

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66, October 29, 2018]

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the proliferation of prohibited drugs and their precursors is a serious national concern, encompassing social, economic, psychological and economic interests, which necessitates the active and unified involvement of various government and non-government agencies;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the United Nations (UN) Commission on Narcotic Drugs provides that UN Member States are fully aware that the drug problem remains a common and shared responsibility that requires effective and increased international cooperation;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9165 or the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," as amended, provides that the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) is tasked to formulate policies and programs on drug prevention and control, and to develop and adopt a comprehensive, unified, integrated and balanced national drug abuse prevention and control strategy;

WHEREAS, to update and develop the then existing National Anti-Drug Plan of Action 2015-2020, the DDB formulated the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), which outlines the balanced efforts of the government to strengthen its campaign against prohibited drugs and their precursors, and contribute to international efforts to counter the worldwide illegal drug problem;

WHEREAS, to ensure the successful implementation of the PADS and to demonstrate our country's resolve in confronting the issue on illegal drugs, it is necessary to ensure that government and non-government entities carry out their respective functions and tasks under the PADS; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control over all the executive departments, bureaus and offices, and shall ensure that the laws are faithfully executed;

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

Section 1. Institutionalizing the PADS. All government offices, departments, bureaus, agencies and offices, including government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs) and state universities and colleges (SUCs), are hereby directed to implement the PADS in accordance with their respective mandates. Non-government organizations, civil society organizations and private institutions are encouraged to actively support the projects and programs under the PADS.

Section 2. Lead Agency. The DDB shall be the lead agency in the implementation of the PADS.

Section 3. Formulation of Implementing Plan and Operational Plan for the PADS. To the extent consistent with their mandates, all government departments and agencies, including GOCCs and SUCs, are directed to formulate and submit to the DDB their respective implementing and operational plans relative to the PADS, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Order.

Section 4. Implementation of a Drug-Free Workplace Program and Authorized Drug Testing. All government entities and LGUs shall formulate and adopt their respective Drug-Free Workplace Programs, and conduct Authorized Drug Testing among their respective officials and personnel, in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 9165 and relevant issuances and circulars of the DDB and the Civil Service Commission.

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall ensure the formulation and implementation of Drug-Free Workplace Programs and Authorized Drug Testing in the private sector in accordance with the issuances of the DDB and the DOLE, and shall submit to the DDB status reports on the DOLE'S compliance with this directive.

The Drug-Free Workplace Program and Authorized Drug Testing referred to in this Section shall be implemented and conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution, law and applicable issuances of the DDB and other implementing government agencies.

Section 5. LGU Support for and Implementation of the PADS. Local government units are encouraged to support and implement the PADS through the following initiatives:

- a. To formulate and submit their own implementing and operational plans to the DDB;
- b. To establish and/or strengthen their Anti-Drug Abuse Councils in accordance with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - DDB Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-01 and existing laws, rules and regulations;
- c. To work in partnership with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Philippine National Police in implementing the PADS, and barangay drug clearing operations in their respective localities in accordance with DDB Board Regulation No. 3 (s. 2017) and other relevant laws, rules and regulations;
- d. To coordinate with the Department of Health relative to the assessment and management of those found using or abusing dangerous drugs in their respective localities pursuant to Section 76 of RA No. 9165 and other relevant laws, rules and regulations; and
- e. To appropriate a portion of their respective annual appropriations for anti-illegal drugs programs, projects and activities in accordance with Section 51 of RA No. 9165 and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.