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**BY THE CHIEF MINISTER
OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO**

PROCLAMATION NO. 002
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**DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION
IN MUSLIM MINDANAO DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO**

WHEREAS, severe widespread dry conditions, dry spells, and drought incidents have been reported in large part of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, and the Special Geographic Area, as of April 24, 2024, projected to persist until May 2024 due to the El Niño Phenomenon;

WHEREAS, according to the El Niño Advisory No. 8 of the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST PAGASA), a strong and mature El Niño is expected to continue through February 2024. The majority of global climate models suggest that El Niño will likely persist until the March-April-May 2024;

WHEREAS, the El Niño Advisory No. 10 / La Niña Watch of DOST PAGASA forecasted that El Niño across the tropical Pacific Ocean continues to weaken and is expected to persist until March-April-May (MAM) 2024 season;

WHEREAS, most of the affected population are farmers and fisherfolk. According to the Damage and Losses Report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, around 26,112 farmers are affected; more or less 26,605 hectares of agricultural lands with crops totally damaged; and the damage has amounted to PhP 1,407,259,402.00;

WHEREAS, a Bangsamoro Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (BDRRMC) Emergency Meeting was held on April 5, 2024, participated in by the members composed of various Bangsamoro ministries, offices, and agencies as well as National Government Agencies in BARMM;

WHEREAS, during the Emergency Meeting held on April 5, 2024, the BDRRMC activated the Bangsamoro Action Plan for El Niño and directed the ministries, offices, and agencies to fast-track the processing and implementation of programs, projects, activities, and services stipulated in the Action Plan;

WHEREAS, BDRMMC Memorandum No. 007 raised the alert status from white to blue at the Bangsamoro Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center in connection with the El Niño Phenomenon;

WHEREAS, the BDRRMC organized and deployed the Bangsamoro Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Teams to conduct an assessment in the barangays of the Special Geographic Area (SGA) from April 15-19 and 22-25, 2024;

WHEREAS, several Local Government Units (LGUs) have declared a State of Calamity including, but not limited to, Basilan Province, Maguindanao del Sur Province, municipalities of Akbar, Hadji Muhtamad, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Matanog, Sultan Mastura, Upi, Ampatuan, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Piang, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, General Salipada K. Pendatun, Paglat, Rajah Buayan, Sultan Sa Barongis, and 61 Barangays of the SGA;

WHEREAS, as early as March 22, 2024, the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education has recorded and reported the suspension of classes in some areas while some have resorted to asynchronous learning modalities due to the dangerous levels in the heat index;

WHEREAS, there is great anticipation for an exponential increase in the affected population upon consolidation of all damage assessment reports from LGUs, relevant agencies, and RDANA results, and with the expectation of an escalated situation when the heat index reaches its peak towards the end of the El Niño;

WHEREAS, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Memorandum Order No. 60, s. 2019, provides the criteria for an area to be declared under the State of Calamity, as well as remedial measures to be undertaken by concerned member-ministries on the Council upon the declaration of State of Calamity;

WHEREAS, BARMM met the requirements to be declared under a State of Calamity relative to the aforementioned impacts;

WHEREAS, Section 32 (g), Art. VII of the Republic Act No. 11054, also known as “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” provides that the Chief Minister has the power to “Proclaim a state of calamity whenever typhoons, flash floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, or other natural or man-made calamities that cause widespread damage or destruction to life or property in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;”

WHEREAS, the declaration of State of Calamity will provide augmentation on the ongoing response operations and recovery efforts of the Bangsamoro Government to the affected communities;

WHEREAS, this declaration will effectively control the prices of the basic goods and commodities for the affected areas and afford the BARMM and its LGUs an ample latitude to utilize and appropriate funds for rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of, and to continue to provide basic services to, affected populations, in accordance with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AHOD B. EBRAHIM, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby declare a State of Calamity in the whole region of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao due to widespread effects of the El Niño Phenomenon;

All ministries and other government agencies concerned are hereby directed to implement and execute medical assistance, relief, and rehabilitation work in accordance with pertinent operational plans and directives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Chief Minister of the BARMM to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Cotabato, this 29th day of April, 2024


AHOD B. EBRAHIM
Chief Minister



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