

The State Law and Order Restoration Council
The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Law
(The State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 21/90)
8th Waning Day of Tazaungmon, 1352 M.E.
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The State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby enacts the following Law: -

Chapter I
Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Law.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder: -
 - (a) Township Association means the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association;
 - (b) Branch Association means the branch of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association;
 - (c) Member means the members of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Township Associations and Branch Associations.

Chapter II
Objectives of the Association

3. The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is formed with the following objectives: -
 - (a) to form a permanent organization in order to carry out effectively welfare work and assistance relating to the health and social affairs of mothers and children throughout Myanmar;
 - (b) to organize and disseminate basic education in maternal and child health and welfare to the Township Association and Branch Association formed throughout the country;
 - (c) to render aid and assistance relating to health and social affairs to the Township Associations and Branch Associations formed throughout the country;
 - (d) to render aid and assistance relating to health and social affairs to the public, when necessary
 - (e) to co-ordinate so as to ensure a convenient and smooth performance of works to be carried out in co-operation among the Township Associations and Branch Associations.

Chapter III
Formation

4. Associations relating to Maternal and Child Welfare shall be formed as follows: -
 - (a) Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association;
 - (b) Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association;
 - (c) Branch of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations.
5. In forming a Branch Association it may only be formed with the approval of the relevant Township Association.
6. The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is also the Central Council.

7. The Ministry of Health shall form the Central Council comprising the following persons, with the approval of the Government : -

- (a) a person appointed by the Government Chairman
- (b) (12) persons appointed by the Government Member
- (c) a representative each from the respective State and Member Division, total (14)
- (d) (2) representatives from the Member Myanmar Medical Association
- (e) (2) representatives from theMember Myanmar Red Cross Association
- (f) (2) representatives from the Member Myanmar Nurses Association
- (g) a representative from the Member Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- (h) (5) persons interested in Member voluntary service, selected by the Ministry of Health

8. The members of the Central Council shall elect from among themselves, two Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, two Joint Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Auditor in the Central Council, with the exception of the Chairman.

9. The Executive Committee of the Central Council shall be formed with the persons mentioned in section 8 and 3 members of the Executive Committee elected by the members of the Central Council.

10. The Central Council may, after forming the Executive Committee determine the number of honoured members of the Central Council and may make selection and appointment.

11. The annual meeting of the Central Council shall be convened once every year. If necessary, special meetings may be convened at any time.

12. Ministry of Health shall convene the First Meeting of the Central Council.

13. The formation, of the Executive committee of the Township Associations and Branch Associations may be determined as may be appropriate by such Associations and Branch Associations.

14. The members of the Executive Committee of the Township Association and Branch Association shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Joint-Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor in the Executive Committee of such Association and Branch Association.

15. The Township Medical Officer shall be included as an Adviser in the Executive Committee of the Township Association. -

16. The tenure of the Executive Committee of the Central Council, Township Association and Branch Association respectively is 4 years.

17. The Township Association and Branch Associations shall convene the annual meeting every year. If necessary, special meetings may be convened at any time. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee it may be filled up at such meetings.

18. Members of the Central Council and members of the Executive Committee of the Township Association and Branch Associations shall be free from party politics and shall also be citizens.

19. The Executive Committees of the Central Council, Township Association and Branch Association shall comply with the prescribed procedures relating to the convening of meetings.

Chapter IV **Membership and Termination of Membership**

20. In the Township Association and Branch Association membership is categorized as follows -

- (a) ordinary member:
- (b) life member:
- (c) honoured member:

21. Persons who fulfil the following qualifications may apply for membership in the Township Association or Branch Association : -

- (a) being a person who has completed the age of 18;
- (b) not being a person of unsound mind;
- (c) not being a member of the religious order;
- (d) being a person who is able to pay admission fee, monthly and annual subscriptions.

22. Admission of a member, admission fee, monthly subscription, annual subscription and life membership fee shall be as prescribed in the procedures

23. If any of the following events occurs, membership shall be terminated:-

- (a) being convicted of any offence prescribed by the Central Council;
- (b) misappropriating funds or property belonging to the Central Council, Township Association or Branch Association;
- (c) Obstructing, abolishing and disturbing the work of the Central Council, Township Association or Branch Association, prejudicing the dignity of the Central Council or the relevant Executive Committee.

24. The Executive Committee of the relevant Township Association or Branch Association shall decide on the membership and termination of membership.

25. A person who is dissatisfied with the decision made under section 24 may file an appeal to the Central Council within 30 days of the receipt of such decision.

26. The decision of the Central Council in respect of the appeal under section 25 shall be final and conclusive.

27. The Central Council shall carry out the followings : -

- (a) electing its Executive Committee;
- (b) prescribing the code of discipline and ethics to be observed by the members;
- (c) prescribing from time to time works relating to health and social affairs to be carried out by the Township Associations and Branch Associations;
- (d) forming and appointing the office staff of the Council in accordance with the strength of personnel sanctioned by the Ministry of Health at the pay scales prescribed;
- (e) stipulating the conditions relating to the execution of contracts and agreements on behalf of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association;

(f) communicating and co-operating with organizations in and outside the country, having the same interests and objectives and utilizing beneficially the funds and property procured;

(g) carrying out other matters relating to Maternal and Child Welfare.

28. The Central Council shall decide appeal cases submitted under section 25.

Chapter V Duties and Powers

29. Executive Committee of the Central Council -

(a) shall undertake the responsibility of performing the duties of the Central Council mentioned in sections 27 and 28, when the annual meeting or regular meeting of the Central Council is not in session. Such measures shall be submitted to the nearest session of the Central Council and approval obtained thereat;

(b) shall implement the programmes of work laid down by the Central Council;

(c) shall assist the works of the Township Associations and Branch Associations;

(d) shall carry out the duties assigned from time to time by the Central Council.

Chapter VI Finance

30. The Central Council and the respective Township Association and Branch Association -

(a) shall subsist on its own funds;

(b) shall open a bank account and deposit its receipts and shall have the right to use funds for Maternal and Child Welfare works, if necessary. It may invest funds not immediately required for use by purchasing saving certificates;

(c) shall maintain and keep the accounts systematically;

(d) shall, in respect of procuring funds, utilization of funds, obtaining sanction for such utilization comply with and carry out as prescribed in the procedures;

(e) shall cause the income and expenditure within the financial year to be audited by the honorary auditors and shall cause the statement of accounts to be prepared.

31. The Central Council, Township Associations and Branch Associations may, if necessary request the assistance of the relevant Audit Office with respect to the maintenance of accounts and auditing thereof.

32. The financial year of the Central Council, Township Associations and Branch Associations is the same as the financial year of the Government.

Chapter VII Miscellaneous

33. With the exception of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Township Associations and Branch Associations formed in accordance with this Law, no association using the name of such associations or a similar name shall be formed.

34. The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the respective Township Association and Branch Association shall operate under its own name and a common seal, and shall have perpetual succession and the right to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

35. The code of discipline and ethics to be observed by the members, and matters relating to enquiry and taking of action against members for violation of the code of discipline and ethics shall be as prescribed by the Central Council.

36. No suit or prosecution shall lie against members of the Central Council and members of the Executive Committees of the Township Associations and Branch Associations for anything which is done in good faith under this Law.

37. The Township Associations and Branch Associations which have submitted that they have been formed in accordance with the stipulation of the Ministry of Health shall be deemed to be Township Associations and Branch Associations formed under this Law on the day this Law is enacted.

38. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law: -

(a) the Ministry of Health may issue procedures as may be necessary, with the approval of the Government;

(b) the Central Council may issue orders and directives as may be necessary.

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