



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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 0003<sup>M</sup>**  
**Series of 2023**

**AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE FOR  
BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC (ABE) RELIEF FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2023 TO ALL QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN THE BANGSAMORO  
GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on 02 November 2022, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued Proclamation No. 84 entitled “Declaring a State of Calamity in Regions IV-A, V, VI and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” due to the loss of lives, destruction of property, damage to agriculture and critical infrastructures, and disruption of means of livelihood and normal way of life in said areas, caused by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng from 26 to 29 October 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Calamity shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) months or until 02 May 2023, unless earlier lifted by the President;

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of the prevailing State of Calamity, the Philippines is also confronted with an unprecedented high inflation rate<sup>1</sup> of 8.6%<sup>2</sup> in February 2023, higher than the 4.0% upper target of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028;

**WHEREAS**, in February 2023, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region recorded a 7.5% inflation rate from 1.6% in February 2022, consequently reducing the Purchasing Power of Peso<sup>3</sup> within the region to 0.84 in February 2023 from 0.90 in February 2022<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, one major cause of inflation is the rising prices of food items within the region (9.2% in February 2023 from 0.4% in February 2022) which

<sup>1</sup> **Inflation Rate** is the rate of change of the CPI expressed in percent. Inflation is interpreted in terms of declining purchasing power of peso.

<sup>2</sup> **Summary Inflation Report Consumer Price Index (2018=100): February 2023**. Philippine Statistics Authority. (March 7, 2023)

<sup>3</sup> **Purchasing Power of Peso** shows how much the peso in the base period is worth in the current period. It is computed as the reciprocal of the CPI for the period under review multiplied by 100.

<sup>4</sup> **BARMM Summary Inflation Report for February 2023**. Philippine Statistics Authority-Regional Statistics Service Office-BARMM. (March 9, 2023)

is expected to increase due to the increased demand and consumption of food items in the month of Ramadhan;

**WHEREAS**, while counter-inflationary measures are now being implemented by both the national government and the regional government, there is an immediate need to grant a one-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic Relief to qualified personnel of the Bangsamoro Government to mitigate the adverse socio-economic ramifications of inflation in the region;

**WHEREAS**, on 21 March 2023, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament passed Approved Resolution No. 323 requesting the Office of the Chief Minister to grant inflation relief assistance to all officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Government<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 32, Article VII of RA 11054 declares the Chief Minister as head of the Bangsamoro Government who may exercise powers and functions inherent to the office;

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

**SECTION 1. Grant of One-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic Relief.** Ministries, offices, and agencies of the Bangsamoro Government are authorized to grant a one-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic (ABE) Relief for FY 2023 in an amount not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00).

**SECTION 2. Coverage.** The grant of ABE Relief shall cover all qualified officials and employees of ministries, offices, and agencies of the Bangsamoro Government with compensation sourced from the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

All qualified officials and employees refer to the following:

- a. Officials and personnel who are occupying regular, temporary, coterminous, casual, or contractual; and
- b. Personnel whose services are engaged through Contract of Service (COS) or Job Order (JO), subject to Commission on Audit (COA) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular (JC) No. 2 (s. 2020) or the "Updated Rules and Regulations Governing COS and JO Workers in the Government", as amended by COA-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2022 dated 10 November 2022.

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<sup>5</sup> "Requesting the Office of the Chief Minister to grant inflation relief assistance not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) to all officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Government of whatever status including persons engaged under Contracts of Service and Job Orders, excluding Members of the Parliament, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Director-Generals and Heads of Offices, subject to availability of funds."



All qualified employees are still in service with the BARMM as of **March 20, 2023**.

For purposes of this Order, actual service shall refer to services rendered on-site, i.e., the COS and JO workers physically report for work at their designated stations.

**SECTION 3. Exclusion.** Personnel falling under the following cases/circumstances are not entitled to ABE Relief 2023:

- a. Those who are absent without leave (AWOL); and,
- b. Those who have been hired not as part of the organic manpower of the Ministry/Office/Agency but as consultants or experts to perform specific activities or services with expected output, as well as student laborers and apprentices.

**SECTION 4. Funding Source and Release.** The ABE Relief 2023 shall be released under the following conditions:

4.1 For Officials and Employees Occupying Regular, Temporary, Coterminous, Casual or Contractual Positions:

- a. Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) shall be sourced from the Miscellaneous Personnel and Benefits Fund subject to the submission of a Special Budget Request (SBR) to the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management (MFBM).
- b. Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) shall be charged against the respective available FY 2023 Personnel Services (PS) allotment covering January to March 2023. In case of deficiency, MOAs may request from the unreleased FY 2023 PS allotment subject to the submission of a SBR to the MFBM.

4.2 For Contract of Service or Job Order Personnel:

- a. Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) shall be sourced from the Contingent Fund subject to the supplemental guidelines to be issued by the MFBM.
- b. Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) shall be charged against the released Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) allotments of the ministries, offices, and agencies.

In case of deficiency of the identified funding source, a lower but uniform amount shall be paid to all qualified employees.

All SBRs and reportorial requirements of requests for release of funds must be submitted **on or before April 12, 2023**. Release of the ABE Relief 2023 shall be made by the respective ministries, offices, and agencies to the qualified personnel **not later than April 20, 2023**.

**SECTION 5. Supplemental Guidelines.** The MFBM shall issue supplemental guidelines for the effective implementation of this Order.

**SECTION 6. Repeal.** All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Separability.** If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

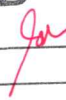
**SECTION 8. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the **City of Cotabato** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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**AHOD B. EBRAHIM**  
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