

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

**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
Resolution No. 233

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Introduced by BTA Members Atty. Maisara Cudia Dandamun-Latiph

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY TO ENSURE THAT ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ARE EQUIPPED WITH QUARANTINE FACILITIES BY COORDINATING WITH THE CONSTITUENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE BALIK PROBINSYA PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Health issued Administrative Order No. 2020 – 0016 on May 4, 2020 which referred to the adoption of Minimum Health System Capacity Standards for COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Strategies;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, paragraph (d) of the aforementioned Administrative Order provides that “all actors shall endeavour to achieve the minimum health system capacity targets to ensure that all persons classified as suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases and close contacts are detected, *isolated*, and treated”;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) released P30.8 Billion to Cities and Municipalities to address COVID-19 in relation to the President’s approval of the “Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities (BGCM);<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 114, s. 2020 institutionalized the “Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pagasa Program” which is geared towards addressing Metro Manila’s congested urban areas by encouraging people, especially informal settlers to return to their home provinces and assist them in this transition with support and incentives on transportation, family, livelihood, housing, subsistence and education, among others;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao will be expecting to receive numerous constituents who will avail of the Balik Probinsya Program considering the financial crisis that the pandemic caused on the economy;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.covid19.gov.ph/issuances/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.covid19.gov.ph/issuances/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dbm.gov.ph/index.php/secretary-s-corner/press-releases/list-of-press-releases/1639-dbm-releases-p30-8-billion-for-bayanihan-grant-to-cities-and-municipalities-to-address-covid-19>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2020/05may/20200506-EO-114-RRD.pdf>

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**WHEREAS**, according to an online newspaper publication, an 18-year old male student stranded for two months in Davao City and who availed of the Balik-Probinsya program of the city government of Cotabato, has tested positive for COVID-19;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in a newspaper of general circulation, it was reported that “one of the five seafarers from Misamis Occidental, who went home last week courtesy of the government’s Balik-Probinsya program, has tested positive for the coronavirus disease;”<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned incidents are occurring in various regions of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there are reports that some municipalities within the Bangsamoro Region have yet to establish quarantine facilities or those which managed to established one, failed to meet the standards required by the National Government;

**WHEREAS**, in order to prevent increase of incidents or transmission to the localities where the Balik Probinsya grantee intends to return, there is a need to ensure that all constituent cities and municipalities have quarantine facilities which are in accordance with the Minimum Health System Capacity Standards as issued by the Department of Health;

**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**, prudence dictates that inspection must be conducted in order to ensure that no untoward incident or outbreak will be caused by the Balik Bayan Program;

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

**FOR THE APPROPRIATE BANGSAMORO MINISTRY TO ENSURE THAT ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ARE EQUIPPED WITH QUARANTINE FACILITIES BY COORDINATING WITH THE CONSTITUTENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROBABLE IMPACT OF THE BALIK PROBINSYA PROGRAM**

Adopted,



**Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph**  
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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.mindanews.com/top-stories/2020/05/student-stranded-in-davao-city-but-now-back-in-cotabato-city-tests-positive-for-covid-19/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1271843/seafarer-returning-to-misamis-occidental-from-manila-tests-positive-for-covid-19#ixzz6NckUz5aF>