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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY Resolution No. 130

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A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MARAWI SIEGE SURVIVORS FROM GROUND ZERO FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF THEIR DAMAGED HOUSES, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government may provide "supplemental funding for such programs and projects" to national program and projects including the project being undertaken by *Task Force Bangon Marawi* ("TFBM") under Section 13, Article 6 of the Republic Act No. 11054, also known as the *Bangsamoro Organic Law*;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro people have the right of access to basic services and it is the Bangsamoro Government that must provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of said basic services (*Sec. 8, Art 9, RA 11054*);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government shall also "maintain appropriate disaster-preparedness units for immediate and effective relief services to survivors of natural and man-made calamities" and provide "affordable and progressive housing projects" to the inhabitants of Bangsamoro (Sec. 8, Art 9, RA 11054);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro is under obligation to "address the lack of shelters, settlements, and livelihood for the disadvantaged and homeless, especially those survivors of conflicts and atrocities" (Sec 9, Art. 9, RA 11054);

WHEREAS, the Marawi Siege had resulted to the destruction of thousands of residential houses, displacement of 353,636 persons,¹ hampered economic and social lives, and damaged properties in the amount of billions of pesos;

¹ Data from Task Force Bangon Marawi in a Letter dated 9 October 2019.

WHEREAS, there are 5,691 structures inside the Most Affected Areas² and up to this date, substantial number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are yet to return to their homes;

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 66 introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri on 5 August 2019 cited "[I]n view of the slow progress in rehabilitation, there are still a number of displaced families and individuals and continued loss of economic opportunities as well as physical, emotional and psychological distress of the Marawi City siege victims;";

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of destroyed residential houses Marawi City in order for the survivors of Marawi Siege return to their normal lives;

WHEREAS, based on the consultations held, the lack of financial support for the reconstruction and/or repair of house poses as a great challenge for the survivors to realize their earnest hopes of returning to their houses, salvage whatever is left of them, and move on with their lives. And even if the survivors are allowed to returned to their homes, there are no homes to settle as they perished to the ground during the siege;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government cannot close its eyes from this sorry situation of its people suffering and struggling to restore their dignity;

WHEREAS, the Marawi Siege survivors lack financial capacity to build their homes. While existing measures are in place to assist displaced survivors get back on their feet, financial assistance specifically allotted for the reconstruction or repair of their damaged houses is yet to materialize. This form of assistance is one of the best interventions the Bangsamoro Government can give to complement the initiatives of the National Government. Not only will this greatly benefit the rehabilitation efforts of the government, this will likewise help homeowners recover their property and restore their dignity;

WHEREAS, in order to build a simple residential structure with considerable walling, flooring and roofing, an estimate of Php350,000.00 per residential house may suffice as a decent starting point for reconstruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to provide financial assistance to Marawi Siege survivors from Ground Zero for the reconstruction and/or repair of their damaged houses, and appropriate funds therefor.

Adopted,

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 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Data from Task Force Bangon Marawi in a Letter dated 9 October 2019 citing EDDMARI Construction and Trading.

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