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Annex M-3.1

Sabangan Municipal Code for Children

**ORDINANCE APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SABANGAN,
MOUNTAIN PROVINCE IN ITS MEETING HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON 02
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04
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**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE MUNICIPAL CHILDREN'S CODE OF
SABANGAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE.**

BASIC PRINCIPLES

**ARTICLE I
POLICY AND APPLICATION**

Sec. 1. TITLE:

This ordinance shall be known as “**An Ordinance providing for Child Survival, Development, Protection and Participation and Establishing a Comprehensive Support System in the Municipality of Sabangan, Mountain Province and for Other Purposes, otherwise known at the “Municipal Children’s Code of Sabangan, Mountain Province”.**”

Sec. 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES.

It is hereby declared that Sabangan is a Child Friendly Municipality. As such, it is the policy of the Municipal Government that the rights of child for survival, protection, participation and development must be given priority.

Sec. 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION.

This Code shall apply to entire municipality of Sabangan, Mountain Province.

Sec. 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a) **Child** refers to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition;
- b) **Survival Rights** deal with the provision in relation to parental and governmental duties and liabilities, adequate living standards and access to basic health services, nutritional services and social security.
- c) **Development Rights** pertains to the access of the child to educational opportunities, rest and leisure, right to enjoy one's culture and religion, privacy and a right to a name and nationality.
- d) **Protection Rights** encompass those rights of the child to be protected and guarded against abuse and neglect, commercial exploitation, discrimination and to be safe from emergency or especially difficult circumstances and to be provided with adequate judicial processes.
- e) **Participation Rights** include the child's freedom of expression and association as part of the child's rights in preparation for responsible parenthood and citizenship.
- f) Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of the children which include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities;
 - 2. Working under conditions hazardous to health, safety and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development or working without provision for their education;
 - 3. Living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is underdeveloped and/or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
 - 4. Being with family members or guardians having psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, sibling rape, acts of lasciviousness and other forms of physical and mental abuse;
 - 5. Being a victim of man-made or natural disaster or calamity;
 - 6. Being a victim of an illegal transnational organization or child trafficking;
 - 7. Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development

g) Anti-social related activities are those acts against poverty, chastity and person which include but not limited to the following:

1. Petty crimes such as theft and vagrancy;
2. Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials;
3. Gambling of any form;
4. Rape and incest;
5. Any other circumstances as defined in existing laws.

h) Culturally Relevant activities refer to activities show-casing Filipino culture such as but not limited to the following:

1. Ethnic/Folk Dances
2. Ethnic/Folk Music
3. Ethnic/Folk Drama
4. Others

i) Pre-school education refers to the age from birth up to six years of age (0-6) and known to be the critical phase of the child's psychomotor development. It is the phase when ninety percents (90%) of the human brain is developed. It is therefore the phase when activities for the developmental stimulation for children must be provided, the Early Childhood Care and Development Program.

ARTICLE II SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Sec. 5. UNDER FIVE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK.

The Municipal Government shall ensure to the maximum extent possible survival and development of the child. The Early Childhood Care and Development Program coupled with Parents Effectiveness service Program on child survival and development shall include the following, among others:

5.1. DAY CARE SERVICE PROGRAM.

There is hereby established a Day Care Center in every Barangay which shall serve children 3 to 5 years old up to six (6) with consent of parents. The program shall include the following:

- a) Growth and nutritional monitoring

- b) Materials and networks of surrogate mothers-care givers who will provide intellectual and mental stimulation to children.
- c) A center for neglected children during part of the day.
- d) A support system and network of assistance from the members of the Barangay for the total development and protection of children.

The Day Care Service Program shall be implemented by the barangay. It may call upon private volunteers who are responsible members of the community to assist in the care of children and provide referral service for medical, educational and other needs of the children.

Fund for the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Barangay Day Care Centers shall be sourced from the Annual Budget of the Barangay. The Municipality of Sabangan shall provide financial assistance for the establishment of every Barangay Day Care Centers of the different Barangays

A monthly allowance of not less than P1, 000 shall be paid to every Day Care Worker in accredited Day Care Centers fund of which shall be sourced out from the Barangay Budget.

Augmentation funds for the monthly allowance of Day Care Workers shall come from various sources such as the Municipal Government and parents of day care pupils.

Sec. 6. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK:

The Municipal Government shall coordinate with/or assist the barangays to implement and sustain the Primary Health Care Program to primarily cater to children. To further ensure the implementation of this Section, it shall appropriate measures to support the program on health under the framework of primary health and preventive care.

6.1. SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAM.

The Municipal Government shall continue to implement and support its SAFE MOTHERHOOD Program which shall cater to the health of mother and the unborn child.

a. Micronutrient Supplementation

The Municipal Government through the municipal health office shall ensure that all pregnant women will receive adequate iron and Vitamin A supplementation on the duration of their pregnancy.

b. Tetanus Toxoid Immunization

The Municipal Government through the Municipal Health Office shall conduct activities promoting tetanus toxoid immunization of pregnant mothers. Furthermore the municipal government shall appropriate funds to ensure adequate supply of tetanus toxoid.

c. Family Planning

The Municipal Government through its Municipal Health Office shall make available to couples, accepted and modern family planning services. The use of family planning methods shall not be mandatory. The rule of couple's choice shall prevail as to the specific method to be used.

The Municipal Government shall conduct trainings and functional literacy classes for women and men which shall be focused on the well-being of women in general.

As front liners in the implementation of the safe motherhood program, the Municipal Health workers as well as the Barangay Health workers shall be trained on essential obstetrics, home-based monitoring of mothers and infants and hygienic deliveries.

6.2. BREASTFEEDING PROGRAM.

The Municipal Government along with the Barangay Governments shall promote exclusive breastfeeding for at least the first six (6) months of the child's life and to continue as long as the mother is able to provide breast milk which could be up to more than two years.

The Municipal Government through the Municipal Health Office shall also promote breastfeeding to mothers and further endeavor to advocate indigenous breastfeeding practices like the "**Lang-ay**", a practice wherein the baby is breastfed by another suckling mother in the meantime that the new mother could not express milk or in the absence of the new mother. This will ensure continuous breast milk for the baby.

There shall be continuing information; education and re-education drive to be spearheaded by the Municipal Health Office with the assistance of other government agencies, professional and non governmental organizations which can be done during pre-natal and post-natal visits, bench conferences, functional literacy classes and other appropriate meetings.

6.3. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Municipal Government of Sabangan through its Municipal Health Office shall implement programs promoting early childhood care and development.

a) Expanded Program on Immunization

The Municipal Government of Sabangan shall adopt measures to ensure that all infants shall have been fully immunized against tuberculosis (BCG), diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus (DPT), poliomyelitis(OPV), measles(AMV) and hepatitis B(HBV) by the time they are on (1) year old. The Municipal Health Office through the barangay health workers shall conduct information drives on EPI.

b) Nutrition

The Municipal Government of Sabangan and Barangay Government shall establish and sustain a growth and nutrition program. The Municipal Health Office shall continue to implement programs on nutrition such as the OPLAN TIMBANG/OPT (weighing of children below 6 years old) and Vitamin A supplementation, iron supplementation and deworming of children below 6 years old (GARANTISADONG PAMBATA / GP).

The Municipal and Barangay Governments along with other government agencies and non-government organizations shall endeavor to promote complimentary feeding for infants and to conduct continuous information and education campaigns on proper nutrition.

The Municipal Government shall also allocate funds for the celebration of Nutrition Month (July) and other initiatives for the promotion of proper nutrition

c. Dental Health

The Municipal Government through its Municipal Health Office shall conduct activities promoting the general dental health of children. Along with the Department of Education and MSWO and non-governmental organizations, shall conduct continuing information and education campaigns on dental health. The Municipal Government shall allocate funds needed for such activities.

d. Provision for the strict implementation of ASIN LAW

The Municipal Government through the Municipal Health Office shall ensure the strict implementation of R.A. 8172 also known as “An Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide” and implementation of the Local Ordinance on Iodized Salt. The Municipal Government shall allocate funds needed for the purchase of iodized salt and for posting billboards promoting the use of iodized salt.

The Municipal Government upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Office shall revoke/suspend business permits of establishments selling non-iodized salt.

The Barangay Government shall assist other sectors in the campaign of iodized salt and shall pass resolutions on the use of iodized salt

The Municipal Health Office shall conduct information and education campaigns on iodized salt in coordination with other government agencies and non-governmental organizations. Through the Barangay Health Workers, it shall continuously conduct salt testing in households. The RSI shall conduct regular salt testing in stores.

6.4 HEALTH FINANCING PROGRAM (PESO FOR HEALTH PROGRAM & PhilHealth Indigency Program).

The Municipal Government through its Municipal Health Office shall ensure the accessibility, affordability and availability of quality health services for the people. The same shall endeavor to make the Rural Health Unit, Philhealth Accredited and finally be certified Sentrong Sigla. This will ensure the quality of health services.

The Municipal Government shall continue allocating funds for the enrollment of indigent families under PhilHealth. The Municipal Health Office shall endeavor to improve its existing PESO FOR HEALTH FINANCING SCHEME.

The Municipal Government shall endeavor to provide all Barangays a Barangay Health Center where adequate health services will be served.

The Municipal Government shall continue to support the PhilHealth Indigency Program and shall endeavor to increase enrollees until universal coverage is achieved.

6.5 SANITATION

The Municipal Government through its Municipal Health Office shall oversee the strict implementation of the Philippine Sanitation code.

The Barangay Government must see to it that all households in their Barangay have sanitary toilets and that public toilets shall have the same water-sealed bowls. Barangay Health Workers must report households not using sanitary toilets to the Rural Sanitary Inspector.

The Barangay Government must ensure safe and potable water for public consumption. The Municipal Health Office shall conduct periodic water testing in every Barangay.

The Municipal Government along with the Barangay Government shall enact Ordinances regarding proper solid waste management and shall implement strict implementation of waste segregation in every household. The same shall enact Ordinances prohibiting and penalizing disposal of garbage in our rivers, canals and other inappropriate places.

The Municipal Government shall continue with the “Clean and Green Day” scheduled every last Friday of the month.

6.6 PROVISION FOR STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-RABIES ORDINANCE:

The Municipal Government along with the barangay government shall ensure the strict implementation of the Anti-rabies Ordinance. Our children should be protected against this deadly disease, which is acquired primarily through dog bites. The same shall allocate funds for the purchase of anti-rabies vaccines. The Barangay Governments shall endeavor to pass a similar ordinance against rabies.

Sec. 7. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN:

The Municipal Government, in its effort to establish a community based strategy for the protection of children, shall endeavor to institutionalize the foster homes for the children with the technical assistance and supervision of the Department of Social welfare and Development.

Sec. 8. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEM:

There shall be established a comprehensive community support system for the survival and development, protection, security and participation of children in Sabangan, Mountain Province. The community support system

and structure shall be the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children, the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children, among others.

8.1. THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, ITS COMPOSITION/MEMBERSHIP:

The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children shall be composed of the following:

1. Chairman - Municipal Mayor
2. Vice Chairman - SB Committee Chairman on Social services
3. Secretariat - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
4. Members - Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
Municipal Health Officer
Municipal Agriculturist
Municipal Social Welfare Officer
School Principal and or/ District Supervisor
Three (3) NGO/PO representatives
Municipal SK Federation President
Member of the Local Finance committee
Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
Philippine National Police representative

8.2. POWERS, FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN:

1. Formulate municipal plan of action for children
2. Submit quarterly status reports on the plan implementation to the Provincial Council for the Welfare of the Children
3. Recommend child-friendly ordinances and advocate the same.
4. Prepare projects/programs for funding.
5. Monitor the implementation of the Municipal Plan for Children and the Child Friendly Ordinance enacted.

8.3. THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, ITS COMPOSITION, MEMBERS:

- Chairperson: Punong Barangay
Member: Barangay Kagawad
Barangay Nutrition Scholar
Day Care Worker
Health Nurse/Midwife in the Barangay

DepED Principal/Teacher- in –charge
Chief Barangay Tanod
SK Chairperson
Child representative
PTCA representative
NGO/PO representative

8.4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN:

The following shall be the functions of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children in every barangay:

Functions:

1. Plan, promote and institutionalize child friendly policies, programs and projects.
2. Responds immediately to issues and concerns affecting children.
3. Optimize and mobilize local resources.
4. Train, educate and mobilize community leaders and families.
5. Empower and assist in organizing the children sector in the community.
6. Coordinate local initiatives for children including linkages and networking with other agencies and institutions.
7. Test and replicate model programs to protect children.
8. Systematize development management including the establishment and maintenance of database for children.

8.5 BARANGAY APPROPRIATION FOR BCPC:

Each barangay shall appropriate funds from its annual and/or supplemental budgets to support the administrative and operational needs of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children.

Sec.9.CHILD FRIENDLY BUILDINGS:

In the approval of the proposed buildings in Sabangan, the Office of the Municipal Engineer (authority in building permits) shall ensure the inclusion of child friendly facilities therein. To avoid any accidents, the proposed buildings must observe the following specifications;

9.1 Balusters in staircases must be placed in a manner that their distance from each other would not exceed six (6) inches to avoid children from accidentally falling through.

9.2 In case of buildings having more than one story, railings or balusters acting as horizontal or vertical barriers must be likewise be spaced in a manner that their distance from each other must not exceed six (6) inches and said railings or balusters must have a height of not less than (5) feet.

9.3. Lavatories, urinals, etc. exclusively for children’s use must be installed in the proposed plans of government & commercial buildings to accommodate the personal necessities of children entering the said buildings.

Sec.10. PROVISION FOR THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.51.

To ensure that safe and adequate nutrition for all infants in Sabangan is provided, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 51 entitled **“ADOPTING A NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES, BREASTMILK SUPPLEMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, PENALIZING VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER ADOPTATION OF THE NATIONAL CODE PURPOSES”** be strictly implemented.

Sec. 11. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDRED.

The Municipal Government shall make a periodic comprehensive survey and situational analysis on the differently-abled children in the municipality. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office together with the offices of the District School Supervisor, the Municipal Health Office and other concerned offices shall spearhead the conduct of this situational analysis on differently-abled children in the municipality. The result of this situational analysis shall be submitted to and shall be the basis of planning by the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children, the BCPCs and other concerned agencies, for programs and projects for these children.

Sec. 12. DOCUMENTATION AND ADOPTION OF CHILD FRIENDLY PRACTICES:

The Municipal Government shall continue to document indigenous child-friendly practices in the different Barangays of the municipality. The product of the documentation shall be lodged with the Municipal Planning and Development Office. The result of the documentation shall be taken as subjects for advocacy among the communities.

Sec.13. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE ANNUAL SEARCH FOR CHILD-FRIENDLY BARANGAYS.

There shall be an annual search for child-friendly Barangays. The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children shall spearhead the search for child friendly Barangays making use of existing guidelines developed by the National Government for the annual search.

Sec. 14. SURVEY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN LABOR

The Municipal Government shall make a comprehensive survey on child labor in the municipality. The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator and MSWDO shall conduct the survey and the completion of its situational analysis. The result of the survey shall be the basis of planning for children in child labor related activities in the municipality.

Sec 15. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM:

The Municipal Government shall implement and sustain a Family and Community Welfare Support System for Children. To further ensure the implementation of this Section, it shall take appropriate measure to support the program on family and community under a family and community welfare and development framework.

The Comprehensive Family and Community Welfare Development Program shall include courses and services on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices, parent effectiveness, pre marriage and marriage counseling, responsible parenthood, among others, in the context of Filipino psychology. This shall further include courses and services in community organizing such as social preparation for people's participation, community volunteer resource development, and social welfare structure development, among others. The following programs shall form part of this Comprehensive Family and Community Welfare Program which this government shall zealously support:

15.1 CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE PROGRAM.

The Municipal Government shall strengthen and support a Comprehensive Child and Youth Welfare Development Program which shall include the services such as peer group service, community based services for delinquent youth, and services for children in especially difficult circumstances, and others.

The parents or guardians shall exercise just and reasonable parental authority and responsibility over their legitimate or adopted

children and provide them with affection, companionship and understanding. They shall also extend moral guidance, supervise the child's activities, advise him/her properly and provide with adequate support and administer his properties, if any.

15.2 WOMEN WELFARE PROGRAM. The Municipal Government shall recognize the role of women in the formation of the society as well as the child; hence it shall support a Women Welfare and Development Program which shall include courses such as self-enhancement skills development, maternal and child care, skills training for employment and livelihood support, among others.

Sec.16. PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S WELFARE AS ONE OF THE BASIS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN'S REVIEW OF THE BARANGAY BUDGET.

To ensure that the different Barangays of Sabangan shall give priority to the welfare of children, the Sangguniang Bayan shall review the Barangay budgets and give strict attention to the allocation of funds for programs, projects and services for the welfare of children.

Sec. 17. MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVEL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAM:

A Municipal and Barangay level program for the revival of indigenous games reflective of the cultural diversity of the Municipality shall be institutionalized in Sabangan. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children to conduct a research on indigenous games; the result of which will be the basis of choosing an indigenous game to be introduced during the Municipal and Barangay fiestas and to be participated in by the children and youth. This regular cultural program shall be spearheaded by the respective Municipal and Barangay Officials under the leadership of the Municipal Mayor and Barangay Captain together with the Chairman on the Committee for Children and Women. The existing community structures shall be tapped to support the program. The Municipal Government shall strengthen and empower the Municipal Council on Culture and Arts which shall be primarily responsible in the attainment of the goal and monitor the implementation of this program. Each Barangay shall endeavor to provide recreational facilities which shall be funded by the Local Development Funds (20%).

Sec. 18. LOCAL CHILDREN LITERATURE:

In support to the socio-cultural development of the children of Sabangan, the Municipal Government shall invest in the production of the

local literature for children and other relevant materials. The Barangay Government shall also be encouraged to invest in such projects.

To promote the local children's literature, there shall be established a Municipal Knowledge Center in the municipality which shall serve as a repository of local children's literature where children and youth can read and learn. The Municipal Council on Culture and Arts shall coordinate the implementation of this program.

Sec.19. PARENTING ORIENTATION COURSES:

Marriage License applicant shall be required to participate to a Parenting Orientation Course I or Pre-Marriage Counseling Seminar, among other requirements, prior to the issuance of marriage license by the Municipal Civil Registrar. This course shall become an integral part of existing Family Planning seminar on Reproductive Health Course in close coordination with the Rural Health Unit and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

Sec. 20. INCLUSION OF CONVENTION OF RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM:

As part of the advocacy, information and education campaign of the government on the survival and development, protection and security and participation rights of children, the convention on the Rights of Children shall be included as apart of school curriculum of schools in Sabangan, both public and private at all levels.

**ARTICLE III
PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

Sec. 21. PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION:

There shall be a comprehensive program to be formulated by the MCWC in coordination with other government agencies, the private sector or NGOs concerned within one (1) year from date of effectivity of this Code to protect children against prostitution, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse; and circumstances which endanger child survival and normal development. The program shall cover the strict implementation of the provisions of P.D. 7610, as amended.

**Sec. 22. SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN BELOW 15 YEARS OF AGES
“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BELOW 15
YEARS OF AGE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNDERTAKING”.**

No children below 15 years of age shall be employed except:

- a) When a child works directly under the sole responsibility of his parents or legal guardian and where only members of the employer’s family are employed.
- b) Where a child’s employment or participation in public entertainment is essential.

The Municipal Government, in fulfillment of this Section, shall enact relevant Ordinances/Resolutions to support and strengthen the existing rules and regulations.

Sec.23. PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children shall formulate plans and programs for the protection, rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society and for other purposes. Their welfare shall be taken into account in the issuance of building permits and in the preparation of the plans and specifications of public and commercial buildings.

Sec. 24. CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR WORKING PERMITS:

All applicants for working permits shall be required to submit a birth certificate duly certified by the Local Civil Registrar who issued said certificate. Any violation of this provision by any government official or employee shall subject such offender to administrative liabilities and shall be punished with the appropriate penalty that the law provides.

Sec. 25. MONITORING CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

Application for suspension of sentences of children charged with criminal offenses in connection with/related to any anti-social activities as defined herein shall be done by the Department of Social Welfare and Development with the assistance of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. A special team from such office shall be tasked to

monitor closely the cases involving children in court to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences. Appropriate & respective rehabilitation program shall be afforded to them under the care of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to P.D. 603 otherwise known as “**An act Providing for Stronger Deterrence and special Protection against Child Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Providing Penalties for its Violation, and for Other Purpose**” and other law protection for children. The framework of assistance shall be designed in close coordination with the NGO’s and other groups having special interests on children’s rehabilitation.

Sec. 26. SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS OR COUNSELS WHO HANDLE CASES OF CHILDREN TO OBTAIN SPEEDY DISPOSITION AND PREFERENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

The Municipal Government, in its desire to protect the children who may either be the victims or the accused in any crime, shall give moral and other necessary support to the prosecutors or counsels handling their cases to ensure the speedy disposition and preferential settlement thereof.

Sec. 27. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD AND YOUTH RELATIONS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING THE PILLARS OF JUSTICE SYSTEM.

The Philippine National Police Station of Sabangan shall have a tasked to Women & Children concerns desk to handle cases involving children. Child-friendly police procedures shall be implemented as contained in the Police Handbook on the management of cases of children in especially difficult circumstances.

Sec.28. SPECIAL COURSE FOR PNP MEMBERS

There shall be continuing special courses for members of the Philippine National Police designed to handle effectively the children involved in anti-social activities. All Police Officers shall take up the course especially those who are interested to be assigned with the Women & Children Concern Section.

Sec.29. CUSTODIAL BRUTALITY

The commission of an offense against minor (s) by any person while said minor (s) is being placed under his or her custody for whatever reasons shall subject such offender (s) to the maximum penalty provided by the law for the offense committed.

Sec.30. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DETENTION CELL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS AND WOMEN

To be able to safeguard the physical and psycho-social conditions of detained children having pending criminal charges, the Municipal Government shall establish within Sabangan PNP Jail a separate detention cell exclusively for children and youth offenders.

Sec. 31. CHILDREN AND FAMILY PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROGRAM

The Municipal Social welfare and Development Office in coordination with other government and non-government agencies shall design a comprehensive psycho-social program for both children and their families especially those affected by armed-conflict.

Culturally relevant activities shall be promoted instead of utilizing young women as commodities during “benefit dance”.

Sec. 32. CURFEW ON MINORS

For the protection of children below eighteen (18) years of age, they shall be prohibited from loitering around or sleeping in public places from 8:00 PM until 4:00 AM of the following day unless they are in the company of their parents or guardians.

Children caught violating this provision shall be immediately turned over to the custody of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and shall be released only after having attended with their respective parents or guardians to a one (1) day seminar on the duties and responsibilities of children and parents conducted by the same Office, provided, that this provision shall not be imposed during the presence of children in public places during such time are allowed or encouraged. The PNP together with the BCPC shall spearhead the implementation of this section.

Sec. 33. REGULATE AMBULANT VENDORS OF JUNK FOOD IN SCHOOL VICINITIES FOR SANITATION PURPOSES AND ESTABLISHING MONITORING SYSTEM.

The Municipal Government in coordination with the Barangay Governments shall protect the school children from unsanitary food and junk food. In furtherance of this mandate, all vendors within the vicinity of all school campuses within the municipality shall be subjected to safety and sanitation standards in Municipal Health Office and Barangay Health Workers who shall regularly monitor schools and encourage vendors to undergo food handling courses to ensure safe and sanitary food commodities that they sell.

ARTICLE IV PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Sec. 34. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The interest and welfare of children in the family, school, community or other organization or institution shall be heard. Every child has the right to express his/her opinions freely in so far as such opinion is not contrary to law, morals, good customs, public safety and public policy, and to have that opinion to be taken into account in all matters of procedures affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express their views, organize among themselves, obtain information make ideas or information known regardless of tribe, sex, religious belief. Each family shall encourage its children to express their views especially on matters that affect their survival and development. These healthy discussions shall be made on a family day where all members of the family devote their time together.

Each school shall also endeavor to maintain the homeroom hour for both pupils/students and the teachers to discuss matters and come up with sound solutions and pieces of advises. Aside from this, each school shall establish and maintain a school paper where students and pupils can develop their skills in journalism.

Each local level shall promote the participation rights of children through the recognition of the role of the dap-ay/ato as a venue where children can participate freely in meetings and that their views shall be heard and considered.

Sec. 35. CONVENTION OF CHILDREN TO PROMOTE THEIR PARTICIPATION RIGHTS

As a fulfillment of proclamation nos. 74 and 267, the Municipal Government shall set any day of October of every year as a **Municipal Children's Day** and October of every year as **Children's Month**.

The Municipal Government is encouraged to celebrate and provide assistance in recognition to children in the celebration of Municipal Children's Day.

**ARTICLE V
IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS**

Sec. 36. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.

The Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children shall be tasked to
over see the implementation of this Code.

**ARTICLE VI
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Sec. 37. REPEALING CLAUSE

All Ordinances, Executive Orders, Resolutions and other Local
Memoranda or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Code are hereby
repealed and modified accordingly.

Sec. 38. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Code shall effect after its publication in
at least two (2) local news papers of general circulation

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