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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 000 4_y
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AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ONE-TIME SOCIOECONOMIC AMELIORATIVE MEASURE ALLOWANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO ALL QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 3 of the R.A No. 11054 states that *"The Bangsamoro Government shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare."*;

WHEREAS, in a rare and meaningful convergence of sacred calendars, Ramadhan and Lenten season all begin within a few days of each other. During these sacred seasons. Muslims and non-Muslims alike undertake periods of profound spiritual reflection, prayer, fasting, and generous acts of charity. An invitation for believers to come together in faith and solidarity where prayer becomes service, and any form of assistance becomes hope especially for the members of communities burdened by economic hardship, conflict, and disaster;

WHEREAS, ensuring food security and economic stability for all covered residents, regardless of religious affiliation, is a fundamental responsibility of the Bangsamoro government, particularly during periods where an increase in economic strain is highly expected;

WHEREAS, additional financial obligations are expected to be incurred during this period as the level of the daily consumption of essential commodities within the region doubles in comparison with the other months;

WHEREAS, the rise in commodity prices following the increase in demand and consumption of essential commodities affects not only Muslims observing the fast but also the general population of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, while counter-efforts are being implemented by the Bangsamoro Government by monitoring business establishments across the region to prevent price hikes, a grant a one-time financial assistance is a practical and a direct response to the expected price increase of both basic and prime commodities in the region;

WHEREAS, granting financial assistance to employees of the Bangsamoro Government, without regard to religious affiliation, is a direct aid to attenuate the financial burden faced by public sector workers, particularly those in lower income brackets, during this period of potential financial strain;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XII of RA 11054 provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall enjoy fiscal autonomy with the end in view of attaining self-sufficiency and genuine development; and

WHEREAS, Section 32, Article VII of RA 11054 declares the Chief Minister as head of the Bangsamoro Government who may exercise powers and functions inherent to the office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the power vested upon me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Grant of One-time Socioeconomic Ameliorative Measure Allowance.

Subject to the GAAB FY 2026 and applicable rules, Ministries, Offices, and Agencies of the Bangsamoro Government **are hereby directed/authorized to implement the payment of One-time Socioeconomic Ameliorative Measure (SAM) Allowance FY 2026** with an amount of not exceeding **Twenty thousand (P20,000.00)** pesos to each qualified official or employee.

SECTION 2. Coverage. This order shall over all qualified officials and employees of the Ministries, Offices, and Agencies in the BARMM with compensation sourced from the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

All qualified officials and employees refer to the following:

- a. Officials and personnel who are occupying regular, temporary, coterminous, casual or contractual positions; and
- b. Personnel whose services are engaged through Contract of Service (COS) or Job Order (JO), subject to Commission on Audit (COA) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular (JC) No. 2 (s.2020), or the "Updated Rules and Regulations Governing COS and JO Workers in the Government."

COS and JO workers of Nationally-Funded Programs (NFP) who are directly supervised by the Bangsamoro Ministries, Offices, and Agencies implementing these programs, subject to the provisions under section 4.2 (c) of this order.

Covered employees must be in service with BARMM **as of February 15, 2026 as reflected in the official records of MFBM.**

For the purposes of this Order, actual service shall refer to service duly rendered and certified by the Head of Office.

SECTION 3. Exclusion. Personnel falling under ethe following cases/circumstances are not entitled to SAM Allowance for FY 2026:

- a. Those who are absent without leave (AWOL)
- b. Those who have been hired not as part of the organic manpower of the Ministry/Office/Agency but as consultants or experts to perform specific activities or services with expected output, as well as student laborers and apprentices; and
- c. Workers hired through institutional COS who are assigned in government agencies.

SECTION 4. Funding Source and Release. The SAM Allowance for FY 2026 shall be released under the following conditions:

4.1 For officials and Employees occupying Regular, Temporary, Coterminous, Casual or Contractual Positions, the amount required for the payment of SAM Allowance for FY 2026 shall be sourced from Miscellaneous Personnel and Benefits Fund (MPBF).

4.2 For Contract of Service or Job Order Personnel:

- a. For COS or Job Order Personnel charged against the Regular Fund of the M/O/A, twenty thousand (P20,000.00) shall be sourced from Contingent Fund FY 2026 upon submission to the Office of the Chief Minister of Special Budget Request (SBR) and reportorial requirements together with the official list of COS/JO personnel.

In case of difference between MFBM's official record of number of COS/JO personnel and the actual number engaged by the MOA, the deficiency shall be charged against available Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the MOA subject on the Rule on Modification as provided in Section 67 (a) of GAAB FY 2026 which will require approval only on the level of the Minister of the MOA.

- b. For COS/JO Personnel whose compensation is charged against Special Trust Fund, Special Purpose Fund or Retained Income, the payment of FY 2026 SAM allowance amount shall be sourced from the same funds used for their respective salaries.
- c. For COS'JO workers directly supervised by the BARMM M/O/As implementing Nationally-Funded Program/Projects, the SAM Allowance may be charged against the Nationally-Funded Program allotments as far as practicable, subject to the approval of the Minister or Head of Offices or Agencies and with proper coordination to the National Government Agency/ies providing the funds.

If the funds from particular program are not sufficient to cover the amount of P20,000.00, the SAM Allowance of the said program shall be in such amount as may be allowed by the program's available funds.

Disbursement of funds for the payment of FY 2026 SAM Allowance shall be subject to existing laws, government accounting and auditing rules and regulations, and other issuances.

SECTION 5. Deadline and Payment Date. The payment of the FY 2026 SAM Allowance shall be made by the respective Ministries, Offices and Agencies to the qualified personnel **not later than March 31, 2026.**

SECTION 6. Supplemental Guidelines. The MFBM shall issue supplemental guidelines for the effective implementation of this Order.

SECTION 7. Repeal. All orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the **City of Cotabato** this 27th day of February 2026.



ABDULRAOFA MACACUA
Chief Minister

