

**Republic of the Philippines**  
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao  
**BANGMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**  
BARMM Compound, Cotabato City  
**RESOLUTION NO. 336**

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Introduced by: **Hon. Member of the Parliament ROMEO C. SALIGA**

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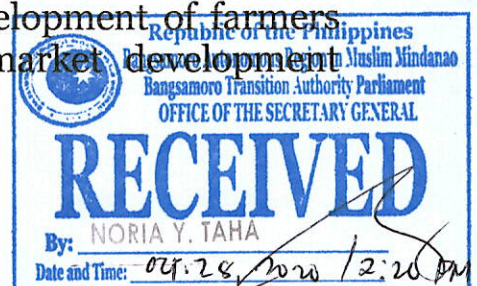
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND AGRARIAN REFORM (MAFAR) TO COME UP WITH APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND ENSURE THE INCOME OF CORN FARMERS WITHIN BARMM**

**WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 5(a) of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054)** provides that the Parliament has the power to enact laws to promote, protect, and ensure the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Further, **Article XIII, Section 23 thereof** provides Xxxxx the policies and laws of the Bangsamoro government on agriculture, fisheries, and aquatic resources shall advance agriculture as a key development strategy, promote productivity measures, and provide support for small farmers, landholders, and marginal fisher folks. Xxxxx;

**WHEREAS,** it is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to ensure resiliency and productivity for food security, income and rural employment in an enabling environment for farmers, fisherfolks and agrarian reform beneficiaries;

**WHEREAS,** one of the Powers and Functions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform is to plan, formulate, execute, regulate and monitor programs and activities relating to agriculture, food production and supply;

**WHEREAS,** the **Enhanced Transition Plan for 2019-2022** of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) provides that the MAFAR shall formulate a policy framework conducive to increase public investments and climate-resilient integrated support services under the direction of Bangsamoro Regional Government to make land and water resources profitable to ensure food security towards the development of farmers and fisherfolk. Hence, it has jurisdiction over market development services;





**WHEREAS**, farmers are the backbone of our economy as they are the one who produced staple food for the people.

**WHEREAS**, steep increase in the harvest yields were observed among corn and rice farmers within BARMM especially during harvest season but suffered great capital losses on account of very low prices with some traders even denied buying products self-financed by the farmers.

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned situation send our farmers to further indebtedness with many of them forced to sell their lands or working animals in order to pay high interest loans from usurers and traders.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to request the MAFAR to formulate appropriate mechanism or strategies that will increase productivity and ensure the income of corn farmers within BARMM.

**Adopted:**

  
**ROMEO C. SALIGA**  
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