

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 1 4,

Series of 2021

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

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

WHEREAS, the BDP 2020-2022 was adopted and approved by the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council and Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament on June 5, 2020 and July 3, 2020, respectively;

WHEREAS, the National Government appropriated the sum of Ten Billion Pesos (*PhP 10,000,000,000.00*) for FY 2020 and FY 2021 as SDF allocation for the Bangsamoro Government. The same has been reflected under the special provisions of the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro (GAAB) for FY 2020 and FY 2021, 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 (PhP 10,000,000) from the 2020 and 2021 Special Development Fund, and for Other Purposes" on October 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of BAA No. 22 provides for the creation of the SDF-TWG which shall be chaired by the Senior Minister, with the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) as its Secretariat. The members thereof shall be determined by the Chief Minister;

WHEREAS, there is likewise a need to create and establish an adequate and full time SDF-PMO that can guarantee that the implementation and monitoring of SDF-supported projects, programs, and activities (PPAs) are done in a timely, organized, accountable and efficient manner.

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 SDF-TWG. There is hereby created a Special Development Fund – Technical Working Group tasked to facilitate the preparation, consolidation and packaging of SDF-supported PPAs for FY 2020-2021 pursuant to BAA No. 22.

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

Chairperson:

Senior Minister

Vice-

Bangsamoro Director General, BPDA

Chairperson:

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)

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, and Budget

and Management (MFBM)

Bangsamoro Attorney General, Bangsamoro

Attorney General's Office (BAGO)

Chairperson, Bangsamoro Women Commission

(BWC)

Secretariat:

BPDA

SECTION 3. Responsibilities. The SDF-TWG shall discharge the following responsibilities in accordance with Section 8 of BAA No. 22, *viz:*

- a) Facilitate the preparation and consolidation of PPAs to be funded under the 2020 and 2021 Special Development Fund;
- b) Review and evaluate the SDF-PPAs;
- c) Ensure that the SDF-PPAs are gender responsive; and
- d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Chief Minister.

SECTION 4. Finalization and approval of SDF-PPAs. The SDF-TWG shall submit to the BPDA the consolidated SDF-PPAs for review and evaluation to ensure that it is consistent with the BDP.

The BPDA Director General shall submit the SDF-PPAs for approval of the Chief Minister.

SECTION 5. Establishment of SDF-PMO. A Special Development Fund – Project Management Office (SDF-PMO) is hereby organized and established to ensure that the SDF-supported PPAs as well as their project implementation are consistent with the identified development priorities, plans and specifications in the BDP 2020-2022.

SECTION 6. Mandate. The SDF-PMO shall ensure the 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 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 work force and smooth operation of the SDF-PMO.

Further, BARMM regular employees who may be detailed 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 responsibilities:

- 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 to all concerned implementing ministries, agencies and offices in the implementation of SDF-PPAs.
- c. Prepare and submit the consolidated Annual Work Plans (AWP) of 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 Minsiter as the case may be.
- f. Ensure effective, efficient, timely, and accountable implementation of SDF-supported PPAs.
- g. Maintain meaningful coordination and cooperation with relevant stakeholders to determine the impact and outcome of the SDF-PPAs.

SECTION 9. 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, synergetic and coordinated to ensure that the necessary guidelines, rules, regulations or policies in the utilization and administration of BARMM SDF are observed.

SECTION 10. 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 coordination points of SDF-TWG and SDF-PMO.

SECTION 11. Reporting. Implementing ministries, agencies and offices shall submit to SDF-PMO a quarterly 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 12. Funding. The SDF funds shall be released by MFBM directly to the appropriate implementing ministries, agencies and offices, subject to the approval of 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 13. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. This Order repeals BARMM Special Order No. 004, s. 2020 and EO No. 003, s. 2021.

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

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in a newspaper of regional circulation.

DONE in the **City of Cotabato**, this 1st of December, 2021.



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