive Areas.** For this purpose, Health Sensitive Areas shall be further categorized as:

- i.i. Disease-endemic areas or emerging hotspots for vector-borne diseases;
 - i.ii. Areas with limited local health care system;
 - i.iii. Areas vulnerable to natural or climate occurrences;
 - i.iv. Areas designated as tourism sites or areas whose natural resources are used for tourism purposes;
 - i.v. Areas of indigenous and ancestral domains, or areas traditionally occupied by cultural communities;
 - i.vi. Areas where local communities derive their livelihood and basic needs;
 - i.vii. Areas designated as industrial towns, zones, sites, or areas with multiple development projects in operation;
 - i.viii. Areas whose land is converted for housing and resettlement purposes.

- ii. **Health Sensitive Projects.** For this purpose, determination of projects as health sensitive shall be based on the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) Categories of 'Environmentally Critical Projects' pursuant to the applicable provisions of EMB Memorandum Circular No. 005 s. 2014. This is without prejudice to the subsequent updates to the guidelines that will be issued by the DENR.

- b. **Exemption**

- i. Development projects may be exempt from conducting an HIA provided that (1) the project does not fall under any of the categories stated above, and (2) total project cost shall not exceed the cost threshold that will be jointly set and adjusted for inflation by the DOH and the National Economic and Development Authority.
 - ii. Development projects identified as "Exempt from the Conduct of HIA" shall submit their project's Public Health Management and Mitigation Plan (PHMMP) to the DOH for review and clearance.

Failure to submit the PHMMP shall result in the non-issuance of the 'Certificate of Exemption' to the Project Proponents.

2. Review Process (See Annex A)

- a. The HIA Review Process Methods Guide shall be issued and regularly updated by the DOH to guide Project Proponents and HIA Preparers on the HIA Review Process. Each step in the standard HIA Process shall have a counterpart activity in the HIA Review Process.

C. Minimum Standards for Data Collection and Analysis

1. Assessments shall be anchored on the Social Determinants of Health framework, synthesizing the best available evidence that are collected using appropriate and established methods. In cases where primary data are not available at the time of data collection, HIA Preparers shall make use of secondary or proxy evidence.
2. HIA Preparers shall make reasonable effort to incorporate evidence accrued from local communities through participatory means (i.e. public consultations, focus group discussions, etc.) in the analysis and synthesis of data during the development of HIA Reports.

D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1. To ensure transparency, objectivity, and integrity of HIA Review Committee, all members, representatives, and subject-matter experts of the HIA Review Committee shall declare all possible sources of conflict of interest (COI) and abide by existing DOH regulation on disclosing and managing Conflicts of Interests, without prejudice to future policy issuances on this subject matter.

E. Issuance of Health Impact Clearance Certification and Certificate of Exemption

1. The HICC or Certificate of Exemption shall be part of the Local Government Unit's requirements in issuing the development, business, and building permits necessary in commencing operations of infrastructure developments.
2. The HICC is officially issued after the submission of the Project Proponent's sworn statement of compliance to conditions and agreements specified in the HICC.
3. HICC shall be issued for development projects that have satisfied the Review Committee's evaluation and/or prescribed revisions.
4. The Certificate of Exemption shall be issued for development projects that are classified as "Exempt to Conduct HIA" and have satisfied the requirements for exemption. The Certificate of Exemption shall be signed by the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee.
5. The HICC shall be signed by the Secretary of Health with recommending approval from the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee. Upon attainment of system maturity, this authority shall be delegated to Regional

Directors in the Centers for Health Development, in signing off on the HICC for projects that are region-specific. For projects that will be implemented in multiple regions, the HICC shall still be signed by the Secretary of Health with recommending approval from the Chairperson of the HIA Review Committee.

F. Monitoring

1. Project Proponents shall routinely monitor compliance with the conditions and agreement specified in the HICC, for reporting to the concerned Centers for Health Development.
2. A Multi-Sectoral Monitoring Team shall be initiated by the concerned Centers for Health Development, in partnership with the Provincial, City and/or Municipal Health Offices, to validate the self-monitoring conducted by the Project Proponents.

G. Revocation of Health Impact Clearance Certification

1. In the event of non-compliance of Project Proponents to the conditions and agreement specified in the HICC, the HICC shall be revoked.
2. A grievance redress mechanism shall be institutionalized in the CHDs. Reports and complaints on the development project shall be submitted to and addressed by the corresponding CHD.
3. The DOH and DILG shall issue appropriate advisories to the public, and recommend to the Provincial, City and/or Municipal Health Offices, LGUs, and other relevant governing bodies, actions to this effect.
4. The revocation of the HICC shall not prejudice any action that may be brought against the erring entity under other prevailing and applicable laws, rules and regulations.

H. Dissemination of HIA Findings and Policy Recommendations

1. Findings and policy recommendations from the HIA Reports shall be disseminated to appropriate governing bodies for discussion or for their appropriate action.

I. Transparency in the HIA Review Process

1. HIA Reports, HICC, and other relevant supplemental documents shall be considered public documents, and therefore shall be made available and accessible to the public through the DOH website by HPB unless otherwise provided by law.

J. Appropriation of Funds

1. All members of the HIA Review Committee shall receive an honorarium subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

K. Legal Protection

1. All official actions in relation to the HIA Review Process shall be supported by appropriate legal staff as deemed necessary.

VIII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Health Promotion Bureau shall:

1. Provide overall management and technical oversight to the HIA Review Process for development projects;
2. Lead the coordination with relevant national government agencies related to the conduct of the HIA Review Process; and
3. Select members of the HIA Review Committee from an expert pool through official nominations from the NGAs, academic institutions, and from the general public.

B. The Disease Prevention and Control Bureau shall:

1. Lead the provision of technical inputs to environmental health and clinical health-related aspects of HIA Reports submitted by Project Proponents and HIA Preparers.

C. The Centers for Health Development shall:

1. Lead the monitoring of compliance of Project Proponents with the conditions and agreements in the HICC for projects implemented in their jurisdiction;
2. Lead the HIA Review Process for region-specific projects upon attainment of system maturity; and
3. Establish a grievance redress mechanism to address reports and complaints from stakeholders on development projects

D. The Province and City-Wide Health Systems shall provide technical inputs to clinical health-related aspects of HIA Reports submitted for projects situated in their respective jurisdictions, in addition to compliance to the provisions stipulated in Annex F of the DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0037.

E. The Local Government Units shall:

1. Require the submission of an HICC or Certificate of Exemption in acquiring development, business, and building permits for projects to be implemented under their jurisdiction;
2. Coordinate with and provide assistance, when necessary, to the CHDs in monitoring compliance of Project Proponents with the conditions and agreements stipulated in the HICC; and
3. Coordinate and cooperate with CHDs and MMTs in matters pertaining to addressing reports and complaints from stakeholders on development projects

F. The Department of Interior and Local Government shall ensure compliance of LGUs with the provisions stated in this Order;

IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Order is declared invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, and this Order shall be interpreted as if it did not contain the particular invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional provision.

X. PENALTY CLAUSE

Violation to any provisions of this Order shall be subject to the penalties/sanctions provided under Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Coverage Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other penalties provided by other applicable laws.

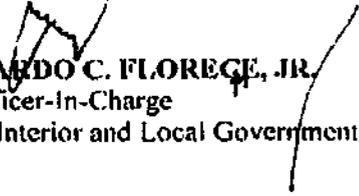
XI. TRANSITORY PROVISION

The Department of Health and DILG shall issue an advisory on the acceptance of applications for the Health Impact Clearance Certification by July 2021. Any other provisions stipulated in this Order shall fall under the regular effectivity timelines.

XII. EFFECTIVITY

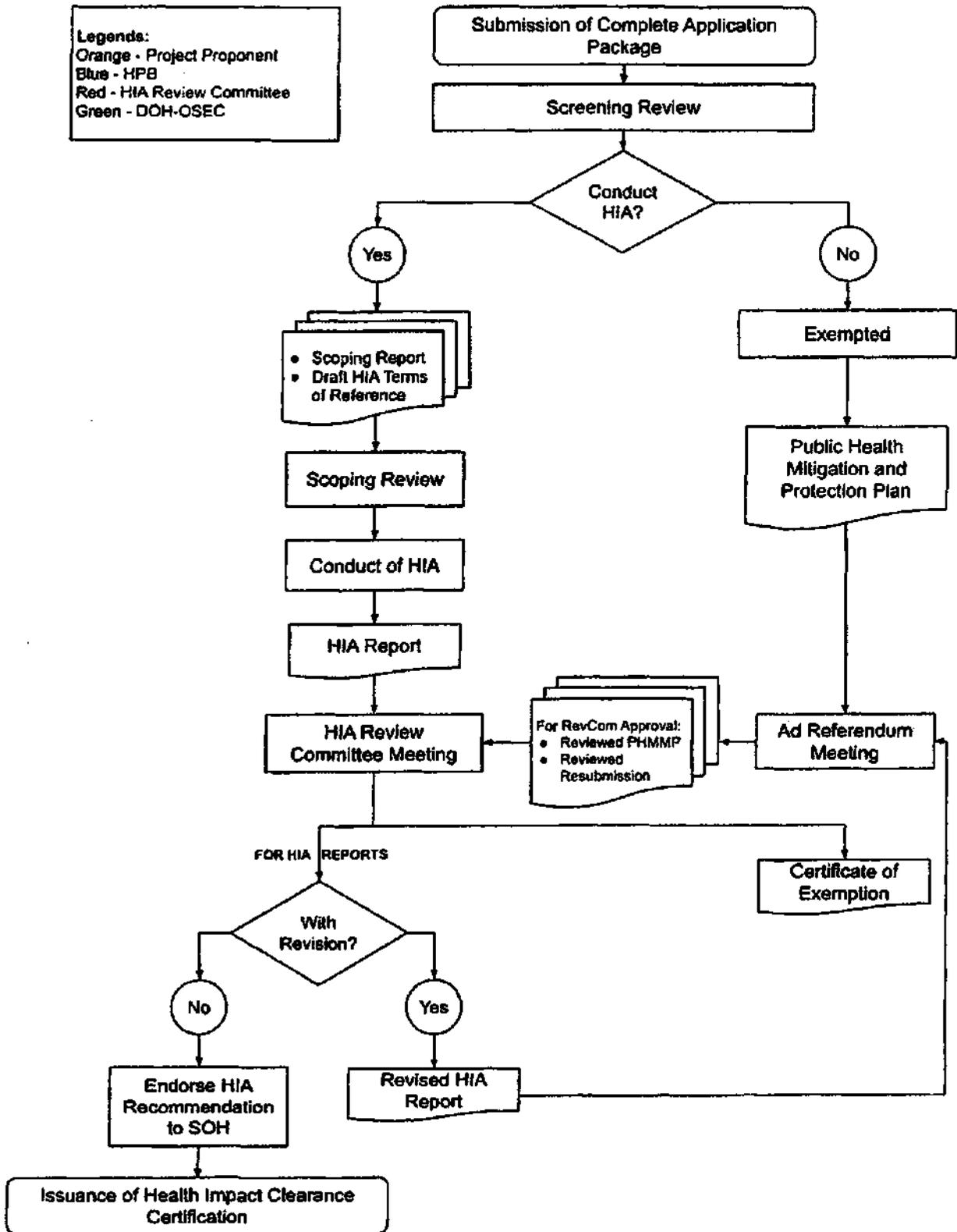
This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR) at the UP Law Center.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, MD, MSc
Secretary
Department of Health


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ANNEX A. The DOH Health Impact Assessment Review Flowchart





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April 28, 2021

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

No. 2021 - 0076-A

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES; ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, DOH-CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF DOH-HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES: DIRECTOR OF TREATMENT REHABILITATION CENTERS; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

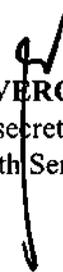
SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for the Call for Nomination and Expression of Interest for the Health Impact Assessment Review Committee

Deadline of submission for the call for nomination and expression of interest for the Health Impact Assessment Review Committee is extended until **15 May 2021**. You may submit nominations or interest through this link: <http://bit.ly/HIARevCom>.

Department Circular No. 2021-0076 entitled "Call for Nomination and Expression of Interest for the Health Impact Assessment Review Committee" is hereby amended. All other provisions of Department Circular No. 2021-0076 not affected by this amendment still stand in effect.

Dissemination of the information to all is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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Public Health Services Team