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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. ~~002~~ 24
Series of 2024

**AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE FOR
BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC (ABE) RELIEF FOR INFLATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO NATIONALLY-FUNDED PROGRAM WORKERS
OR PERSONNEL DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY THE BANGSAMORO
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO MINISTRIES,
OFFICES, AND AGENCIES IMPLEMENTING NATIONALLY-FUNDED
PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region recorded a 4.2% inflation rate, consequently reducing the Purchasing Power of Peso¹ within the region to 0.80 in January 2024²;

WHEREAS, one major cause of inflation is the rising prices of food items within the region (5.0% in January 2024³) which 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 the Bangsamoro Government, there is an immediate need to grant a one-time inflation relief assistance to the officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Government to mitigate the adverse socio-economic ramifications of inflation in the region;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2024, the Chief Minister issued Administrative Order (AO) No. 001 Series of 2024 granting a one-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic (ABE) Relief for FY 2024 in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P 15,000.00) to all qualified personnel regardless of status in the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, the coverage of the said AO, including all qualified officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Government with compensation sourced from the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro, excludes Nationally-Funded Program (NFP) Workers or Personnel directly supervised by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministries, Offices, and Agencies (M/O/As) implementing Nationally-Funded Programs;

¹ **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.

² **Inflation Rates of BARMM and its Provinces in January 2024**. Philippine Statistics Authority-Regional Statistics Service Office-BARMM. (February 6, 2024)

³ **BARMM Inflation Rates in January 2024**. Philippine Statistics Authority-Regional Statistics Service Office-BARMM. (February 6, 2024)

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government recognizes and values the untiring services and vital contribution of the NFP Workers or Personnel directly supervised by BARMM Ministries, Offices, and Agencies implementing Nationally-Funded Projects to the upliftment of the Bangsamoro People; 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 implementing Nationally-Funded Programs are authorized to grant a one-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic (ABE) Relief for FY 2024, as far as practicable, and as may be allowed by the National Government Agency providing the funds, an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P 15,000.00) to each qualified Nationally-Funded Program Worker or Personnel.

SECTION 2. Coverage. The grant of ABE Relief shall cover all NFP Workers or Personnel directly supervised by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministries, Offices, and Agencies (M/O/As) implementing Nationally-Funded Programs, regardless of status of employment.

All qualified NFP Workers or Personnel are still in service with the BARMM as of **March 5, 2024**.

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 for Inflation FY 2024:

- 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 for Inflation FY 2024 may be charged against the Nationally-Funded Program allotments as far as practicable, subject to the approval of the Minister or Head of Offices or Agencies.

If the funds from a particular program are not sufficient to cover the maximum amount of Fifteen Thousand Pesos(P15,000.00), the ABE Relief for Inflation to

workers or personnel of the said program shall be in such amount as may be allowed by the program's available funds.

Disbursement of funds for the payment of ABE Relief of FY 2024 shall be subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Release of the ABE Relief for Inflation 2024 shall be **not later than April 10, 2024.**

SECTION 5. Supplemental Guidelines. The MFBM may 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 25th day of March 2024.


AHOD B. EBRAHIM
Chief Minister



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