



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

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**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY  
(FIRST REGULAR SESSION)**

**BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 6**

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Friday, the 29th day of March, 2019.

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament in session assembled:

**SECTION 1. Name.** – This Act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Socio-Economic Development Planning Act of 2019.”

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the Bangsamoro Government to pursue the acceleration of the socio-economic development of the region and promote the welfare of its constituents through a holistic, effective and responsive planning, coordination, and monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of policies, plans, programs, and projects in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Towards this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure that socio-economic development programs and activities in the region are well coordinated and responsive to the needs of its constituents and reflected in the national development plans such as the Philippine Development Plan. It shall encourage the active participation of various government agencies, local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs) as well as private sector at the regional and local levels in the formulation of development plans and other planning and development activities in the BARMM.

**SECTION 3. The Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council.** – The Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC), otherwise known as the “Council”, shall serve as the socio-economic planning, monitoring and coordinating agency for all development plans, programs and projects of the Bangsamoro Government. It shall evaluate and recommend short-, medium-, and long-term comprehensive development plans, programs and projects for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, for approval by the Parliament. The development plans, programs and projects shall take into account the development plans of the provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays as approved by their respective local development councils.

**SECTION 4. Integration of the Bangsamoro Development Plan to National Plan.** – Following the principle of subsidiarity, the Bangsamoro Socio-economic Development Plan approved under this Act shall be the primary development framework for the BARMM. It shall be recognized and integrated in the Mindanao Development Plan and the Philippine Development Plan.

**SECTION 5. Composition of the Council.** – The Council shall compose the following:

- a. Chief Minister, Chairperson
- b. Bangsamoro Director General of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Vice-Chairperson

Members:

- c. Speaker of the Parliament
- d. Majority Floor Leader of the Parliament
- e. Minority Floor Leader of the Parliament
- f. Minister, Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management
- g. Executive Secretary (or its equivalent)
- h. Chairpersons of the Five Sectoral Committees
- i. All Provincial Governors
- j. All City Mayors
- k. Five Private Sector Representatives

The Council shall select the private sector representatives, subject to the guidelines and qualification criteria to be formulated by the BPDA and approved by the Council.

**SECTION 6. Powers and Functions.** – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Direct the plan formulation and recommend for approval by the Parliament the Bangsamoro Development Plan;
2. Review, prioritize, and endorse the annual and multi-year investment program of BARMM to the Parliament for approval, and possible funding by the national government and other partners;
3. Ensure that the approved development plans of provinces, cities and municipalities and barangays are taken into consideration in the Bangsamoro Development Plan;
4. Represent the Bangsamoro Government in the national development planning steering committee or its equivalent and shall participate in the relevant national planning activities;
5. Ensure that regional development plans are annexed to the national development plans;
6. Promote an enabling environment for regional investments;
7. Coordinate the implementation of programs and projects of various ministries or LGUs in the BARMM to ensure their effectiveness and responsiveness to the needs of the Bangsamoro;
8. Upon resolution of the Parliament, recommend programs and projects for consideration of National Economic Development Authority-Investment Coordinating Committee (NEDA-ICC);

9. Monitor and evaluate all development programs and projects implemented by the national government, Bangsamoro ministries/line agencies/offices, local government units, and government owned and/or controlled corporations in the BARMM; and
10. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the socio-economic development of the BARMM.

**SECTION 7. Meeting of the Council.** – The Council shall meet regularly once every quarter. The Council shall set the place, time, and date of its next meeting. The Chairperson or the majority of its member may, for a compelling reason, call for a special meeting with notice at least five (5) days before such meeting.

A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business.

**SECTION 8. Internal Rules and Procedures.** – In its first regular session, the Council shall promulgate and adopt its internal rules and procedures.

**SECTION 9. Executive Committee.** – There shall be an Executive Committee that shall prepare for the convening of the Council and to act on matters that require immediate attention for and on behalf of the Council, when it is not in session. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

- a) Chief Minister, Chairperson
- b) Bangsamoro Director General of the BPDA, Vice Chairperson

Members:

- c) Executive Secretary or its equivalent
- d) Minister of Finance, Budget and Management
- e) All Sectoral Committee Chairpersons

The Executive Committee shall meet on such time, place and date as it may be determine.

**SECTION 10. Council Sectoral Committees.** – There shall be sectoral committees to assist the Council in the performance of its mandate powers and functions, namely:

1. Economic Development Committee (EDCom)
2. Social Development Committee (SDCom)
3. Infrastructure Development Committee (IDCom)
4. Development Administration Committee (DACom)
5. Peace, Public Order, Safety and Security Committee (PPOSSCom)

The Council may create other committees it deems necessary.

**SECTION 11. Functions of the Council Sectoral Committees.** – The sectoral committees shall have the following functions:

- a.) Coordinate the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, programs, and projects related to the specific sectoral concern of the committee;
- b.) Coordinate investment programming, budgeting, project development, and preparation of performance report of the respective sectors;

- c.) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of regional development goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives;
- d.) Recommend policies and programs that will improve the performance of the respective sectors for consideration of the Council;
- e.) Formulate and monitor implementation of policies, programs and projects that will promote economic growth and equitable allocation of resources for local development;
- f.) Endorse to the Council upon recommendation of various Local Development Councils policies, programs and projects consistent and supportive to the development goals and priorities of the BARMM; and
- g.) Perform such other functions that may be assigned by the Council.

**SECTION 12. Composition of the Sectoral Committees.** – The membership and the chairpersons of the sectoral committees shall be determined by the Council.

**SECTION 13. Technical and Secretariat Services.** – Technical and secretariat services shall be provided by the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).

**SECTION 14. Creation of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority.** – The Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) is hereby created as the socio-economic development planning and policy coordinating authority of the Bangsamoro Government.

**SECTION 15. Functions and Responsibilities of the BPDA.** – The BPDA shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Coordinate the formulation, and undertake monitoring and evaluation, of socio-economic development policies and plans, of the Bangsamoro Government;
- b. Review, evaluate and recommend short, medium and long-term development plans, and proposed programs and projects for consideration by the Council;
- c. Coordinate the annual and multi-year investment programming of the Bangsamoro Government ministries, line agencies and offices;
- d. Provide technical assistance to the ministries, agencies and instrumentalities, local government units and other development partners in the Bangsamoro in identifying and developing plans, programs and projects;
- e. Coordinate all regional, national and foreign assisted programs and projects in the Bangsamoro;
- f. Conduct research and statistics administration, knowledge product development, information management and related activities in support to planning, policy formulation, project development and monitoring and evaluation; and
- g. Perform such other appropriate tasks as may be assigned by the Council or other competent authorities.

**SECTION 16. Organizational Structure of BPDA.** – The BPDA as the BEDC Secretariat shall be headed by a Bangsamoro Director General to be assisted by Deputy Director General and three Bureau Directors. The BPDA shall be composed of the following bureaus, services and divisions:

1. **Planning and Policies Bureau (PPB)** – The PPB shall be responsible in providing assistance and support to development planning, programming, budgeting,

monitoring and evaluation policies, plans, and programs and projects in the Bangsamoro. This bureau shall be composed of the following divisions:

- a. Macro-Economic Planning Division
- b. Economic Planning Division
- c. Social Planning Division
- d. Infrastructure Planning Division
- e. Peace, Public Order, Safety and Security Division
- f. Monitoring and Evaluation Division
- g. Local Planning and Coordinating Division

**2. Research Development and Special Projects Bureau (RDSPB)** – The RDSPB shall lead the preparation of relevant studies, researches and accurate statistical data of the BARMM for timely and evidence-based planning, project development and research agenda of the Bangsamoro Government. The bureau will also coordinate activities related to the review and evaluation of projects intended for Official Development Assistance (ODA) and national government assistance for the socio-economic development of the BARMM. This bureau shall be composed of the following divisions:

- a. Research and Development Division
- b. Information and Knowledge Management Division
- c. ODA/Nationally Funded Programs and Projects Coordination Division
- d. Economic Intelligence Division

**3. Finance and Administrative Support Services (FASS)** – The FASS shall provide financial and administrative support services to the BPDA. This bureau shall be composed of the following divisions:

- a. Finance Division
- b. Administrative Division

**SECTION 17. Office of the Bangsamoro Director General.** – The operations and management functions of the BPDA shall be vested in the Bangsamoro Director General who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister with a rank of a cabinet member with a salary grade of 28 similar to a Regional Cabinet Member, while the Deputy Bangsamoro Director General shall have a salary grade of 27 shall serve until the expiration of the Chief Minister's term unless sooner terminated without prejudice to reappointment or extension of services beyond of his/her earlier term by the newly elected Chief Minister. The Bangsamoro Director General shall have the following functions:

1. Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire operation of the BPDA;
2. Establish policies and standards for the effective and efficient operation of the BPDA in accordance with the programs of the Bangsamoro government;
3. Promulgate policies as may be necessary in carrying out the BPDA mandates, plans, programs and projects;
4. Appoint, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, all subordinate officers and employees, who shall enjoy security of tenure and may be removed only for cause in accordance with law;
5. Exercise the power to discipline subordinate officials and employees under the provisions of law; and

6. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Chief Minister or directed by the Council.

**SECTION 18. Appropriations.** – The initial fund of Fifteen Million Pesos (15,000,000) for the Personal Services and Five Million Pesos ( 5,000,000) for the operations of the BPDA and Six Million Pesos ( 6,000,000) for the convening and meetings of the council shall be sourced from the miscellaneous personnel benefits fund (MPBF) and the contingent fund, as appropriated, subject to existing rules and regulations. Additional funding for personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlay may be requested from the MPBF and contingent fund. Subsequent funding requirements shall be included in the Bangsamoro appropriations act.

**SECTION 19. Transfer of Functions and Assets of Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) to the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority.** – All functions, programs, projects and activities which are being undertaken by the Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) including its Assets shall be transferred to the BPDA.

**SECTION 20. Separability.** – If, for any reason/s, any part or provision of this law shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 21. Repealing Clause.** – All other regional laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 22. Effectivity.** – This law shall take effect fifteen days after publication in the newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**APPROVED.**

  
**ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Parliament on December 27, 2019.

  
**PROF. RARY E. ANGKAL**  
Secretary General

**APPROVED:**

  
**AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**  
Chief Minister

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