

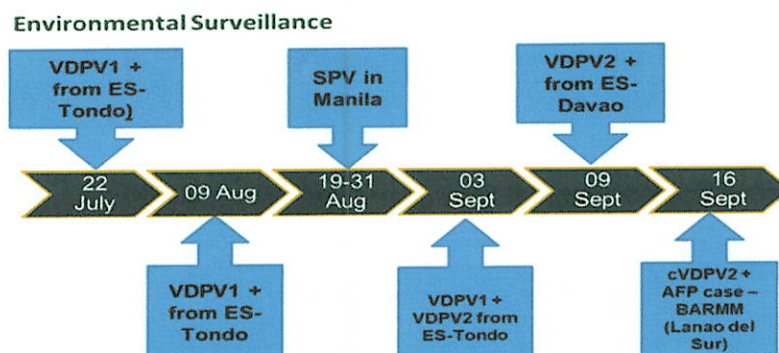


**RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER THROUGH
THE INTERIM MINISTER OF HEALTH TO DECLARE THE BARMM UNDER A
STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO POLIO OUTBREAK**

RATIONALE

The Secretary of Health, Francisco Duque III, MD, MSc, declared a national Polio outbreak last September 19, 2019 following confirmed cases, and as a response thereof, a massive nationwide Polio vaccination campaign was launched and intensively pursued up to the present.

The Philippines was declared Polio-free in the year 2000 until 19 years after on September 18, 2019 when one Polio case (cVDPV2+ AFP) was confirmed in a 3-year old girl in Lanao del Sur. Prior to this, there were already several detected environmental samples in Metro Manila and Davao City since July 22 this year. A single Polio case is considered by the Department of Health as an Outbreak based on the World Health Organization standard. What is quite heartening is the most recent detection of two (2) cases in Lambayong and Datu Piang municipalities of the Maguindanao Province under the BARMM areas. The DOH Surveillance Report provided the diagram below showing the occurrence of Polio cases.



Poliomyelitis or in short Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by Poliovirus. Children below 5 years old are most vulnerable to this disease. Although the recent Polio cases are considered vaccine-derived, the effects are similar to those occurring from the wild. This highly infectious disease can cause paralysis, difficulty in breathing and even death. One primary syndrome of this disease is Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) which is defined as acute onset of weakness or paralysis with reduced muscle tone in children less than 15 years old.

The bad news is- there is no cure for Polio. The good news is- it is highly preventable through vaccination. The BARMM has been central to the Polio disease outbreak due to the highest number of cases occurring therein apparently indicating a state of health calamity.



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RESOLUTION NO. 150

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RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONORABLE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER TO DECLARE THE BARMM UNDER A STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO POLIO OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, Poliomyelitis or in short Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by Poliovirus wherein children below 5 years old are most vulnerable or at high risk of infection;

WHEREAS, the Polio virus whether vaccine-derived (VDPV) or from the wild can result to the disease that can cause paralysis, difficulty in breathing and death;

WHEREAS, 19 years after the Philippines was declared Polio-free in the year 2000, one Polio case (cVDPV2+ AFP) was confirmed in a 3-year old girl in Lanao del Sur last September 18, 2019 and prior to this, there were already several environmental samples that became positive for Polio virus in Metro Manila and Davao City;

WHEREAS, a single human Polio case is considered by the Department of Health as an Outbreak based on the World Health Organization standard prompting the Secretary of Health to declare a national Polio outbreak last September 19, 2019 following the confirmed cases occurring in the country;

WHEREAS, just very recently in October this year, two (2) more cases of Polio were confirmed in Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat and Datu Piang, Maguindanao Province under the BARMM;

WHEREAS, the national Health authorities including the World Health Organization pronounced that there is no cure for Poliomyelitis or Polio but it is highly preventable through vaccination;

WHEREAS, Section 22, Article IX of Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.”, provides that, to quote:

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The Bangsamoro Government shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. It shall also uphold the people’s right to have access to essential goods, health, and other social services that promote their well-being. The Parliament shall enact appropriate legislation towards this end, including the regulation of the manufacture and distribution of food, drinks, drugs, and tobacco in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations of the concerned national government agencies. The Bangsamoro Government shall assist and cooperate with the National Government in the provision of quarantine services for the prevention and control of epidemic and other communicable diseases.

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WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health will be conducting the “Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio” vaccination in the entire BARMM on November 25 – December 07, 2019 and January 06 -19, 2020;

WHEREAS, the support of the Local Government units will be a big help for the conduct of this campaign as proven by the success of the initial vaccination in Lanao del Sur and Marawi City;

WHEREAS, the declaration of a State of Calamity will provide the local governments the authority to utilize their respective calamity fund to support the Polio vaccination campaign;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE HONORABLE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER TO DECLARE THE BARMM UNDER A STATE OF CALAMITY DUE TO POLIO OUTBREAK AND CALL UPON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRONGLY SUPPORT AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF POLIOMYELITIS OR POLIO PARTICULARLY IN THE BARMM AREAS.

Adopted.


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