



Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
BARMM Compound, Cotabato City

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 79**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL RELEVANT MINISTRIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM, TO PROVIDE DATA, BUDGET ALLOCATION, STATUS OF CHILDREN IN THEIR SERVICE CONSTITUENCY AS WELL AS CURRENT, PROPOSED AND POTENTIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE BARMM IN AID OF LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) recognizes that children within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) should be afforded the necessary protection and assistance, especially those who have directly been impacted by the conflicts, so they can flourish and fully assume their responsibilities within the community;

**WHEREAS**, the BTA further recognizes that protection and empowerment of children should be the front and center of Bangsamoro Government's current and future policy, legislation and program;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article IX, of Republic Act No. 11054, also known as Bangsamoro Organic Law, provides:

*"The Bangsamoro Government shall respect, protect, and promote the rights of children, especially orphans of tender age. They shall be protected from exploitation, abuse or discrimination. Their education and development, both physical and mental, shall be fully addressed.*

*Bangsamoro policies and programs shall take into utmost consideration the best interest of children, and promote and protect the rights of children, youth and adolescents, including their survival and development.*

*The Bangsamoro Government and its constituent local government units shall provide for adequate funding and effective mechanisms for the implementation of this policy."*

**WHEREAS**, in the recent State of Bangsamoro Children, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) stated that more than 500,000 adolescents within the BARMM for the year 2017/2018 are not attending school;

**WHEREAS**, in light of the above, it is imperative for the Bangsamoro Government to address the issue of children's rights protection and fulfillment, including their right to education and development, as required by law;

**WHEREAS**, access to Government's data, budget, plan and status of deployment is crucial for the identification of priority programs and projects for the children within the BARMM as well as to determine further the appropriate funding levels to improve their situation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the BTA Parliament, to request all relevant ministries of the Bangsamoro Government, through the Honorable Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, to provide data, budget allocation, status of children in their service constituency as well as current, proposed and potential policies and programs to preserve, protect and promote the rights of children in the BARMM in aid of legislation with the end view of legislating more effective and responsive government priority programs and strengthening the government mechanism to ensure transparency and accountability over the utilization of public funds for the children within the BARMM.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, to task the Ministry of Social Services to formulate the format and kind of data containing the necessary information on children that are required to be submitted by the concerned ministries.

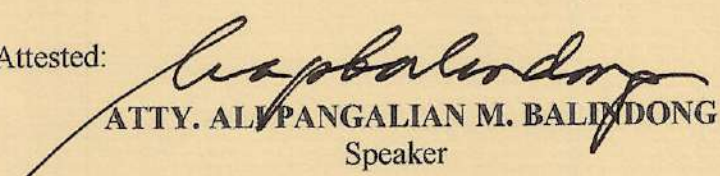
**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, to designate the Committee on Social Services to be the repository of all data on children submitted by the concerned ministries pursuant to this resolution.

**Adopted**, February 27, 2020.

Certified Correct:

  
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Speaker

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