

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao del Norte
CITY OF TAGUM

BEFORE THE 5TH CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2011 AT THE SP SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. ALLAN L. RELLON, MPA,	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. DE CARLO L. UY,	Member
Hon. NICANDRO T. SUAYBAGUIO, JR.,	Member
Hon. ROBERT L. SO,	Member
Hon. JOEDEL T. CAASI,	Member
Hon. OSCAR M. BERMUDEZ,	Member
Hon. GETERITO T. GEMENTIZA,	Member
Hon. TRISTAN ROYCE R. AALA,	Member
Hon. FRANCISCO C. REMITAR,	Member
Hon. ALFREDO R. PAGDILAO,	Member (ABC Representative)
Hon. JACQUELINE GRACE Q. EDULLANTES,	Member (SKF Representative)

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. ALAN D. ZULUETA,	Member
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ABSENT:

Hon. MARIA LINA F. BAURA,	Member
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RESOLUTION NO. 329, s-2011

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HON. REY T. UY, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGUM A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TAGUM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PENSION FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS.”

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, in support of this state policy, Republic Act No. 9994 otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 was passed with the objective to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society, considering that senior citizens are an integral part of Philippine society;

WHEREAS, the monthly social pension for indigent senior citizens of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) is a new benefit explicitly provided for under Republic Act No. 9994 as an additional government assistance;

WHEREAS, the social pension for indigent senior citizens supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MGD) on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger;

WHEREAS, the social pension for indigent senior citizens is in line with our commitment to the Vienna and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the Macau Declaration and Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific, as well as the Shanghai Implementation Strategy, that seek to address the dependency needs of older persons, especially priority directions in the areas of social protection and security and alleviation of poverty in old age;

WHEREAS, the parties of this contract have decided and hereby formally bind themselves to implement the social pension for indigent senior citizens mandated under R.A. 9994;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the 5th City Council of Tagum to authorize the City Mayor, Hon. Rey T. Uy, to enter into and sign for and in behalf of the City Government of Tagum a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the City Government of Tagum, for the implementation of Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the full text of the Memorandum of Agreement shall be read as follows:

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This agreement is entered in Tagum City, Philippines, this ____ day of ____, 2011 and among the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a national agency existing under the laws of the Philippines with office address at Corner Ramon Magsaysay and Suazo Street, Davao City represented by **Director Ester Acebedo-Versoza, CESO III** and herein referred to as the **FIRST PARTY**;

-and-

The **City Government of Tagum** with principal office at Rizal Street, Tagum City represented herein by **Honorable Rey T. Uy, City Mayor**, and hereinafter referred to as the **SECOND PARTY**;

WITNESSETH

Whereas, the **FIRST PARTY** was tasked by Congress through R.A. 9994 to lead in the implementation of the monthly social pension for indigent senior citizens and to coordinate with other government agencies, Local Government Units, Non-Government Organizations, and/or private corporations to ensure effective implementation;

Whereas, pursuant to eligibility requirement set forth in R.A. 9994 and its Implementing Rules and Guidelines (IRR) and in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the DWSD Administrative Order No. 15 series of 2010, the **FIRST PARTY** seeks to provide this additional government assistance to extremely poor senior citizens;

Whereas, the **SECOND PARTY** has been identified through the DSWD's National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) as a site/locality with indigent senior citizens eligible for the monthly stipend of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00);

Whereas, the **SECOND PARTY** has agreed to be a partner of the DSWD in the implementation of the social pension for senior citizens to improve the economic well-being of its indigent elderly;

Whereas, the **SECOND PARTY** is willing to acquire the additional manpower required in the implementation of the social pension through the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (C/MSDWO).

Article 1
Duties and Responsibilities

A. The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall:

1. Provide the monthly stipend of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) from its Department Budget through quarterly disbursement to qualified social pensioners;
2. Identify indigent senior citizens based on existing data on poverty incidence and select the potential social beneficiaries using the NHTS-PR database;
3. Establish a Regional Social Pension Unit (RSPU) at the Field Office to serve as the focal team for social pension implementation at the regional level;
4. Provide technical assistance (i.e case management, reporting system, grievance, etc. to the LGU on the implementation of the social pension);
5. To provide timely and updated information to the city/municipal government, beneficiaries and other stakeholders;
6. Conduct regular monitoring of the implementation of the social pension and submit report to oversight agencies such as Commission on Audit (COA), DBM as necessary;
7. Review and recommend policy development and enhancement to further improve the implementation of the program;
8. Take the lead in the conduct of capacity building and training at all levels;
9. Conduct regular consultations and dialogues with other stakeholders to facilitate feedback for policy and resource development.

B. The City Government of Tagum shall:

1. Ensure that the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) in its city is established, the OSCA Head and other necessary officials appointed to guarantee the efficient and effective implementation of the social pension;
2. Provide office space and other logistical support to the OSCA and CSWDO such as but not limited to office supplies, equipment and other paraphernalia for the period of implementation of the social pension;

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3. Ensure the issuance of Senior Citizens Identification (ID) cards to all its elderly constituents;
4. Enjoin the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass the necessary local legislation to support the social pension for indigent senior citizens;
5. Conduct the necessary verification and home visits through the OSCA and City to its indigent elderly constituents who have been identified as potential pensioners;
6. Post, through the OSCA, the verified list of social pensioners in conspicuous public places and send a written notification to the confirmed beneficiaries and their families;
7. Assist and facilitate in the enrollment of the indigent senior citizens with the Land Bank of the Philippines;
8. Coordinate with the DSWD Field Office, through the OSCA in the facilitation of the release of the funds to the social pensioners;
9. Submit and certify quarterly financial report by the OSCA to the RSPU to serve as basis for subsequent payment;
10. Facilitate and address, through the OSCA, complaints and requests of indigent senior citizens in connection with the social pension;
11. Help promote and disseminate information on the social pension to different stakeholders;
12. Coordinate with the Local Civil Registrar and conduct regular monitoring of its list of identified social pensioners;
13. Submit and certify a monthly report of its social pensioners through the OSCA to the RSPU for updating and in case of death or any other change of status of the social pensioners;
14. Take the initiative to coordinate with other government agencies, LGUs, or private sectors for fund augmentation of the social pension for indigent senior citizens within their territorial jurisdiction.

**Article II
Effectivity and Period of Agreement**

This agreement shall take effect upon signing of the parties involved and shall remain in full force and effect for three (3) years unless otherwise revoked by any of the parties.

**Article III
Amendments**

Any modification of this agreement will not be valid except when there is written concurrence of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunder set their hands on the date and place above-mentioned.

Department of Social Welfare and Development

By:

ESTER ACEBEDO – VERSOZA, CESO, III
Regional Director

Witness:

City of Tagum

By:

REY T. UY
City Mayor

Witness:

Nora H. Lupiba, RSW
Department Head 1

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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BEFORE ME, a notary Public of and in the City of Tagum, the following persons with their respective Community Tax Certificate appeared the following:

Name	CTC No.	Date and Place Issued
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Hon. Rey T. Uy _____	_____	_____
Dir. Ester Acebedo-Versoza, CESO III _____	_____	_____

All known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL

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CARRIED AND APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.

REY A. BUHION
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

ALLAN L. RELON, MPA
City Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)