

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 436

Introduced by MP Dr. Alzad T. Sattar

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE REGIONAL DARUL IFTA' TO ORGANIZE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE ZAKAT COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND DISBURSEMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO."

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article IV of Republic Act 11054 states that the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure every Filipino citizens in its territorial jurisdiction the provision of the basic necessities and equal opportunities in life, Social justice shall be promoted in all aspects of life and phases of development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

WHEREAS, Zakat plays an active role in spiritual and social life of Muslim society. It is considered a measure of social justice in Islamic finance and an instrument of poverty eradication.

WHEREAS, Zakat, is the 3rd pillar of Islam, treated as a religious obligation and undertaken as act of purifying wealth and generating divine blessings. Zakat is built as an egalitarian principle that those who have to give charity share the benefit of their prosperity to those who have fallen short.

WHEREAS, the "State of Local Democracy in the BARMM (2013) " rightly observed that poverty in the region is worsening and this is in part because the Islamic precepts on Zakat (mandatory charity) and sadaqah (voluntary charity) are not "institutionalized and supported by the government in order to target the poor more effectively".

WHEREAS, In a study by the Supreme Court of the Philippine (SC) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in 2004, citing Qur'anic verses (2:215, 70:24-25, 107:1-7) recognizes Zakat as a tool for Social Justice and a Human Rights character .

WHEREAS, In the Asian Development Bank (ADB) 2009 study on Poverty in the Philippines pointed out that included in the main causes of poverty in the country is the “high and persistent levels of inequality (incomes and assets), which dampen the positive impacts of economic expansion”.

WHEREAS, The Philippine Statistical Authority's (PSA) 2018 data on poverty incidence, 3 out of the 5 provinces in the BARMM are among the poorest in the country . The same three provinces are among the lowest in terms of Human Development Index (HDI).

Whereas, poverty remains to be as one of the biggest challenges in the Bangsamoro region and can be eradicated, *biizn* Allah, through *zakah* system in order to preserve the sanctity of the religion and to uphold the dignity of the Ummah.

WHEREAS, Zakat on incomes and assets is an Islamic mechanism which have huge potential in narrowing the level of socio-economic inequality in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao if institutionalized.

FURTHER, there is a sense of urgency to act on this matter as the current state of Zakat collection is at best, fragmented and scattered; and their distribution not widespread in benefitting those in need. This is also a matter of *bashaffāfiyyah* (transparency), *najā'ah* (efficiency) and *mas'ūliyyah* (accountability) integral to the *al-Hukm ul-Akhlāqiy* (Moral Governance) of the Government of the Day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE REGIONAL DARUL IFTA' TO ORGANIZE AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE ZAKAT COLLECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND DISBURSEMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO.

Adopted.



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