

Republic of the Philippines  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
Cotabato City

**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
Resolution No. 231

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Introduced by BTA Members Atty. Maisara Cudia Dandamun-Latiph

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAP) CASH AID IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS OF THE SAME NATURE**

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 10 of R.A. No. 11054 provides that “the authority of the Bangsamoro Government to regulate the affairs of its constituent local government units shall be guaranteed in accordance with this organic law”;

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 41 of R.A. No. 11054 provides that “public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives”;

**WHEREAS**, the P200 billion Social Amelioration Program (SAP) was instituted by the national government through Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan To Heal As One Law;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the emergency subsidy program is intended solely for low-income families with at least one member belonging to the informal economy and most vulnerable sectors of the society, whose entire family totally lost their source of income during the implementation enhanced community quarantine;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, according to an online news outlet published on May 10, 2020, Minister Atty. Naguib Sinarimbo of Ministry of the Interior and Local Government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MILG-BARMM) sought the help of National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to determine whether the complaints that some local village officials in cahoots with social workers have been “cutting” the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/4/18/dilg-barangays-list-social-amelioration-programs-transparency.html>

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SAP aid intended for the poor affected by the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) crisis;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in the same publication, it was stated that complaints regarding the anomalies have been mounting and involved mostly barangay officials who demanded cuts from the PHP5,000 amelioration fund given to indigents across the region;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in another online news outlet published on May 13, 2020, it was reported that Minister Atty. Naguib Sinarimbo stated that “some *local officials* were colluding with *social welfare workers* in “cutting” SAP benefits being distributed down the line, even as there were many residents, who have complained about being excluded from the list of SAP recipients” and “various social media pages and even traditional media networks have been reporting alleged irregularities in the distribution of SAP benefits in the barangay level, ranging from purported political patronage to “shortchanging” or cutting in amounts intended for people affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic”;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve public trust, an inquiry that shall determine the veracity of the complaints against certain local officials regarding the anomalies in the distribution of the social amelioration program (SAP) needs to be conducted;

**WHEREAS**, by conducting an inquiry, procedures, rules and regulations, and laws which have loopholes or in itself are gateways for the commission of illegal conducts can be discovered and accordingly amended or acted upon;

**WHEREAS**, enactment of measures that will mitigate if not totally eliminate and prevent irregularities and specifically respond to the same issues will give life to the principle of “moral governance” which the Bangsamoro Transition Authority upholds;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

**FOR THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAP) CASH AID IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS OF THE SAME NATURE**

Adopted,



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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1102394>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/05/13/barmm-wants-anomalous-sap-distribution-probed-by-nbi-cidg/>