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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE**  
**DISEASE OUTBREAK IN EVACUATION CENTERS IN ZAMBOANGA CITY**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of families, displaced by the armed conflict between the government troops and the Moro National Liberation Front last September 2013, continue to stay in evacuation centers in Zamboanga City;

**WHEREAS**, the city's health office reported that at least 65 evacuees have died due to common illnesses;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, according to the city health officer, Dr. Rodelin Agbulos, causes of deaths ranged from acute respiratory tract infection, asthma, sepsis and malnutrition-dehydration;

**WHEREAS**, as of November 2013, local authorities have monitored 14,467 cases of acute respiratory infection, 4,649 cases of fever, 3,136 cases of acute water diarrhea, 1,962 cases of skin diseases and 1,075 cases of high blood pressure<sup>2</sup>. As of January 2014, 23 cases of dengue have also been reported<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, most of the fatalities were severely malnourished children;

**WHEREAS**, health condition of families in evacuation centers displaced by armed conflict is a paramount concern that needs to be addressed;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the disease outbreak in evacuation centers in Zamboanga City.

Adopted,



**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

<sup>1</sup> ANC, At least 65 die in Zambo City evacuation centers, (January 20, 2014), <http://anc.yahoo.com/news/at-least-65-dead-in-zambo-city-evacuation-centers-020111493.html>

<sup>2</sup> Inquirer Mindanao, Kids die of illnesses in Zamboanga City evacuation centers, (November 04, 2013), <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/520395/kids-die-of-illnesses-in-zamboanga-city-evacuation-centers>

<sup>3</sup> ABS-CBN News Zamboanga, More evacuees die in Zamboanga, (January 19, 2014), <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/regions/01/19/14/more-evacuees-die-zamboanga>