

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 119, January 30, 1987]

**REORGANIZING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, ITS ATTACHED
AGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

RECALLING that the reorganization of the government is mandated expressly in Article II, Section I (a), and Article III of the Freedom Constitution;

HAVING IN MIND that, pursuant to Executive Order No. 5 (1986), it is directed that necessary and proper changes in the organizational and functional structures of the government, its agencies and instrumentalities, be effected in order to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

AFFIRMING that the Ministry of Health is the government's main instrumentality for responding to health concerns;

Taking note that the great magnitude and complex nature of health concerns requires a more effective Ministry of Health and more responsiveness to public needs, in the areas of planning, provision, and delivery of health services to the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Freedom Constitution, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Executive Order shall be otherwise be known as the Reorganization Act of the Ministry of Health.

SEC. 2. *Reorganization.* – The Ministry of Health, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, is hereby reorganized, structurally and functionally, in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. *Mandate.* – The Ministry shall be primarily responsible for the formulation, planning, implementation, and coordination of policies and programs in the field of health. The primary function of the Ministry is the promotion, protection, preservation or restoration of the health of the people through the provision and delivery of health services and through the regulation and encouragement of providers of health goods and services.

SEC. 4. *Powers and functions.* – The Ministry shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Define the national health policy and formulate and implement a national health plan within the framework of the government's general policies and plans, and to present proposals to appropriate authorities on national issues which

have health implications;

- (b) Provide for health programs, services, facilities and other requirements as may be needed subject to availability of funds and administrative rules and regulations;
- (c) Assist, coordinate or collaborate with local communities, agencies and interested groups including international organizations in activities related to health;
- (d) Administer all laws, rules and regulations in the field of health, including quarantine laws and food and drug safety laws;
- (e) Collect, analyse and disseminate health statistical and other relevant information on the country's health situation, and require the reporting of such information from appropriate sources;
- (f) Propagate health information and educate the population on important health, medical and environmental matters which have health implications;
- (g) Undertake health and medical research and conduct training in support of its priorities, programs and activities;
- (h) Regulate the operation of and issue licenses and permits to government and private hospitals, clinics and dispensaries, laboratories, blood banks, drugstores and such other establishments which by the nature of their functions are required to be regulated by the Ministry;
- (i) Issue orders and regulations concerning the implementation of established health policies; and
- (j) Perform other functions as established by law or as ordered by higher authorities.

SEC. 5. *Structural Organization*. – The Ministry shall consist of the Ministry Proper, National Health Facilities, Regional Offices, Provincial Health Offices, District Health Offices, and Local Health Agencies.

SEC. 6. *Ministry Proper*. – The Ministry Proper shall be composed of the following Offices, Bureaus, and Services:

- (a) Office of the Minister: Office of the Assistant Minister for Financial, Operations, and Front Line Services Audit, and the Office of the Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs. The following shall comprise the Staff Support Services to the Minister; Community Health Service; Public Information and Health Education Service, Health Intelligence Service; Internal Planning Service; Foreign Assistance Coordination Service. The aforementioned Assistant Ministers and the Staff Support units to the Minister shall be supervised by a Deputy Minister,

acting as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Minister;

- (b) Office for Public Health Services; Malaria Control Service, Schistosomiasis Control Service, Communicable Disease Control Service, Maternal and Child Health Service, Tuberculosis Control Service, Family Planning Service, Environmental Health Service, Nutrition Service, Dental Health Service, Non-Communicable Disease Control Service;
- (c) Office for Hospital and Facilities Services; Hospital operations and Management Service, Radiation Health Service, Hospital Maintenance Service, Health Infrastructure Service;
- (d) Office for Standards and Regulations: Bureau of Research and Laboratories; Bureau of Food and Drugs; Bureau of Licensing and Regulation; National Quarantine Office
- (e) Office for Ministry Management Services; Administrative Service, Finance Service, Management Advisory Service, Health Manpower Development and Training Service, Procurement and Logistics Service, Biologicals Production Service;
- (f) Executive Committee for National Field Operations: Regional Field Offices, comprised of the twelve regional administrative jurisdictions and the National Capital Region; National Health Facilities, comprised of seven (7) Special Research Centers, and Hospitals and eight (8) Medical Centers. The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the Minister, with the Deputy Ministers as members. The Deputy Minister serving as Chief of Staff under the Office of the Minister shall head the Secretariat of this Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Ministry Field Offices. – The Ministry field offices, under the supervision and control of the Executive Committee for National Field Operations, shall be composed of the following:

- (a) Regional Health Offices (other than the National Capital Region) and subordinate units that include regional medical centers, regional hospitals, provincial health offices including component hospitals and district health offices, city health offices;
- (b) Regional Health Office for the National Capital Region; Municipal Health Offices of Makati, Mandaluyong, Pasig, Marikina, Las Pinas, Muntinlupa, San Juan, Valenzuela, Navotas, Malabon, Paranaque, Taguig, Pateros;
- (c) National Health Facilities, referring to those health facilities which are classified as National Health Resources because their services and activities accrue to the whole country's health care and infrastructure. These facilities are of two classifications; National Medical Centers and the Special

Research Centers and Hospitals, which are hereby attached to the Ministry;

(1) National Medical Centers; San Lazaro Hospital, Tondo Medical Center, Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, Quirino Memorial Hospital, Rizal Medical Center, National Children's Hospital, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, and the East Avenue Medical Center.

(2) Special Research Centers and Hospitals; Philippine Heart Center, Lung Center of the Philippines, National Orthopedic Hospital, National Center for Mental Health, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, National Kidney Institute, and the Philippine Children's Medical Center.

SEC. 8. *Minister of Health.* – The authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Ministry and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Minister of Health, hereinafter referred to as Minister, who shall have supervision and control of the Ministry and shall be appointed by the President. For such purposes, the Minister shall have the following functions:

- (a) Advise the President of the Philippines on the promulgation of Ministry orders, rules, regulations and other issuances related to health;
- (b) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient and economical operations of the Ministry in accordance with the programs of government;
- (c) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out Ministry objectives, policies, plans, programs and projects;
- (d) Exercise supervision and control over all functions and activities of the Ministry;
- (e) Delegate authority for the performance of any administrative or substantive functions to any Deputy Minister or other officials of appropriate rank at the Ministry; and
- (f) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or appropriately assigned by the President.

SEC. 9. *Office of the Minister.* – The Office of the Minister shall consist of the Minister; his immediate staff the Deputy Minister acting as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Minister; the Assistant Minister for Financial Operations, and Front Line Services Audit; the Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs; and the Staff Support Services to the Minister;

- (a) The Deputy Minister acting as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Minister, shall supervise the Assistant Minister for Financial, Operations, and Front Line Services Audit, the Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs, and the Staff Support Services to the Minister; head the secretariat of the

Executive Committee for National Field Operations;

- (b) The Assistant Minister for Legal Affairs shall head the office that shall provide the Minister with legal advice on all policy, program and operational matters of the Ministry; act as Counsel for the Ministry in cases in which it is a party; handle administrative cases against Ministry personnel and submit recommendations pertaining thereto and review legislative proposals;
- (c) The Assistant Minister for Financial, Operations, and Front Line Services Audit shall head the office that shall monitor the Ministry's financial affairs, internal operations, and the delivery of frontline services with a view to assuring the integrity of the Ministry's financial operations and the requirements of the Commission on Audit; optimizing the internal operating efficiency of the Ministry and its field offices; and ensuring that the Ministry's constituencies are provided front line services from the Ministry with the adequacy, quality, and efficiency that they are entitled to;
- (d) The following Staff Support Services to the Minister shall undertake such staff services intended to assist the Minister in performing his functions:
 - (1) Community Health Service, which shall provide services related to formulating and implementing plans and programs for coordinating with local governments and non-government organizations in health-related activities, programs and projects;
 - (2) Public Information and Health Education Service, which shall provide services related to formulating and implementing plans, programs, and projects for public education on health and for the timely and accurate public communication of Ministry policy on health issues;
 - (3) Health Intelligence Service, which shall provide services related to the formulation of disease intelligence, assessment of the state of health of the country and development and maintenance of effective and comprehensive health information systems to support planning and implementation of health programs;
 - (4) Internal Planning Service, which shall provide the Ministry with necessary services related to planning, programming and project development;
 - (5) Foreign Assistance Coordination Service, which shall provide staff services related to the development, coordination, monitoring, reporting, and assessment of foreign assisted projects of the Ministry;