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**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**  
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**SECRETARY FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**

Department of Health (DOH)  
San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila

Attention : **Undersecretary Mario C. Villaverde**  
Health Policy and Systems Development Team

Dear **Secretary Duque**:

This pertains to the submission by the DOH of its **Devolution Transition Plan (DTP)**<sup>1</sup> to the DBM per letter dated 30 September 2021<sup>2</sup> as to the implementation of *Executive Order (EO) No. 138*<sup>3</sup> dated 1 June 2021 on the full devolution of the functions and services to the local government units (LGUs) as mandated by Republic Act No. 7160.

We would once again like to thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the smooth implementation of the full devolution of functions and services to the LGUs pursuant to the aforesaid EO.

Per the DBM's in-depth evaluation of the Joint DOH-NNC DTP and its annexes per the requirements under EO No. 138, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and the *DBM-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-2*<sup>4</sup> dated 12 August 2021, we are pleased to inform you that we find the Joint DOH-NNC DTP submission, after addressing the DBM observations and recommendations<sup>5</sup>, to be in order and is hereby **approved**.

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<sup>1</sup> Said DTP was returned by the DBM to the DOH on 15 October 2021 for further revisions. Hence, a revised DTP based on the initial evaluation of the DBM was submitted by the DOH on 29 October 2021.

On 20 December 2021, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) submitted its DTP wherein the initial in-depth evaluation was referred to the DOH in an email dated 24 December 2021. Accordingly, an enhanced DTP, incorporating the revised NNC DTP, i.e., Joint DOH-NNC DTP, was submitted on 28 January 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Officially received by the DBM on 1 October 2021

<sup>3</sup> *Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for Other Purposes*

<sup>4</sup> *Guidelines on the Preparation of the Devolution Transition Plans of the National Government Agencies Concerned in Support of Full Devolution* under Executive Order No. 138, s. 2021

<sup>5</sup> As relayed to the DOH via email on 17 December 2021, and thru a consultation meeting conducted on 6 January 2022. Accordingly, the revised DTP was submitted by the DOH on 28 January 2022. While there were subsequent communications that there would be a change in the DTP in view of the assessment of the DOH-Disease Prevention and Control Bureau and USAID ReachHealth that concerns the procurement of commodities related to family planning, it was clarified by the DOH in an email on 16 February 2022 that they will no longer revise its DTP.

The results of our evaluation of the Joint DOH-NNC DTP are detailed in the **DTP evaluation report**, which could be accessed thru this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DOHDTP-ApprovalDocuments>.

In compliance with Section 8.5 of DBM-DILG JMC No. 2021-2, the approved DOH DTP, together with this letter and evaluation report, shall be posted on the DBM and DILG websites.

For questions and clarifications, your Office may coordinate with the DBM through the SPIB at [dbm-spib@dbm.gov.ph](mailto:dbm-spib@dbm.gov.ph).

Thank you for your continued support in this undertaking. God bless.

Very truly yours,

  
**TINA ROSE MARIE L. CANDA**  
Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge



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