



Republic of the Philippines  
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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao



# OFFICE OF MP HASHEMI NUR DILANGALEN, MD, CHA

2023 First Quarter Report  
January to March 2023





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first quarter of 2023 has been marked by significant milestones and achievements as we continued to advocate for health, nutrition, and disaster preparedness. In this two-part report, we present the highlights of the Office of MP Dilangalen from January to March 2023 and the other activities about community social welfare, consultations and engagements, and staff development.

We have introduced a new bill called the “Bangsamoro Fast Food Labeling Act”. We have also passed three resolutions concerning nutrition and health, and one resolution regarding governance. Meanwhile, the bill establishing the Northern Kabuntalan Hospital was already passed for the first reading.

For our advocacy projects, the year took off with our first psychospiritual training for the humanitarian workers of BARMM. MP Dilangalen sees the importance of bringing mental health awareness to light to improve one’s overall well-being. For our humanitarian workers, the nature of the jobs may mean constant exposure to life’s difficulties. This five-day seminar focused on discussing the participants’ challenges and equipping them with tools and methods to help them in their work.

In line with enhancing hospital service, the office of MP Dilangalen sponsored the first round table discussion on Ibadah-friendly hospitals. The event was a launching pad for introducing the Ibadah-friendly hospital accreditation program to religious leaders and hospital representatives. By having Ibadah-friendly hospitals, we aim to improve our accommodation of Muslim health workers and patients and help them feel more at ease while in the hospital environment.

Towards the end of the first quarter, the Office of MP Dilangalen formalized Project HELP: Home Essentials for Local Patients. It is an assistance program for indigent, senior citizen patients who have just finished hospital treatment. This project intends to help ease patients’ transition from hospital care to at-home recovery.

These are only the highlights of what we have done so far. We are grateful for our partners’ collaborative efforts and for our staff’s hard work. We look forward to continuing our work in service of the Bangsamoro people.



# LEGISLATIVE MEASURES



## ON HEALTH

### NORTHERN KABUNTALAN HOSPITAL

The proposed bill for the establishment of the Northern Kabuntalan Hospital, entitled AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN KABUNTALAN, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, A LEVEL I GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN KABUNTALAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, approved on first reading on March 22, 2023.

### PHILHEALTH BENEFITS INFORMATION DRIVE

The resolution entitled RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, PHILHEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT LOCAL INFORMATION DRIVES REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF PHILHEALTH FOR ITS MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES was referred to Committee on Health and Committee on Interior and Local Government.

### COMPLIANCE WITH EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT

The resolution entitled URGING ALL CONCERNED MINISTRIES, AGENCIES, OFFICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE SWIFT AND FULL COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11861 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT" was referred to different committees.

### IMMUNIZATION OF BABIES AND CHILDREN

The resolution RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMMUNIZATION OF BABIES AND CHILDREN IN BARMM AND TO PROVIDE AN ACTION PLAN FOR REACHING ITS TARGET IMMUNIZATION RATE has been referred to different committees.

### "BANGSAMORO FAST FOOD LABELING ACT"

The bill entitled AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES OF POPULAR CHAINS OF FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS OPERATING IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO PROPERLY LABEL THEIR FOOD PRODUCTS AND CONDIMENTS AS "WITH PORK" TO DISTINGUISH THEM FROM FOOD PRODUCTS AND CONDIMENTS WHICH ARE NON-PORK, WITHOUT PORK OR WITHOUT PORK BY-PRODUCTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES has been filed.

"A Resolution directing the Ministry of Health to expedite the processing of release of salaries and benefits of healthcare workers and non-healthcare workers involved in the Covid-19 response in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao" has been referred to the Committee on Health



## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES



## ON GOVERNANCE

### ACCREDITATION FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The resolution entitled RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PURSUE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODIES was adopted by the Parliament.



## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

# Project HELP: Home Essentials for Local Patients

On March 21, 2023, MP Dilangalen and Dr. Ishmael Dimaren, representing the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC), entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the pilot implementation of the Home Essentials for Local Patients, or HELP program, in CRMC.

The HELP program is a recovery assistance program for indigent, senior citizens patients to be discharged from hospitals. MP Dilangalen recognizes the difficulty these patients face when transitioning to

home care. Through HELP, the beneficiaries will receive homecare essentials like medicine, supplements, and food packages. These will aid them in continuing with their recovery in the comfort of their houses. This program will be officially launched in May 2023.

The HELP program began in Tawi-tawi through the leadership of MP Atty. Jet Lim. Meanwhile, MP Dilangalen envisions implementing this program in other public hospitals in Cotabato City and in the BARMM.





# First Round Table Discussion (RTD) on Ibadah-friendly Hospital Certification Program of the Cotabato Regional Medical Center (CRMC)

Since December 2022, MP Dilangalen has been working closely with Dr. Sherjan Kalim, Chairman of the Muslim Spiritual Care Committee of Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC), for the Ibadah-Friendly hospital accreditation program. MP Dilangalen empathizes with Muslim health workers and Muslim patients in hospital care. Having served as a community doctor, he knows the challenges of practicing religion in the line of work. Patients during confinement likewise encounter similar difficulties.

On January 18, 2023, the office of MP Dilangalen sponsored the first round table discussion on creating Ibadah-friendly hospitals. Dr. Kalim introduced the draft of the Ibadah-friendly Hospital Certification Assessment tool, which will measure the partner hospitals' compliance with the program. Dr. Kalim also discussed the best practices from Indonesia's Shari'a Compliant Hospital Certification Program to inspire the program's implementation in the region.

The event was attended by Bangsamoro Darul Ifta Mufti Abu Hurairah A. Udasan, religious leaders from

Muslim Mindanao Halal Certification Board, Jamiat Cotabato and Institute Technology, Hay'atul Ulama, and Committee on Dawah and Masjid Affairs, and by representatives from local hospitals.

The Ibadah-friendly hospital accreditation program is being piloted at CRMC, Maguindanao Provincial Hospital, and Buluan District Hospital.





# Islamic Psychospiritual Training for BARMM Humanitarian Workers

The office of MP Dilangalen, in collaboration with the Taha Foundation, UNIPHYL-Women, and the Cotabato City Health Office, conducted a 5-day mental health training for the Muslim humanitarian workers in BARMM.

Humanitarian workers play a critical role in the recovery of distressed areas, such as those affected by crises like natural disasters and epidemics. They work on the ground and are among the first responders to aid those most in need. Undeniably, the nature of their service also puts them in vulnerable situations. They closely witness the hardships of the people they help. This may cause mental and emotional exhaustion.

The Islamic Psychospiritual Seminar and Training consisted of 10 sessions with different activities per session. It was designed to be a safe space for discussion. The participants were encouraged to reflect on their experiences and discuss their shared learnings. Towards the end, the facilitators introduced methods and techniques to help them with their work.

The seminar received positive feedback from its participants. The most common suggestion was to have continuity with programs like this. It was also recommended to explore the possibility of installing psychospiritual staff in BARMM offices.





# Philippine Heart Month *Celebration*

The Office of MP Dilangalen celebrated Philippine Heart Month through various activities aimed to promote health consciousness, physical exercises and regular checkups.

The highlight of the celebration was the free zumba session done in partnership with New Vibes, a group of local Zumba instructors. The event, entitled "Tara, Mag-ehersisyo! Para sa Masiglang Puso", was attended by men and women who danced to their hearts' delight. The team of MP Dilangalen also offered free blood pressure and oxygen saturation checkups.





# Bangsamoro Foundation Day *Celebration*

The Office of MP Dilangalen participated in the celebration of the 4th founding anniversary of BARMM. MP Dilangalen viewed the occasion both as a celebration of the lives of the men and women who toiled to get us to where we are today, and a continuous reminder of the noble cause that the Bangsamoro have undertaken, along with the many sacrifices made, towards the realization of our shared aspirations.

The team of MP Dilangalen set up a booth at the Datu Kabilan Sema Hall, Bangsamoro Government Center for three days. The visitors received free snacks, free massage and were entertained with various games.





# National Women's Month *Celebration*

MP Dilangalen and MP Engr. Aida Silongan held a joint event celebrating the Bangsamoro women during National Women's Month last March 22, 2023. The two MPs believe in the vital role played by women in shaping society. The event was attended by Bangsamoro women who are families of Mujahideens and Mujahidats. Relief assistance was also distributed to the participants.







## Quick Response for the Fire Victims of Brgy. Salimbao, Sultan Kudarat







Consultation During the Community Meetings Bgy. Malingao and Kapinpilan, Municipality of Midsayap, and Subsequent Distribution of Economic Assistance Package



Cotabato City Medical Center's Multi-Sectoral Government Council (CRMC-MSGC)





Exploratory Meeting with Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA ) on its Resilience and Inclusion through Investment for Sustainable Agriculture (RIISA) project



Buntis Congress Organized by the Regional Health Unit in Pandag







### First Adolescent-Youth Health Summit by Gallant Adolescent New Generation (GANG)



### First-Ever All Female Fire Olympics by the Bureau of Fire and Protection, Tupi, South Cotabato







## Re-Opening of the Office of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc. Cotabato City - Maguindanao Chapter





Values Transformation Training led by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority- Human Resource Management Division in Collaboration with the Bangsamoro Development Agency and Development Academy of the Bangsamoro



Roll out of Forms, Google Drive Training, and Orientation on Programs/ Projects/Activities Spearheaded by the Planning Division of the Office of the Parliament Speaker



Orientation on Completed Staff Work led by the Office of the Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and PWDs (CWYCP) in partnership with Support to Bangsamoro Transition - Subatra





Introduction to Digital Workspace and Canva Design for the Members of Parliament led by the Management Information System Division (MISD) in partnership with the BTA- Gender and Development Focal Point System (GADFPS)



Orientation on the Implementation of the Emergency Relief Assistance, Bangsamoro Critical Assistance for Indigents in Response to Emergency Situations (Bangsamoro CARES), and Transitional Development Impact Fund (TDIF) conducted by the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD)



Orientation of the Process Flow of Divisions under the Office of the Parliament Speaker led by the Planning Division of Bangsamoro Transition Authority





Workshop on Bill Drafting for the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, sponsored by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. It was facilitated by resource speakers from the Legal Research Service and the Bill Drafting Service of the House of Representatives.



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services for BTA Employees





## PRINCIPALLY AUTHORED BILLS

### Filed:

- An Act Establishing and Constructing A Level – I Municipal Hospital with fifty (50) bed capacity in Guindulungan Municipality, Province of Maguindanao to be known as Guindulungan Municipal Hospital appropriating funds for its facilities and Professional Health Care, Medical Personnel and for other purposes
- An Act Establishing and Constructing a Level – I Municipal Hospital with fifty (50) bed capacity in Datu Anggal Midtimbang Municipality, Province of Maguindanao to be known as Datu Anggal Midtimbang Municipal Hospital appropriating funds for its facilities and Professional Health Care, Medical Personnel and for other purposes
- An Act Establishing and Constructing a Level – I Municipal Hospital with fifty (50) bed capacity in Talayan Municipality, Province of Maguindanao to be known as Talayan Municipal Hospital appropriating funds for its facilities and Professional Health Care, Medical Personnel and for other purposes

## CO-AUTHORED BILLS

### Filed:

- An Act establishing a Dialysis Center for BARMM in Cotabato Sanitarium and General Hospital, Pinarang Sultan Kudarat and Appropriating Funds Thereof
- An Act Strengthening the Madaris Educational System in the Bangsamoro Region and Providing Assistance through the Establishment of the Madaris Education Fund Assistance, appropriating Funds Therefor, and for other purposes

## PRINCIPALLY AUTHORED RESOLUTIONS

### Referred to Committee on Health:

- Resolution Respectfully requesting the Ministry of Health to expedite the processing of the release of the Special Risk Allowance (SRA), the One Covid-19 Allowance (OCA) and the Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) to Health Care Workers and Non Health Care Workers involved in the Covid-19 Response in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao



**Adopted:**

- A Resolution expressing and conveying deepest condolences and sympathy to the bereaved families of the victims of Turkey-Syria 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake that occurred on February 6, 2023

**CO-AUTHORED RESOLUTIONS****Adopted:**

- Resolution of the BTA Parliament for Commendation, Recognition and Appreciation of Dr. Tanaka Akihiko, Former President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Resolution by the BTA Parliament for Commendation and Recognition of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for its support and assistance to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
- A Resolution supporting the journey of Ms. Fauzia Tumbas – Lidasan, a Bangsamoro Woman aiming to reach the Mt. Everest Peak by May 2025
- Resolution congratulating and commending Mr. Abdul Baterbonia Lumanggal for ranking top 10 in the October 2022 Licensure Examination for Teachers in Elementary Level and for giving pride and honor to the Bangsamoro People
- A Resolution congratulating and commending Commissioner Atty. Faydah Maniri Dumarpa for her appointment as Member of the Sixth Commission En Banc of the Commission on Human Rights Dated 28 December 2022
- Resolution congratulating and commending the four (4) Bangsamoro Young Professionals for ranking as topnotchers in the recently concluded December 2022 X-Ray Technologist Licensure Examination and for giving pride and honor to the Bangsamoro People
- Resolution urging the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) to require Airport announcements in the Region to be made in the major Local Languages in the Bangsamoro, in addition to English and Filipino
- Resolution expressing deepest gratitude to His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., for the Constitution of the Marawi Compensation Board, and congratulating the duly appointed Chairperson and Members of the Marawi Compensation Board
- Resolution expressing the sincere appreciation of the BTA Parliament to the Philippine Supreme Court and the Honorable Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo for including the strengthening of Shari'ah Justice in the Judiciary's Long-Term Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022-2027 (SPJI)
- Resolution expressing deepest condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the Late Sheikh Khalifa Usman Nando, First Wali of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, and extending profound Gratitude for his contributions to the Bangsamoro



**Referred to a Committee:**

- Resolution urging the Bangsamoro Government through the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Human Settlements and Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Aquatic Resources, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Services and Development, and Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs to Undertake Immediate Concerted Actions that will address the impact of Typhoon Paeng that claimed the Lives of Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples
- A Resolution earnestly requesting the Bangsamoro Government to recognize and allow one (1) Representative from the Associations of Madaris, Ma'ahad, Markadz, and Kulliyah in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to participate in the deliberations of the appropriate Bangsamoro Ministries, and other Government Agencies on matters dealing with Islamic Education

**Filed:**

- Resolution Endorsing Al-Amanah Islamic Bank as Partner Lending Conduit of the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Credit Policy Council (Da-Acpc) for the Cooperatives and Social Enterprises in the Barmm to access Interest-Free Loans



