



**REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE (RIATF)  
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**  
Region VI Western Visayas  
6 Pepita Aquino St., Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City

**RESOLUTION NO. 84**  
Series of 2020  
November 27, 2020

**APPROVING THE SUSPENSION OF THE ARRIVAL OF LOCALLY STRANDED INDIVIDUALS (LSIs) AND ENDORSING THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION ON THE ARRIVAL OF RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROFS) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 was issued declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), enjoining all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the National Task Force Sub-Task Group on the Management of Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) issued two separate guidelines, entitled (a) Operational Guidelines on the Management of Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and (b) Operational Guidelines on the Management of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs);

**WHEREAS**, the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-087 was issued to enjoin and provide the duties and responsibilities of Local Government Officials, DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers, Philippine National Police (PNP), and others concerned in undertaking necessary actions and in the management of ROFs and LSIs amid the COVID 19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 71 Series of 2020 delegates to the respective Regional Inter-Agency Task Force the authority to approve requests for moratorium of LGUs under its jurisdiction, upon careful evaluation and deliberation;

**WHEREAS**, IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines with Amendments as of November 19, 2020 Section 7 Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement identified returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) as authorized persons outside their residences (APOR), hence their movement shall be unhampered;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Negros Occidental issued a Letter dated November 24, 2020 requesting for a moratorium on the entry of LSIs and ROFs in the LGU on December 24, 25, 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021, to allow the LGUs in the province to decongest, disinfect and prepare quarantine facilities for the next incoming batch of LSIs (*see Annex A*);

**WHEREAS**, the DOH Region VI, provided the RIATF with the necessary data, and poses no objection on the approval of the above-stated requests (*see Annex B*);

**WHEREAS**, after the moratorium on the period provided, the suspension on the arrival of LSIs is deemed lifted in the areas identified;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the RIATF, approves the suspension on the arrival of LSIs going to the Province of Negros Occidental; and endorses the request for suspension on the arrival of ROFs to the same LGU on December 24, 25, 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021.


Provided that all concerned LGUs should be informed of the said moratorium and cause the widest dissemination to their constituents.

**APPROVED** on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

I hereby certify the correctness of the above resolution.

  
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