



ANNEX H SAMPLE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

STRENGTHENING AND MOBILIZING THE INFORMATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY NETWORK (ISDN) FOR MARIKINA CITY ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City Government of Marikina recognizes the vital role of adolescents and youth in the human and socio-economic development of the city and the City Government's primary responsibility to create an enabling policy and program environment for adolescent health and youth development;

WHEREAS, the full and integrative development of young people in Marikina City is critically challenged by existing and emerging concerns particularly those affecting their health including sexuality and reproductive health concerns including the issues on increasing teenage pregnancy, incidence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, illegal drugs and substance use and abuse, smoking, and other related issues;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that addressing these critical concerns affecting young people entails the close collaboration and collective actions from all stakeholders including the concerned local government departments, civil society organizations particularly those catering services for young people's concerns and the religious sector, and the private sector, for more strategic and effective interventions;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Marikina adopts and promotes the establishment of Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) for the Marikina City Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellness (MYHAW) program to link information and service delivery interventions for adolescent and youth health-related needs and to foster partnerships, well-coordinated, multisectoral and interagency, and comprehensive provision of health and development interventions for young people in Marikina City;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, we the members and key institutional players of the ISDN for MYHAW Program agree as follows:

Section 1. Objectives of the ISDN for MYHAWP. The ISDN for Marikina City Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellness Program generally aims to promote the holistic and integrative wellness and wellbeing, empowerment, and responsible behaviors including responsible sexuality among adolescents (10-19 years) and youth (20-24 years) in Marikina City. It specifically aims to:

- Ensure sustainable availability and accessibility of adolescent and youth-friendly, age-appropriate, and need-based information and services for the health including sexuality and reproductive health-related needs of adolescent and youth in the city;

- Link communication and demand generation interventions (demand side) and service delivery mechanisms addressing health related concerns of young people to ensure continuum of care;
- Engage all stakeholders including the claim holders (adolescents and youth) and duty-bearers (institutions and organizations) to promote participatory and youth-centered approach to fostering adolescent and youth health and wellness in the city;
- Promote an enabling environment and positive behavior among young people to access appropriate information and services they need to achieve their development goals and aspirations.

Section 2. Composition of the ISDN. The ISDN shall be a network of facilities and organizations providing information and services for the health and wellness-needs of adolescents and youth in the city. The ISDN shall generally include as its members the following institutions and organizations:

- Marikina City Health Office (through the Marikina Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellness Center (MYHAWC));
- All Barangay Health Centers;
- All Barangay Government Units;
- Public Hospital (Amang Rodriguez Medical Center);
- Private Clinics and Hospitals;
- CSOs including youth-serving organizations;
- Sangguniang Kabataan Federation;
- Public institutions and facilities catering for adolescent and youth health and social concerns;
- All public and private secondary and college schools;
- Relevant regional government agencies (DOH, POPCOM, DSWD, DepEd, TESDA); and
- International development partners.

The specific ISDN member agencies and partners are enumerated in “Annex A” which shall form an integral part of this Agreement. The membership of the ISDN may be expanded as needed upon determination and approval of the ISDN Steering Committee.

Section 3. Roles and Functions of the ISDN. The ISDN Management Committee shall perform the following specific roles and functions:

- Develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate an efficient coordinative, collaborative, and referral mechanism to ensure the continuum, availability, and accessibility of information and services for young people in the city through the following strategies:
 - i. Identifying the needs of the priority segment of young people;



- ii. Mapping available health care providers (personnel and facilities) that can serve the needs of priority population on appropriate health information and services;
 - iii. Designating priority segment of adolescents and youth to appropriate facilities; and
 - iv. Monitoring the utilization and provision of adolescent and youth health services.
- Mobilize members and partners to deliver of information and core package health care services for young people in an integrated and coordinated manner;
 - Enforce regulatory measures and guidelines related to the establishment and operation of health facilities within the ISDN and related to the provision of information and services ensuring its adherence to the requirement of confidentiality, parental consent among minors, informed consent and voluntarism (ICV) in family planning, HIV-testing and other related health services as mandated by RA 10354 (Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act);
 - Ensure an enabling and adolescent-friendly facilities;
 - Ensure adequate and capable service providers and human resources at all times and at all levels of health care (i.e. health facilities, schools, and communities);
 - Develop resource-sharing mechanisms and foster public and private sectors partnership in the delivery of information and services for adolescents, in a way that is beneficial to both parties;
 - Develop a consolidated work and financial plan to ensure its sustainable operations;
 - Generate needed resources for its planned strategies and activities including entering into partnerships with international and national development partners;
 - Consult, conceptualize, develop, and advocate for enabling policies, including budget support for the sustainability of the ISDN operations;
 - Develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation scheme; and
 - Identify, discuss, and resolve emerging technical and operational issues among its members.

ISDN Management Committee. To provide overall technical direction and guidance in the organization and operations of the ISDN for MYHAWP, an ISDN Management Committee shall be organized and mobilized. Specifically, the Committee shall establishes appropriate management arrangements including the schedule of TWG meetings, collecting and consolidating reports on a regular basis, establishment of needed data and information base, communication protocols and financial management.

The Committee shall be composed of the principals and senior officials or representatives of the agency members of the ISDN identified in Annex A. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among its members and shall serve

The Marikina Adolescent and Youth Health and Wellness Center (MYHAWC) with the leadership and supervision of the designated AYHD Focal Person shall provide Secretariat support to the ISDN.

Section 4. Commitments, Roles, and Responsibilities of ISDN Members and Partners. Each of the ISDN members/partners hereby commits to perform the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Marikina City Government / City Health Office

The City Government through the City Health Office shall perform the following roles and functions:

- Take the lead in organizing and mobilizing the ISDN for MYHAWP in the achievement of its objectives and performance of its roles and functions;
- Take the lead in the development and implementation of the city sustainable adolescent health strategy and plan;
- Ensure that all adolescents in schools, training centers, and in communities have an updated and a designated network of functional health facilities providing the full range of reproductive health care on through the established referral system for the ISDN;
- Ensure and/or generate adequate allocation for the activities of the ISDN and conduct of other related strategies and interventions for young people;
- Support the capacity-building of the ISDN members and partners including their educators, service providers and facilities;
- Take the lead in conducting information campaigns to increase demand and utilization of adolescent health services in Marikina; and
- Ensure an enabling policy environment for young people through the enactment of supportive policies for adolescent health and development.

2. Marikina Adolescent and Youth Wellness Center

- Serves as the secretariat, convenor and coordinator of the ISDN in Marikina City;
- Provides adolescent information and health services such as dental, counseling, diagnostic (HIV screening and testing), and other health services as one of the end-referral facility within the City of Marikina;
- Refers to higher level facility the treatment of complicated diseases or psycho-social issues (e.g. gender-based violence) among adolescents and youth clients;
- Leads in the development of the adolescent health strategy in the city;
- Mobilizes members of the ISDN and regional partners in the conduct of collaborated adolescent health interventions;



- Develops, produces, and disseminates relevant IEC materials;
- Recommends to CHO training support for AHD focal persons and service providers in barangay health centers and in other ISDN members;
- Develops and disseminates ISDN directory to all agencies and schools and other stakeholders in the city; and
- Recommends to the ISDN and to the City Government policy and program interventions to strengthen the ISDN and the adolescent health strategy in the city.

3. Barangay Government Units

- Mobilize available barangay resources including budget, facilities, equipment, and human resources for adolescent health and wellness interventions in their respective barangay in collaboration with other ISDN members and partners;
- Mobilize the Barangay SK to develop strategies and interventions for adolescent and youth health including initiatives to prevent teenage pregnancy and to allocate corresponding fund from the SK fund (10%) as part of their youth development programs and projects and the Barangay Development Plan and Annual Investment Program;
- Support the barangay health center staff, community health volunteers, and peer educators and partner agencies in identifying and mobilizing adolescents in the locality to participate in activities promoting adolescent health and development;
- Promote parental responsibility and capacity for responsible parenting of their adolescent children in collaboration with appropriate ISDN members and partners;
- Promote and support the ISDN established referral systems and coordinative mechanisms by ensuring that adolescents needing services are promptly referred to the barangay health centers or to appropriate health care facilities and social institutions;
- Enact and implement supportive policies for adolescent health and youth development in the barangay;
- Support and conduct information campaign to increase the demand and utilization of adolescent health services in Marikina particularly in the prevention of risky behaviors such as teenage pregnancy, drugs and substance abuse, smoking and other related behaviors among young people; and
- Participate in assessing the progress of the adolescent health interventions in their *barangay* and in the city.

4. Barangay Health Centers and Community Health Volunteers

- Ensure that the health facility and its service providers and services are adolescent-friendly by building the capacity of its personnel on adolescent health based on the standards set in adolescent job aid, ensuring confidentiality, and availability of quality and appropriate health care information and services observing legal requirements for minors;

- Allocate or set an exclusive time or schedule for adolescent services;
- Refer promptly to higher level facility the treatment of complicated diseases or psycho-social issues (e.g. gender-based violence) among adolescents and youth clients;
- Coordinate with schools, barangays, and other stakeholders on the availability and access of services in the health facility;
- Support education and communication strategies in schools, communities, and in the workplace on the promotion of more positive and healthy behaviors among adolescent particularly on responsible sexuality;
- Maintain database and submit processed reporting data and information to MYHAWC and CHO on adolescent health;
- Conduct house-to-house and community visits for mapping of health needs among adolescents, provide appropriate information and education, and corresponding referral;
- Educate parents on appropriately guiding adolescents on responsible sexuality; and
- Support the barangay government in the identification and implementation of adolescent health related policy and program interventions.

5. Public and Private Hospitals and Clinics

- Serves as the end-referral for adolescent and youth health care needs;
- In addition to services available in the primary health care facilities, provides quality and adolescent-friendly tertiary level of health care for health needs of adolescents and youth in the city;
- Ensures that its personnel are properly trained and capacitated to be adolescent-friendly health service providers based on the standards set in adolescent job aid;
- Support the provision of affordable health services among indigent adolescents; and
- Support medical outreach and promotional activities among young people in schools, communities, and workplaces.

6. Public and Private Schools and Department of Education (DepEd)

- Through its schools and other learning centers, the DepEd integrates in relevant subject areas age and development- appropriate reproductive health education in consultations with parents-teachers-community associations, school officials, and other interest groups;
- Endeavors to capacitate the teachers on adolescent sexuality and reproductive health education in collaboration with the ISDN regional partners (e.g. DOH and POPCOM);
- Promotes and implements the ISDN referral system for the needed health services of school children through the adolescent-friendly school clinics by providing students with the directory of health facilities and the corresponding available services as part of IEC materials;



- Provides initial diagnostic and counseling for adolescents in school needing health or psycho-social treatment using the adolescent job aid;
- Endeavors to require high school students in collaboration with the barangay health center or MYHAWC to visit public or private health facilities within their communities for check-up and treatment of diagnosed illnesses at least once during the academic year as part of their academic requirement under MAPEH subject;
- Conducts or organizes in collaboration with ISDN partner agencies communication strategies such as symposiums, peer-to-peer education and interactive approaches (e.g. TeenChat on Adolescent Health and Responsible Sexuality of POPCOM) and other related interventions; and
- Capacitates and educates parents in collaboration with the PTA and concerned partner agencies (e.g. POPCOM and DSWD) on appropriately guiding young people into responsible sexuality.

7. Civil Society Organizations and Youth Organizations

- Support the demand generation strategies and provision of quality services to adolescents in the city in collaboration with the ISDN members and partners; and
- Conduct social mobilization and advocacy initiatives to improve the policy and program environment for integrated adolescent health and development at the barangay and city levels.

8. Sangguniang Kabataan

- Integrate adolescent health related interventions in the SK development plan using part of the 10% SK fund;
- Engage adolescents and youth in the development and implementation of health-related interventions through participatory and consultative approaches;
- Develop and conduct promotional activities and campaigns (e.g. symposia, workshops) as a sustainable SK interventions for the promotion of positive behaviors among young people particularly on responsible sexuality and non-engagement in risky behaviors such as smoking and drug use;
- Promote positive behaviors (e.g. responsible sexuality) among SK members through the social media;
- Promote the existing ISDN and referral system to improve positive health-seeking behaviors among young people;
- Develop and recommend policy interventions for adolescent health and responsible sexuality to the Sanggunian at the barangay and city level; and
- Promote role-modeling in the advocacy for responsible sexuality.

9. Other Public and Private Institutions for Adolescent Concerns

- Support the provision of integrated services for the special needs (e.g. psychological, mental, rehabilitation, etc.) of young people in the city;
- Collaborate with other ISDN members in the provision of
- Make and accept referral among members of the ISDN for specialized care and interventions; and
- Mobilize resources in support of adolescent health and wellness related interventions in the city.

10. Regional Partner Agencies

(A) Commission on Population and Development-NCR

- Provides technical assistance and support to the establishment and operation of the ISDN particularly in the areas of capacity-building especially for non-health stakeholders, research, plan and policy development, database management, and advocacy; and
- Assists in the design and conduct of IEC materials and other communication interventions.

(B) Department of Health-NCR

- Provides technical assistance and support to the ISDN and their individual components, organizations, and entities in the identification of appropriate interventions and in planning for the implementation of the Adolescent Health strategy;
- Assesses the capacities of health facilities and providers and officially designate adolescent coordinators in the facilities of the SDN;
- Facilitates the link of DOH-retained hospitals, other public sector hospitals and other health facilities and providers to the ISDN;
- Mobilizes available logistics and financial assistance in favor of the ISDN; and
- Provides technical inputs in the areas of capacity-building especially for service providers, enhancement of health facilities, operations of health systems, service standards, and other technical aspects of ISDN operations.

(C) Department of Social Welfare and Development-NCR

- Through its office and satellite centers and institutions, provides social welfare services for CICLs and victims of abuse and violence and other segment of adolescents and youth with special social needs.

(D) International Development Partners

- Extend technical and financial assistance and grants in the development and implementation of comprehensive adolescent health and wellness strategies in the city.



Section 5. Effectivity. This Agreement takes effect on _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ALL PARTIES HEREIN REPRESENTED undertake to affix their signatures:

ISDN Member	Position/Organization	Signature	Date
Hon. Marcelino Teodoro	City Mayor, Marikina City		
Hon. Jose Fabian Cadiz	Vice Mayor, Marikina City		
Dr. Alberto Herrera	CHO, Marikina City		
Dr. Emmanuel Bueno	Administrator, Amang Rodriguez Medical Center ABC President, SK Federation President,		
Dr. Ariel Valencia	Private Hospitals in Marikina		