

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79, April 24, 2019 ]**

**IMPLEMENTING THE ANNEX ON NORMALIZATION UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO**

**WHEREAS**, on 27 March 2014, the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) signed the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), which marked the end of seventeen (17) years of negotiations between the Parties and provided a negotiated political settlement for the attainment of a just and lasting peace and development in the Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, an integral part of the CAB is the Annex on Normalization, signed on 25 January 2014, which provides for a process to ensure human security in the Bangsamoro and enable the communities to achieve their desired quality of life through the pursuit of sustainable livelihood and political participation within a peaceful and deliberative society;

**WHEREAS**, following the agreements set forth in the CAB, Republic Act (RA) No. 11054 or the "Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," was signed into law on 27 July 2018 and ratified through plebiscites held on 21 January and 06 February 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the process outlined in the Annex on Normalization is parallel and complementary to the provisions of RA No. 11054;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to fully implement the various components of the normalization process and capitalize on existing mechanisms and framework under the Annex on Normalization, based on the principle of coordination between the GPH and the MILF, and consistent with RA No. 11054;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all the executive departments, bureaus and offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Normalization Program.** The National Government recognizes that normalization is a process whereby communities can achieve their desired quality of life within a peaceful and deliberative society. To this end, the National Government adopts a Normalization Program that is multi-faceted and covers the aspects of security, socio-economic development, sustainable livelihood, political participation, confidence-building, and transitional justice and reconciliation.

**Section 2. Creation of the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization.** An Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) is hereby formally established to ensure timely, appropriate and efficient delivery of the Normalization Program.

**Section 3. Composition.** The ICCMN shall be composed of representatives from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and the Office of the Cabinet Secretary (OCS), with a rank not lower than an Undersecretary, as co-chairpersons. The members shall consist of representatives from the following agencies with ranks not lower than an Assistant Secretary or its equivalent:

- a. National Security Council;
- b. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- c. Department of National Defense (DND);
- d. Department of Justice (DOJ);
- e. Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- f. Department of Agriculture;
- g. Department of Education;
- h. Department of Health;
- i. Department of Labor and Employment;
- j. Department of Finance;
- k. Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- l. Department of Trade and Industry;
- m. Department of Information and Communications Technology;
- n. National Economic and Development Authority;
- o. Commission on Higher Education;
- p. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority; and
- q. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

Member-agencies shall designate alternate members of equal rank to serve in the absence of their designated representatives. The concerned agencies and offices shall provide appropriate authority for the participation of their representatives in the ICCMN.

The Chairpersons shall convene meetings regularly and as often as may be necessary to ensure proper coordination and implementation of this Order. A majority of the members of the ICCMN shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 4. Secretariat.** The OPAPP shall serve as the Secretariat of the ICCMN, to be complemented by existing personnel from its member-agencies. The Secretariat shall provide technical and administrative support to the ICCMN, and coordinate with concerned agencies on the status of component plans and programs.

The member-agencies shall submit periodic reports on their respective programs to the Secretariat.

**Section 5. Powers and Functions.** Consistent with the provisions of RA No. 11054, the ICCMN shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Coordinate and mobilize relevant government agencies in implementing the various aspects of the Normalization Program in accordance with their respective functions and mandates;

- b. Provide policy advice, further support and other necessary input or assistance as to the appropriate modality and mechanism for the timely and smooth implementation of the different components of the Normalization Program, consistent with the principles of streamlined administration, efficient delivery, and accountability in governance;
- c. Supervise and monitor all socio-economic interventions under the Normalization Program that are implemented through relevant government agencies;
- d. Create a Working Group on Vulnerable Sectors to be composed of relevant government agencies, which shall recommend a set of interventions for vulnerable sectors, including indigenous peoples, internally-displaced persons, widows, orphans, people with disabilities, detainees and their families;
- e. Submit periodic reports on the implementation of this Order to the President; and
- f. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the President.

**Section 6. Scope and Coverage.** The programs under the different components of the Normalization Program, as defined in the next succeeding section, shall be implemented for the combatant and non-combatant elements of the MILF, the families of the decommissioned combatants, and other vulnerable individuals and sectors residing in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), consistent with the provisions of RA No. 11054. The programs shall cover the six (6) recognized MILF camps particularly, Camp Bilal in Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur, Camp Omar ibn al-Khattab in Maguindanao, Camp Rajamuda in North Cotabato and Maguindanao, Camp Busrah Somiorang in Lanao del Sur, Camp Badre in Maguindanao, and Camp Abubakar as-Siddique in Maguindanao, and such other locations of decommissioned combatants, as may be identified by the GPH and the MILF Implementing Panels.

**Section 7. Aspects of Normalization.** Consistent with the provisions of RA No. 11054, the Normalization Program shall consist of the following aspects:

#### **A. Security Aspect**

7.1 Transitional Components. The Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) and the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) created pursuant to the Annex on Normalization shall ensure effective security collaboration.

7.1.1 The DND and the DILG shall respectively direct the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), in coordination with the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces - MILF (BIAF-MILF), to designate members to the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) which shall serve as the operating units of the transitional components of the Normalization Program. The JPSTs shall be assigned and deployed in mutually-agreed areas.

7.1.2 The DND shall provide appropriate trainings to the BIAF-MILF contingent in the JPST. The AFP and PNP, in consultation with the JNC and JPSC, shall also provide necessary inputs and support to fully operationalize the JPSTs including, but not limited to, the development of