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AN ACT

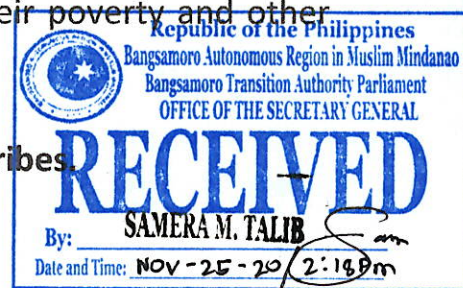
EXTENDING ASSISTANCE BY RECOGNIZING THE BADJAO AND OTHER BANGSAMORO POOREST TRIBES BY IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM OF ACTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This act shall be known and cited as an Act Extending Assistance Service to the Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes by Implementing Mechanism of Action, Proving Funds therefore and other Purposes and henceforth, may referred to short as Badjao Act of 2020.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – When used in this act.

- a. **Badjao** (variant Badjao, Bajau, and Badjiao) – are those referred as Badjao People whether presently, originally or formally living in the seas, seashore, and/or in land of Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu Archipelago, side by side with **Tausog, Yakan and Samal** and who by historic right, lineage, **Tetulang** and ancestry are subjects of the Sultanate of Sulu prior to Spanish occupation are native tribe of this homeland and under our constitution are citizen of the Philippines.
- b. **BDAC** – Shall mean the Badjao and other **Bangsamoro Poorest Tribe Development Affairs Council**.
- c. **Mechanism of Action** – refer to those line of activities, projects and programs as well as policies and strategies which are to be implemented by the BDAC in extending assistant to the Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes purposely to address and alleviate their poverty and other issue in life.
- d. **And the like** shall mean other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes.



SECTION 3. Purpose. – The purpose of this Act is further giving meaning to Section 9, and 10 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution. Article VI of RA 11054 Section 12 its relevant provision by adopting measures and policies tribes of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. – Implementing Agencies. As an implement of the aforementioned Constitution and Statutory Declarations and Principles there is hereby created a Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribe Development Affairs Council to be known as BDAC for brevity and to be composed of the herein ministries with their designations as follows:

a) Ministry of Indigenous People Affairs –	Chairman
b) Ministry of Human Settlement Development –	Vice Chairman
c) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform	Member
d) Ministry of Basic Higher and Technical Education	Member
e) Ministry of Environment Natural Resources and Energy	Member
f) Ministry of Finance Budget and Marketing	Member
g) Ministry of Health	Member
h) Ministry of Labor and Employment	Member
i) Ministry of Public Order and Safety	Member
j) Ministry of Science and Technology	Member
k) Ministry of Social Services	Member
l) Ministry of Public Works	Member
m) Ministry of Local Government	Member
n) And such other concerned agencies of the BARMM Government	Member

SECTION 5. Functions. The Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes Development Affairs.

Council (BDAC) shall perform the following duties and functions:

1. To implementing the necessary actions and approaches provided in this act
2. To establish and designate offices necessary in the performance of its functions
3. To adopt other applicable mechanism and strategies as may hereafter found necessary to uplift the living conditions of the Badjao and other Bangsamoro tribes of analogous circumstances
4. To coordinate with concerned national government offices and international agencies for inclusions in addressing these tasks
5. To conduct study, research and for a of assembles and conventions is forming relate applicable actions and mechanism for implementations
6. To perform such other functions which are necessary and incidental in carrying out its mandates

Section 6. The BDAC shall adopt within 120 days from the affectivity of this Act Implementing Rules and Regulation to supplement details in carrying out the spirit and intent of this Act and to properly identify the specific participation and

functions of each ministry and agency under the Council in implementing among others, the herein mechanism of actions and relevant policies as follows:

I SOCIAL ACTION

1. Resettlement Areas. The BDAC in coordination with the appropriate national agencies and Local Government Units concerned shall designate a Special Resettlement Areas for the Badjao and the like to serve as their home communities upon implementation of the Balik Probinsya Program. It shall ensure that shelter, potable water supply, electricity, health and sanitation as well as necessary provisions are those PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE Balik Probinsya Program.
2. Balik Probinsya Program. To ensure that all Badjao and the like are included in this program the BDAC shall takes steps and adopt a Balik Probinsya Program for the concerned mass sending and returning back to their communities in the provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi particularly to designated Resettlement areas therein.
3. Inclusion in the 4P's and other Applicable Programs. The BDAC shall prepared the necessary complete data and list of these people covered under this act and immediately submit the same to appropriate agencies for inclusion in the Programang Pantawid ng Pamilyang Pilipino and other National Beneficial Program;
4. The BDAC shall work for the establishment by the Development of Education of a free and complete (elementary, high school and college) public education in the resettlement areas to ensures and enhance their patriotism, literacy and competence in all aspects of life to become a fruitful individual for nation building. In the furtherance of this objective, the TESDA and other manpower skills Training Institute shall likewise be tapped to introduce relevant training for development of their skills especially on fishing, diving, boat making and marine activities as source of living.
5. The BDAC shall jointly work with the Department of Health the establishment of infirmaries or health centers in the resettlement areas to ensure that their health and physical conditions are properly addressed and in so doing, a periodic medical outreach program shall be conducted regularly;

II. POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION

1. The BDAC shall adopt a Poverty Alleviation and Economic Development Program through mode of research, studies and consultation with

participation of the Badjao and the like ensure that the same are turned with their culture and beliefs. For this purpose, the Ministry of Social Service and Development shall be the co-lead-formulator-agency hereof and shall by the mere fact coordinate with the National Economic and Planning Development Authority to realize this goal;

2. Without prejudice to the program that may be crafted and adopted by the BDAC in the discharge of the task mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph, it shall implement the following Economic Development actions:

On Training:

- a) Livelihood and Business Establishment and Management Training
- b) Capability Building and Skills Enhancement Training

On Livelihood:

- a) Modern Fishing technology, sardine's industry, dried fish industry, Agal-Agal industry, Bangus and fish cage industry, pearl culture and other small and medium enterprises.

On Conversion and Funding Assistance:

- a) The Badjao and the like Resettlement Areas shall be made as one of the Bangsamoro Seafood sources and supplies and shall undertake to introduce its products to both national and international market to push its status and sustain marketability of its products;
- b) The Bangsamoro banking and other Micro Finance Institution (MFI's) shall finance the herein mentioned livelihood projects free from collateral and interest.

III. CULTURAL RESERVATION ACTION

The BDAC in coordination with the national Historical institute shall cause to study, preserve and write the history identity, beliefs and customs of the Badajo Tribe and the lie and shall identify, designate, develop a Special Badjao Community which shall serve as how window of their history, customs and culture, to promote tourism industry in their areas.

IV. POLITICAL, CIVIL AND SECURITY RELATED ACTION

The BDAC shall formulate a mechanism of sections to recognize BAdjao's Community Systems and Leadership including their Civil; Affairs and mode of setting disputes and on persons and family relations. It shall ensure that

these people can have ready access to the existing national and local government office as well as security and law enforcement agencies in their areas by establishment of a Badjao Special Concern Desk.

V. PRIORITY RULE OF ACTION

The Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes shall enjoy priority and be given preference over BARMM Government Employment opportunities and BCOBAR Assistance Services and NGO's charity Funded Projects as well as Micro Finance institution Grants. The Bangsamoro Government shall grant Tax credit for any institutions that offered financial or in kind assistance and grants to BADjao and the like as result of their partnership with the BDAC related activities.

VI. OTHER ACTION

The BDAC may adopt and implement other programs and projects which are beneficial to the Badjao and other Bangsamoro Poorest Tribes.

Section 6. Funds. The Bangsamoro Government shall appropriate funds under its Regular Budget necessary to carry out this act.

Section 7. The BDAC shall render Annual report to the Parliament containing its accomplishments, expenditures, and recommendations which requires legislative measures and enactments.

Section 8. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9 **Separability Clause.** – If for any reason any section or prevision of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional the reminder hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Adopted this _____ day of November 2020

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