

## Republic of the Philippines Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City 9600

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0 0 2,

Series of 2022

CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND-TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (SDF-TWG) AND THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND-PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (SDF-PMO) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER, AND DEFINING THEIR SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 2, Article XIV of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), the National Government shall provide a Special Development Fund to the Bangsamoro Government for the rebuilding, rehabilitation, and development of its conflict-affected communities. The amount equivalent to Fifty Billion Pesos (*PhP 50,000,000,000,000.00*), at Five Billion Pesos (*PhP 50,000,000,000.00*), at Five Billion Pesos (*PhP 5,000,000,000.00*) per year, for a period of 10 years from the ratification of the BOL RA No. 11054 shall be allocated for this purpose;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 6, Article XIII of the BOL, the utilization of the SDF shall be in accordance with the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) to be adopted by the Bangsamoro Government;

**WHEREAS,** the 1<sup>st</sup> BDP 2020-2022 was adopted and approved by the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC) and Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament on June 5, 2020, and July 3, 2020, respectively;

**WHEREAS,** Section 27, Article VI of the BOL requires that no public money, including the block grant and other national government subsidies and support funds given in lump sum, shall be spent without an appropriations law clearly defining the purpose for which it is intended. The BTA Parliament shall pass an annual appropriation law;

**WHEREAS,** the BTA Parliament enacted the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) No. 22 entitled, "An Act Appropriating the Sum of Ten Billion Pesos (PhP10,000,000,000.00) from the 2020 and 2021 Special Development Fund, and for Other Purposes" on October 8, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro (GAAB) for FY 2022, under its Special Provisions, appropriated the SDF amounting to Five Billion Pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) for the rebuilding, rehabilitation, and development of conflict-affected communities pursuant to the provisions of the BOL;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of BAA No. 22 and the Special Provisions of GAAB provide for the creation of the SDF-TWG, which shall be chaired by the Senior Minister. The other members thereof shall be determined by the Chief Minister. The Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority shall serve as its Secretariat.

WHEREAS, to ensure that the implementation and monitoring of the SDF- supported programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) are done in a timely, organized, accountable and efficient manner, there is a need to create and establish an adequate and full-time SDF-PMO that will be primarily responsible for the coordination, management, supervision, and monitoring of the SDF-supported PPAs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AHOD B. EBRAHIM, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the SDF-TWG. There is hereby created a Special Development Fund-Technical Working Group tasked to review and evaluate the SDF-PPAs for possible funding under the SDF.

**SECTION 2. Composition of the SDF-TWG.** The SDF-TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson

: BARMM Senior Minister

Vice-Chairperson : Bangsamoro Director General, Bangsamoro Planning and

Development Authority (BPDA)

Members

: Minister, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE)

Minister, Ministry of Public Works (MPW);

Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG); Minister, Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD); Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform

(MAFAR);

Minister, Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS);

Minister, Ministry of Finance and Budget, and Management (MFBM); Attorney General, Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO);

and

Chairperson as ex-officio member, Bangsamoro Women Commission

(BWC).

Secretariat

: Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA)

SECTION 3. Responsibilities of the SDF-TWG. The SDF-TWG shall have the following responsibilities, thus:

- a) Set the policies and guidelines on the selection and implementation of the SDF programs, projects, and activities with the guidance and approval of the Chief Minister;
- b) Review and evaluate the SDF-supported PPAs;
- c) Submit the SDF-PPAs to the Chief Minister for review and approval; and
- d) Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Chief Minister.

SECTION 4. Secretariat. The BPDA shall serve as the Technical Secretariat of the SDF-TWG. The BPDA shall facilitate the preparation and consolidation of the SDF-initiated PPAs and ensure that they are gender-responsive and consistent with the BDP, subject to the review and evaluation by the SDF-TWG.

SECTION 5. Establishment of the SDF-PMO. A Special Development Fund-Project Management Office is hereby organized and established to ensure that the SDF-supported PPAs and their implementation are consistent with the identified development priorities, plans, and specifications in the BDP. The SDF-PMO shall be placed under the direct supervision of the BPDA, subject to the power of control of the Chief Minister.

**SECTION 6. Mandate**. The SDF-PMO shall ensure accountability of public officials in the implementation of projects and programs of the Bangsamoro Government which will be funded through the herein SDF, as well as the judicious utilization of public funds for public purposes to satisfy the common good.

**SECTION 7. Structure**. The SDF-PMO shall be headed by a Project Manager who shall be appointed or designated by the Chief Minister. He shall be assisted by Deputy Project Managers, Project Coordinators as well as Technical and Administrative staff. The Project Manager shall report directly to the Chief Minister.

Additional support personnel may be hired on a project basis or under Contract of Services to guarantee adequate workforce and smooth operation of the SDF-PMO.

Further, BARMM regular employees who may be detained or designated to the SDF-PMO shall be entitled to receive remuneration, subject to relevant laws and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 8. Functions**. The SDF PMO shall have the following functions and responsibilities, viz:

- a. Oversee and monitor the implementation of SDF-PPAs by appropriate ministries, agencies, and offices, including SDF-supported projects as may be approved by the Chief Minister;
- b. Provide advisory or technical support services to all concerned implementing ministries, agencies, and offices in the implementation of SDF PPAs;
- c. Prepare and submit the consolidated Annual Work Plan (AWP) of the implementing ministries, agencies, and offices to the Office of the Chief Minister;
- d. Manage, certify, and report financial disbursements of implemented projects based on the approved AWP and Schedule of Payment;
- e. Ensure documentation, evaluation, and periodical reporting on the physical progress of SDF PPAs' implementation, and submit the same to the MFBM, DBM, or the Office of the Chief Minister as the case may be;
- f. Ensure effective, efficient, timely, and accountable implementation of SDF-supported PPAs; and
- g. Maintain meaningful coordination and cooperation with relevant stakeholders to determine the impact and outcome of the SDF PPAs.

**SECTION 9. Institutionalization of the SDF-TWG and SDF-PMO.** The SDF-TWG and the SDF-PMO shall continue to discharge its functions for a period consistent with term of the SDF allocation, as provided in the BOL.

**SECTION 10. Implementation Arrangement.** The SDF-PMO shall work closely with the SDF-TWG and the Office of the Chief Minister. It may call upon any ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Bangsamoro Government for such assistance as it may need in the performance of its functions.

Nothing in this order shall be construed as effecting the diminution of powers of implementing ministries, agencies, and offices. The relationship between the latter and the SDF-PMO shall be one of complementary, synergistic and coordinated to ensure that the necessary guidelines, rules, regulations or policies in the utilization and administration of BARMM SDF are observed.

**SECTION 11. Designation of SDF Focal Persons**. All concerned implementing ministries, agencies, and offices shall designate their permanent and alternate focal persons who will be primarily responsible as the coordination points of SDF-TWG and SDF-PMO.

**SECTION 12. Reporting.** Implementing ministries, agencies and offices shall submit to SDF-PMO a quarterly, semi-annual, and annual progress report concerning the implementation of their respective SDF-supported PPAs. The same shall be subject to validation by the SDF-PMO through monitoring and ocular inspection.

The SDF-PMO shall be responsible for the submission of consolidated periodical progress reports to the Chief Minister.

**SECTION 13. Funding.** The SDF shall be released by the MFBM directly to the appropriate implementing ministries, agencies and offices, subject to the approval of the Chief Minister and upon submission of the Special Budget Request, including all necessary supporting documents. The MFBM shall formulate and issue guidelines on the release of the SDF.

**SECTION 14. Separability Clause.** Should any provision of this Order be declared as invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 15. Repealing Clause.** This Order repeals BARMM Special Order No. 004, s. 2020, EO No. 003, s. 2021 and EO No. 0014, s. 2021.

All other regional orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect Fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette and newspaper of regional circulation.

**Done** in the **City of Cotabato**, this <u>04</u> February 2022.

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