



CITY OF SORSOGON

Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35, Series of 2021

AN ORDER DIRECTING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BANTAY AS BF SA BARANGAY "BABay ASF" PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact transboundary animal disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date; resulting to the industry's estimated 36% reduction of national swine inventory impacting both livelihood and agriculture economy;

WHEREAS, early reporting of animal-borne disease is vital for an efficient and well-coordinated response and immediate implementation of control measures;

WHEREAS, successful control effort lies with the strong collaboration among the Department of Agriculture, its relevant agencies, concerned Local Government Units (LGU) and stakeholders taking ownership of such program beneficial to farmers;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Guidelines of DA Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2021 for the "*Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program*" was enacted for the intensified disease response of the Government against ASF, where the DA, academe, private stakeholders and swine industry experts provide technical and support services to empower LGUs in the implementation of the "BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY" interventions at the farm and community levels;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of DA Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2021 Implementing Guidelines for the "*Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program*" reiterates the strengthening and institutionalization of LGU Engagement in the implementation of the Bantay ASF Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby directs the adoption and implementation of the "**BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM**" or "**BABay ASF Program**" in the City of Sorsogon, as follows:

Section 1. CREATION OF CITY ASF TASK FORCE. By virtue of DA AO No. 43 Series of 2020, an African Swine Fever (ASF) Task Force is hereby created in the City of Sorsogon to implement the Bantay ASF sa Barangay "BABay ASF" Program involving several departments and agencies with the Office of the City Veterinarian as lead implementing agencies.

Section 2. COMPOSITION OF THE CITY ASF TASK FORCE. The Task Force is hereby constituted as follows:

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| Chairperson | - City Veterinarian |
| Co-Chairperson | - Head, CDRRMO |
| Members | - Representative from: |
| | - City Planning and Development Officer |
| | - Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) |
| | - City Risk and Reduction Disaster Coordinating Council (CRRDCC) |
| | - Philippine National Police (PNP) |

- City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO)
- Office of the City Agriculturist (CAO)
- City Health Office (CHO)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- City Information Office (CIO)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Private Sector (NGO's, CSO's)

Section 3. TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAMS. These are the regular members of the ASF-TF who shall be responsible for the preservation and protection of the swine industry in Sorsogon City.

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| Rapid Action Team | - Representative from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) - City Risk and Reduction Disaster Coordinating Council (CRRDCC) - Philippine National Police (PNP) |
| Surveillance Team | -Representative from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) - City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) - City Health Office (CHO) - Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD) |
| Quarantine Team | -Representative from the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of the City Veterinarian - Philippine National Police |
| Census Team | -Representative from the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Information Office - Office of the City Agriculturist - Private Sector (NGO's, CSO's) |
| IEC Team | - Representative from the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office of the City Veterinarian - City Planning and Development Officer - Department of Education - Private Sector Representatives |

Section 4. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS. The above listed teams shall have the following roles and functions.

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| Rapid Action Team | - carry out the immediate diagnosis of suspect premises and the initiation and implementation of the stamping out procedures. |
| Surveillance Team | - conducts regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas. |
| Quarantine Team | - conducts periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc. |

Census Team	- conducts periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.
IEC Team	-ensures adequate awareness of the general public matters and updates to African Swine Fever.

Section 5. REGISTRATION AND DEPUTIZATION OF BIOSECURITY OFFICERS. Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO) are Resident Veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants who shall be recognized as Biosecurity Officers or VetBO while Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) are Community/Village-Based Animal Technicians (CBAT), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary workers, Veterinary Technicians, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident or consulting veterinarian of any farm, or any person assigned/endorsed by the city/municipality to act as such and perform the duties and responsibilities stated in this order.

Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) - All VetBOs and BBOs shall be registered and deputized by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). VetBO shall apply directly to PVO, while BBO shall be assigned/endorsed by the CVO. Upon completion of all requirements and training, a Biosecurity Officer Code will be issued by the PVO.

City Veterinary Office (CVO)– The CVO shall endorse the list of registered BBO to be issued a Biosecurity Officer Code by the PVO.

To fast track the implementation of this activity, all existing networks of Animal Health Workers such as Barangay Animal Livestock Aide (BALA), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), and other similar barangay officials assigned to assist in the implementation of different animal health programs shall be readily designated for this purpose.

Section 6. DISEASE INVESTIGATION. A disease investigation is prompted when there is a report of a suspect case of ASF in the area.

The City ASF Task Force in coordination with the Provincial ASF Task Force (PATF) and Regional ASF Task Force (RATF) shall act quickly on the reported case by conducting thorough disease investigation and sample collection.

Blood/organ samples to be collected for disease investigation shall come from 30 randomly selected animals preferably exhibiting clinical signs consistent with that of ASF, if the population is greater than 30. If the population is less than 30, samples shall be collected from all pigs in the farm.

A disease investigation activity shall be conducted in accordance with the protocol set in Annex 2 of the DA AO 7 Series of 2021

Section 7. SURVEILLANCE. Surveillance shall be done in accordance to Section 3.3 of the DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021. Furthermore, a detailed protocol on surveillance within the 1 km quarantine area from the ASF infected premise is stipulated in Annex 3 of the said DA AO.

Section 8. ISSUANCE OF WEEKLY NEGATIVE DISEASE MONITORING REPORT & HOG TRANSPORT PASS.

Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring

- a. Commercial/Semi-commercial Farm/Paiwi – VetBOs and BBOs (as approved by CVO) shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO.
- b. Small hold Farms – BBOs shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO. Community sampling may also apply following the guidelines in the community testing and sample collection in Annex 4 of DA AO 7 Series of 2021.
- c. Weekly disease monitoring report may be submitted through online and/or on-site depending on the discretion of the implementing CVO.
- d. Biosecurity Officers shall report immediately to their respective CVO, any farms with animals showing clinical signs suggestive of ASF infection for corresponding actions such as surveillance and disease investigations.

Hog Transport Pass

This aims to properly register all hog traders and other logistical support providers and their respective transport vehicles and vessels transacting business in the respective provinces with the end view of traceability and maintaining disease free areas thereby achieving safe, clean and orderly handling of commodities throughout the stages of marketing or distribution channels.

No hog traders and livestock transport carriers shall be allowed to transact business within each province without the Hog Transport Pass (HTP) which shall be a requirement before issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC).

All livestock transport carriers are required to comply with the biosecurity measures such as cleaning and disinfection as may be imposed by the authorities.

Any violation in this guideline by the hog traders and other logistical support providers shall immediately render his/her HTP revoked.

An updated list of traders shall be submitted regularly by all provinces to the DARFO and the BAI.

Issuance of Hog Transport Pass shall be in accordance with Annex 6 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021

Section 9. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. Awareness campaign shall be conducted to ensure all aspects relevant to BABay ASF will be cascaded and disseminated to the farmers. Engagement of agencies including the Department of Agriculture (DA) Communications Group, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID), Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Sections (RAFIS), Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and local government (Provincial to Municipal/City) information office, and all media resources of government shall be involved.

The campaign shall focus on ensuring that biosecurity protocols are duly observed by the farmers, discouraging the use of swill as feed for hogs and bringing farmers to register in the Farmers Registry developed for livestock farmers.

Section 10. RECOVERY AND REPOPULATION. The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall guide farms in proper cleaning and disinfection. (CVO) City Veterinary Office personnel shall conduct farm inspection to assess compliance with cleaning and proper disinfection procedures.

The complete guidelines and procedures for the recovery and repopulation is presented in Annex 8 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021.

Section 11. DECLARATION OF ASF FREE STATUS. There are two levels of Declaration of ASF Free Status of an area previously infected with ASF.

The first level is the City/Municipality Level Local Declaration of ASF Free Status for cities/municipalities with certain barangay/s which have been previously infected with ASF and will be declared ASF Free area by the Provincial ASF Task Force.

The second level is the National Declaration of ASF Free Status for the whole Province to be declared by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All infected barangays of the city/municipality must be locally declared ASF Free area prior to application to be declared ASF Free on a national level.

The guidelines for Declaration of ASF Free Status is subject to adapt as deemed necessary by DA-BAI.

Section 12. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS. The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall penalize any person or entity found to have committed the instances/acts listed under Section 9 "Violations/Prohibited Acts" of DA AO 7 Series of 2021.

Section 13. FUNDING. Counterpart funding to support the activities of the African Task Force shall be allocated by the Office of the Mayor.

Section 14. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until expressly revoked.

DONE this 8th day of September, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor