



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bulacan
City of Malolos

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53. Series of 2020

AN ORDER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "BAYANIHAN SA BARANGAY GULAYAN PROJECT"

WHEREAS, Sec. 17 of the Local Government Code states that the local government units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them and shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of the basic services and facilities such as solid waste disposal system or environmental management system and services which include the management of the beautification, clean and green, order and safety programs, projects and activities in the city;

WHEREAS, Chapter 4. Sec. 34, 35 and 36 of the Local Government Code states that Local Government Units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy and may enter into joint ventures and such other cooperative arrangements to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises designed to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the people, provide assistance, financial or otherwise, to such for economic, socially-oriented, environmental, or cultural projects to be implemented within its territory;

WHEREAS, poverty projections based on the June 2020 Global Economic Prospects Report show that the COVID-19 pandemic could push people into extreme poverty in 2020 under the baseline scenario and 100 million under the downside scenario and such projected impacts are studied to be long-lasting;

WHEREAS, food security and advancement of good health shall be the utmost priority in this time where a significant increase in global extreme poverty threatens the already fragile economical safety nets of the Philippines potentially leading to vulnerability to the virus hence, resulting to attributable mortality;

WHEREAS, in consonance with the Local Government Code, local laws, Urban Barangay Gardening Program and NGP, instituting vegetable gardens in the city's households and idle lands will increase supply and availability of fruit and vegetable produce which would address extreme poverty, hunger and malnutrition, promote healthy lifestyle among family members and strengthen the "bayanihan spirit" in the community;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455, (2) (iii) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor as the Chief Executive of the city government has the power to issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GILBERT T. GATCHALIAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Local Chief Executive of the City Government of Malolos, do hereby order the Establishment of "Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project", requiring all barangay officials, business establishment owners, school principals and administrators, churches and congregation leaders, subdivision owners, developers, homeowners association and other institutions to adopt and implement the project with the following promulgated guidelines:

Section 1. Coverage. The "Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project" is the implementation of planting of vegetables including fruit bearing trees which covers all idle lands, urban areas under the greening plan of the City Government of Malolos, vacant lots and spaces, inactive and abandoned lands, and other suitable lands in the city for a period of six (6) years from 2020 to 2025.

All other greening efforts of the private sector and civil society shall be harmonized under the Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project.

Section 2. Strategies, Roles and Responsibilities. In order to ensure the successful implementation of the project, the following strategies, roles and responsibilities shall be adopted:

2.1. Barangay Officials, Business Establishment Owners and Managers (Commercial and Industrial), School Principals and Administrators, Churches and Congregation Leaders, Subdivision Owners, Developers, Homeowners Association and other Private and Public Institution to be recognized in this order as the "Community" shall identify all idle lands, vacant lots and spaces, inactive and abandoned lands in their respective territorial jurisdiction suitable for planting vegetables and fruit bearing trees.

2.2. The "Community" shall coordinate with the registered owners of idle land, vacant lot and space, inactive and abandoned land, if there are any, and correspond to a necessary agreement that the idle property shall be temporarily utilized for government's Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project, and, that the idle property shall be returned in its original condition to the owner if already needed.

2.3. The "Community" shall require their employees, members, workers, labourers and staff to participate in Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project through planting and supervision of a minimum of five (5) seedlings/vegetable plants per week in determined areas until it is harvested. Private sectors and civil society groups shall likewise be encouraged to participate in the project.

2.4. With appropriate assistance from the government and the private sector such as provision of appropriate quality seedlings, the "Community" shall be given the primary responsibility of maintaining and protecting the established Barangay Gulayan.

2.5. All proceeds or harvest from Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project, duly accounted by the "Community", shall accrue to all the residents of the City of Malolos, prioritizing the poorest of the poor families in the communities, Bahay Kalinga, Home for the Aged and other similar institutions or as fund raising project of the concern "Community" to address food security and poverty reduction.

2.6. The Office of the City Administrator in coordination with the City Agriculture Office shall develop a centralized database and provide regular monitoring and timely report on the progress of the Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project.

Section 3. Implementation Guidelines. The Bayanihan sa Barangay Gulayan Project shall be implemented citywide by establishing vegetable gardens in idle lands, vacant lots and spaces, inactive and abandoned lands to serve as food basket/alternative source of commodities to sustain supplementary feeding, practice waste management principles such as minimization, segregation at source, reduction, recycling, re-use and composting, establish nurseries/seed banks for the propagation of vegetable seedlings, fruit-bearing trees and small trees or saplings, and support the tree planting activity in the communities.

All participating agencies/ institutions (Community), within one (1) month from the date of received of this Executive Order, shall prepare their respective report on how they implement the project to be submitted to the Office of the City Administrator, copy furnished the City Agriculture Office.

Section 4. Effectivity – this Executive Order shall take immediately upon signing.

Done in the City of Malolos, Bulacan, this 10th day of October 2020.


ENGR. GILBERT T. GATCHALIAN
City Mayor