



ORDINANCE NO. 2016-043

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**AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE SANGGAWADAN PROGRAM, SETTING ITS GUIDELINES AND POLICIES, CREATING PLANTILLA POSITIONS UNDER THE CITY SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE:-**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In 2000, the Australian Aid Agency (AUSAID) chose Naga as among the 25 pilot cities for its *Street and Urban Working Project*, an initiative that provided rice subsidies to parents in order to help them send their children to school. When assistance from the said international agency stopped, the city government adopted the project and called it *Sanggawadan* (which in Bicol means "to extend a helping hand").

From only 1,614 beneficiaries when the program started, it currently caters to 2,383 beneficiaries.

And over time, the *Sanggawadan Program* proved as among the most effective interventions of the city government in improving the access to and quality of education in Naga. By making as part of the program qualifications the school attendance of children and involvement of parents in formations and seminars, *Sanggawadan* has greatly reduced the incidence of child labor and has ensured that children are in school and not on streets. Consequently, the program has been credited for increasing the participation and completion rates in both elementary and high school.

Nonetheless, per the June 2016 survey conducted by the Education, Scholarship and Sports Office (ESSO) through the Barangay Literacy Workers (BLW) about One Thousand Two Hundred (1,200) Nagueno children from Five (5) and Sixteen (16) years of age are not attending school primarily because of poverty.

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In view thereof, the program needs to be sustained and even expanded to accommodate all said children of school age, those who may not have been covered by the survey but are likewise similarly situated and belonging to indigent families as those currently enrolled in the program. The gains of *Sanggawadan* should not be allowed to be set back by a child's parents' misfortune and inability to afford quality healthcare, lack of competitive and conducive environment for learning, or inefficiency in program implementation.

**Be it ordained**, therefore, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga that:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**Title, Policy and Coverage**

**SECTION 1. Title.** This local legislative measure shall be known as the "Sanggawadan Ordinance."

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby the declared policy of the City Government of Naga to:

- a. recognize education as an instrument for an individual's maximum participation in development and governance, as well as a tool for ensuring the people's involvement in achieving equitable and sustainable economic growth and social progress;
- b. promote the right of every individual to relevant quality education, regardless of sex, age, creed, socio-economic status, physical and mental conditions, racial or ethnic origin, political or other affiliation; and
- c. establish, maintain and support educational programs that will provide complete, adequate, and integrated system of education that are relevant to the needs of the people, the country and society-at-large.

**SECTION 3. Coverage** The Sanggawadan Program shall cover children, aged 5 to 17 years old, who:

- a. belong to an indigent family as herein defined;
- b. are identified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) to spend time on the streets, unprotected and unsupervised by their parents;
- c. have adopted the street as their abode and/or source of livelihood;
- d. usually get absent in their classes as a result of helping their family in working and earning income; and



- e. are under the custody of the CSWDO as a result of other intervention programs implemented by the government, both local and national, and are in need of continues rehabilitation and care.

Provided however that Sanggawadan beneficiaries shall continue to receive benefits even beyond are 17 or 18 if they are still in Senior High School.

## ARTICLE 2 Definitions

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall refer to or mean as follows:

- a. **CSWDO** – the City Social Welfare and Development Office of the local government of the City of Naga;
- b. **Federation** – the SANGGAWADAN Federation or the city-wide organization formed and constituted by all SANGGAWADAN parent-beneficiaries;
- c. **Indigent** – refers to one whose gross monthly income and that of his immediate family does not exceed the food threshold set by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) which, as of March 2016, is ₱9,140.00 per month for a family of five (or a per capita income of ₱1,828.00 per month), not receiving a monthly pension or allowance from a concerned public or private entity beyond such threshold and does not own real property with a fair market value as stated in the current tax declaration of more than seventy five thousand (₱75,000.00) pesos;
- d. **Parents Teachers (Community) Association (PTCA and PTA)** – refers to the private voluntary organization in all the public kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools under the Department of Education duly organized and existing pursuant to DepEd Order No. 23, s. 2002 and under other applicable laws and regulations;
- e. **Student** – shall mean any kindergarten, elementary, junior and senior high school student enrolled in a public or private school in the City of Naga;
- f. **School** – shall mean any public kindergarten, elementary and secondary school in the City of Naga;
- g. **Parent** – shall refer to a person who is a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent of a minor student;