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The  
*Chief Minister's*  
**BUDGET MESSAGE**

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# Chief Minister's Message: Budget FY 2023

*“Unified Towards a Noble Goal:*

*A Better Economy for the Bangsamoro People”*

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To the Honorable Speaker of the Bangsamoro Parliament,

To all the distinguished Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority,

*Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.*

## **Introduction**

Another year for the Bangsamoro, another year to become better. *In shaa Allah.*

I am submitting to the Parliament the Proposed Budget for the Bangsamoro for Fiscal Year 2023 amounting to P85,359,315,687.00 (Eighty-Five Billion Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand and Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Pesos).

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 will hopefully bring us to that point in the future, when connected from this point where we are now, will draw a line of sustained progress. This plan will hopefully transform the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to become a better environment for our people who shall enjoy the benefits of a better economy.

## **BARMM's Direction (From where we are now, where are we heading?)**

To measure our progress, we look at our humble beginnings.

At the inception of the Bangsamoro Government in 2019, we recognized that so much has yet to be done to uplift the lives of the peoples in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. We identified the needs and the things that were lacking. We considered the fulfillment of these needs as part of our mission to guarantee improvement of lives of the Bangsamoro. Together, we worked to address these needs and to provide for what is lacking. *Alhamdulillah*, in behalf of everyone, at this point in time, I can proudly say that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, since its humble beginnings in 2019, has made records of improvement.

The year 2020 turned out to be a very challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But during that year, we persevered. Expectedly, all the regions of the Philippines, including BARMM, posted declines in economic performance that year.

However, in a report released by the Philippine Statistics Authority last April 2021, it was determined that BARMM posted the smallest decline of -1.9 percent.<sup>1</sup>

During 2021, with the introduction of vaccines, economic activities resumed under the New Normal. According to PSA, BARMM's economic performance increased by 7.5%, higher than our 2021 growth target of 6.0%-6.5%. What is worth noting is that the BARMM recorded the second-fastest growth among all regions in the country.<sup>2</sup>

Our growth should be felt by our people. And we achieved that when our poverty incidence was significantly reduced from 55.9% in 2018 to 39.4% percent in 2021. As I have said in my Report to the Bangsamoro People, we recorded the highest and the only double-digit reduction in terms of poverty incidence in the whole country. We achieved this despite the ongoing pandemic and despite undergoing the difficult transition period.

Having all these achievements that signify our growth, we have to continue to work together to sustain whatever gains we have and to further pursue greater heights. For it is true what they say, that *"Rome wasn't built in a day, but they were laying bricks every hour."*

Despite our growth and developments, we acknowledge the realities surrounding us. We recognize that there are still matters affecting the Bangsamoro people that we should work on to further improve their living conditions. With this budget, we aim to achieve a better economy for the Bangsamoro Region by sustaining our growth and progress. To ensure that we aim the right direction, we have to set our targets.

After the judicious study and planning of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), we set the following macro-economic targets at the end of Fiscal Year 2023:

- Sustained Gross Regional Domestic Product Growth Rate of 6% to 6.5%,
- Unemployment Rate reduced to 3% to 4% by 2023. Currently, BARMM registered 5.6% unemployment rate in July 2022<sup>3</sup>. We aim to reduce unemployment rate by upscaling the skills of our workers and increasing investments that provide more jobs;
- Manage the rate of poverty incidence by keeping it below 39% by 2023. We aim to achieve this by our provision of social protection and health services, continued investment to our people by way of education in various forms, and the strategic placement of new infrastructures that improve physical and digital connectivity.

<sup>1</sup> All Economies of the 17 Regions Decline in 2020; BARMM Posted the Smallest Decline of -1.9 Percent - <https://psa.gov.ph/grdp/grdp-id/164410>

<sup>2</sup> BARMM economy expands by 7.5% - <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/05/05/news/regions/barmm-economy-expands-by-75/1842342>

<sup>3</sup> Employment Rate in July 2022 is Estimated at 94.8 Percent - <https://psa.gov.ph/content/employment-rate-july-2022-estimated-948-percent>

## Fund Sources

Part of a good streamlining process, is knowing about the sources. The Proposed Budget of the Bangsamoro for Fiscal Year 2023 have the following as fund sources:

- **P64.755 Billion Block Grant**  
This figure appears in the National Expenditure Program for FY2023 as an automatic appropriation for the share of BARMM in the national internal revenue tax collections of the BIR and the collections of the BOC in accordance with Sections 15 and 18, Article XII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL).
- **P4.594 Billion Share from National Taxes, Fees, and Charges collected within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region**  
This is in accordance with Section 10, Article XII of the BOL. The same figure appears in the National Expenditure Program for Fiscal Year 2023.
- **P5 Billion Special Development Fund**  
Staying true to Article XIV of the BOL, this amount is devoted to the rehabilitation, rebuilding and development of the conflict-afflicted communities.
- **P10.442 Billion savings from 2020**  
The savings from FY 2020 operations due to limited movement will now be strategically used to augment the Block Grant which was significantly decreased as a result of the application of the Supreme Court's Mandanas-Garcia Ruling. With this re-appropriation of our 2020 savings, we will have enough fund source to provide for the Budget of the Bangsamoro.
- **P566 million Local Revenue Collection Estimates**

## The Different Budget Dimensions

At this juncture, we look at the different dimensions of the Proposed Budget.

The Budget when dissected by expense classification, reveals that we have allocated P31.5billion, or 37% of the budget, for Personnel Services. This is compliant with the statutory limitation imposed on our use of funds which states that total appropriation for personnel services for one fiscal year shall not exceed 45% of the total revenue sources<sup>4</sup>.

The larger chunk of the Budget, amounting to P53.7billion, or 63% of the Budget, pertains to the cost of operations for service delivery or Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses, and our investments in fixed assets for our operations and the different infrastructure projects we build for our people or the Capital Outlay.

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<sup>4</sup> Sec 20, Art XII, RA 11054

The proportions of our allocations based on expense classification imply that we, focus our resources to service delivery to our people. This will support the idea that the Bangsamoro Government could help improve lives of people through actual implementation of programs, activities, and projects, that will give rise to a whole big lot of opportunities, other than just employment in the Government.

To further appreciate the Budget of the Bangsamoro, we now look at the budget based on allocations made to each general classification of services sector we render to our people.

**P19.9 Billion** is allotted for economic services sector. This Sector aims to fund interventions on communications, roads, and transportation facilities; agriculture, agrarian reform and natural resources; water resources development and flood control; trade and industry; power and energy; and tourism.

**P28.2 Billion** is allotted for general public services sector. The General Public Services comprises efforts to ensure public order and safety including law enforcement, maintenance of public order, and political administration; and general administration such as general government, fiscal affairs, civil service and lawmaking functions.

**P36.9 Billion** is allotted for social services sector. The Bangsamoro Government highly prioritizes programs on Education, Culture, and Manpower Development; Subsidy to Local Government Units (LGUs); Social Security, Welfare and Employment; and Health.

**P250 Million** is allotted for peace and stability sector. As enablers of socioeconomic development, the Peace and Stability sector focuses its efforts on promoting peaceful and inclusive Bangsamoro society for sustainable development with access to justice and build effective and accountable institutions.

## Priorities and Key Highlights

Consistent with our mandate, we have assigned highest budgetary priority to Education, Health and Social Services. Coming in among our top priorities are the investments in strategic infrastructure that will aid in bringing all our programs closer to people and to boost more economic activities.

### Education – Altruistic Bangsamoro Education for All

The Bangsamoro youth remains to be the hope of our region. What the youth will be, is the future of the Bangsamoro. As such, we highly invest for the education of the youth. P27 Billion is allocated to Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education, which also includes the budget for our Madaris Education.

This **P27 Billion** budget is consisting of the following:

**P20.5 Billion** worth of Personnel Services. This pertains to the salaries and other personnel benefits of the 39,671-strong human capital of the Ministry. Out of this, 36,882 are public school teachers under the basic education sector. On top of this amount, are MOOE allocations amounting to **P149 Million** for the continued employment of para-teachers ensuring unhampered delivery of educational services in the far-flung areas of the region, and **P1 Billion** for all the 5,190 madaris asatidz serving in all the public schools within the region.

**P1.59 Billion** is allocated for Program Improve the Quality of Education in the Bangsamoro Land by provision of learners' kits, teachers' kits, our signature armchairs and textbooks which are at par with the national standards. With these, the students and the teachers alike will be provided with their much needed resources for learning.

We aim to achieve **ABE For All** or **Altruistic and Balanced Education for All**.

By "altruistic", we pertain to the mindset we had in developing programs, activities and projects. We planned all our programs with genuine and selfless concern for the holistic development of our learners. Our basic education services provided in our public schools remain to be free. Scholarships are available for those who are willing but are not financially capable. For higher education services, we have appropriated **P235 Million** for tertiary education scholarships. For technical education services, we have allotted **P285 Million** for skills training scholarships.

By "balanced education", we mean to include provisions not just for the secular education of the youth but also for Madaris Education amounting to **P1.2 Billion**. Balanced, also because our educational system focuses not just for academic education but also for upscaling of skills set of our youth by providing for Technical Skills Education amounting to **P344 Million**.

By having an educational system "for all", we mean to ensure that our education is inclusive and available to all learners, including those from the marginalized sectors. To support this, we provided **P19.7 Million** for the Alternative Learning System on top of its regular operating expenses. By being inclusive, we make sure no Bangsamoro

learner is left behind even those which live in far-flung, school-less barangays. To reach out to them, we allocated **P28 Million** for the continued provision of educational services for the children living in remote areas.

### **Health – Accessible and Better Healthcare Services for Everyone**

Like nurturing promising seeds, we shall all endeavor to take care of the youth so that they bloom into their full potential in the near future. It takes the whole community to raise a child. And to ensure the hopes our children embody are protected, we need to keep every member of the community healthy, strong and capable.

As such, for 2023, we aim to continue to provide **ABE or Accessible and Better Healthcare Services for Everyone** by allocating **P5.7 Billion** to the Ministry of Health.

To ensure that the Bangsamoro people is continuously protected from diseases which are preventable by vaccines, we have provided **P519 Million** for the procurement of vaccines. These vaccines will be free and accessible for all.

With the evolution of new variants, COVID-19 poses a continuous threat to our health. To equip us with our continuous battle against the virus, we have allotted **P230.8 Million** for COVID-19 response programs which includes health human resources for the many isolation facilities of BARMM. Also included in this allocation is the **P5 Million** allotted for the study of the feasibility of our region to have its own Oxygen Generation Plant.

We continue to provide for the twenty-three hospitals and six public health offices within the Bangsamoro Region. We have allotted **P831 Million** to ensure continuous health service operations available when needed by our people. Apart from this, we aim to further improve the health facilities by allocating **P485 Million** for the construction of new buildings and structures to these hospitals and health offices, and acquisition of new health and medical-related machineries and equipment and transportation equipment for improved health services. Mobility in health emergency cases and access to these health facilities are continuously being improved as we have been providing for acquisition of ambulances since the year 2020 to date. For fiscal year 2023, we continue to do the same.

While access to our hospitals are always available, our constituents fear hospitalization due to the fees they would have to pay. To counter this, the medical assistance program under the Office of the Chief Minister shall continue to be available to our people. We have allotted **P277.85 Million** for the Ayudang Medical mula sa Bangsamoro Government (AMBAG Program).

Some health issues can be readily addressed at the community level. To ensure that healthcare services are available in every community, we continue to fund the Tiyakap Bangsamoro Kalusugan Program by providing monthly subsidies for the operation of every Barangay Health Station and Rural Health Unit within the Bangsamoro Region. **P85.2 Million** is allocated for this program.

To ensure professional medical help is available, we have set aside **P450 Million** for the strategic placement and deployment of the different human resource for nurses, midwives, and doctors to the barrios. We continue to support the local health frontliners by allocating **P72 Million** for the Barangay Health Workers Program. We aspire to inspire future doctors and midwives for the future generations by providing **P34 Million** for Bangsamoro Medical Scholarship Program. In healthcare and in opportunities, there shall be fair chances for all.

### **Social Services and Protection – Achieving Better Sense of Social Equity**

In many aspects of life, the Bangsamoro Government aims to provide fair chances for all. As such, by way of the passage of this proposed budget bill, those who have less in life, shall have more in law.

For this purpose, we have provided for programs, activities and projects in various Ministries and Offices to ensure social services are made available and social protection is afforded to those who need it, especially the members of the most vulnerable and marginalized sectors of the Bangsamoro society.

We have allotted **P2.9 Billion** in the Ministry for Social Services and Development to fund various programs, activities and projects intended for the poor, the orphans, the widows, the internally displaced, the elders, and all the other marginalized special sectors of our society.

We have allocated funds amounting to **P655 million** for several programs intended to promote Family and Community Welfare. Included in this budget is **P508 Million** for the Unlad Bangsamoro Program. Under this program, MSSD shall diligently assess the status of each family in the community and provide the necessary interventions – either in form of rice subsidy, educational assistance for their children, skills training, or livelihood seed capital. With the various kinds of social interventions, we aim to address the needs of the identified family beneficiaries, not just for their survival but also for the improvement of the quality of their lives.

In a study by MSSD, they have identified that our brothers and sisters who belong to the Bajau tribe are among those sectors of the society that need focused government intervention. A comprehensive and integrated delivery of social services for Bajau, dubbed as the Layag Bajau program, was supported by allocating **P67 Million** for that purpose.

For the Child and Youth Welfare Program, we have allotted **P147 Million**. Under this program, we have set aside **P90 Million** for Kupkop Program which is intended for the orphans. We also acknowledge the challenges being faced by our community day care workers in taking care of the children of the community. As such, a new program was introduced which aims to augment the honorarium of these second parents in the communities. **P20.3 Million** is set aside for that purpose.

Another program is devoted to assist the older persons and persons with disabilities in the Bangsamoro Region. A total of **P253 Million** is allocated for the

effective implementation of this program for our dear senior citizens and physically-challenged individuals. They will be given assistive devices, healthcare packages, and financial assistance so that their welfare is guaranteed, with utmost respect to their sense of human dignity.

### **Strategic Infrastructure - Accelerate Building for the Economy**

The Government is one of the key drivers of the economy. The benefits of government spending, especially in infrastructure projects, have a multiplier effect in boosting our economy. Government spending on infrastructure creates jobs for the people, and increases demand for supplies, which in effect increases economic activities. Increased number of road networks and bridges increases mobility of people and goods, reduces cost of transportation of goods and services which eventually result to positive effect on prices, consumer behavior and level of commercial activities. With this in mind, for Fiscal Year 2023, we aim to Accelerate Building for our Economy.

For Ministry of Public Works alone, we have allocated funds amounting to **P16.47 Billion**. This fund will be devoted for construction and improvement of various infrastructure projects in the autonomous region in order to induce and sustain economic activity. To increase mobility and ensure physical connectivity of the BARMM geographic areas, **P10 Billion** is set aside for Road Network Development Program, **P791 Million** for construction of bridges, **P256 Million** for Port Rehabilitation Program and **P1 Billion** for Other Infrastructure Projects.

Various strategic infrastructure projects will also be implemented by other Ministries and Offices.

The Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements Development shall implement the Housing Resettlement Program for the disadvantaged and homeless, especially those victims of conflicts and atrocities, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and other needy sectors to address lack of shelters. An amount of **P61.8 Million** is allocated for nine resettlement project sites to be developed within Fiscal Year 2023. The continuation of the implementation of Project Kapayapaan sa Pamayanan (KAPYANAN) housing, livelihood and electrification projects funded during the previous fiscal years shall be supported by providing for its administrative costs of **P37 Million**, and allotting **P78 Million** for its livelihood assistance.

Connectivity through transportation is aimed to be further improved with the funding of the Port Infrastructure Modernization Program under Ministry of Transportation and Communication amounting to **P15 Million**. A continuous study on ways to improve air transportation will be funded amounting to **P50 Million** lodged under MOTC.

To address the need for sufficient supply of potable water in the Island Provinces, we will support the construction of water desalination systems to be implemented by Ministry of Interior and Local Government amounting to **P150 Million**. The MPW is

likewise given **P152 Million** for the implementation of infrastructure projects that will establish water systems for stable supply for communities.

These will be some of the many ways infrastructure projects will help improve the lives of the Bangsamoro people.

## Agriculture and Fisheries

In a report published by Philippine Statistics Authority last April 2022, it was the BARMM which posted the highest growth among all regions in the Philippines in the value of production in Agriculture and Fisheries at 7.2 percent in 2021.<sup>5</sup> And so far, in Q2 of 2022, BARMM continues to be the biggest contributor for fisheries production in the Philippines.<sup>6</sup>

We intend to sustain this progress by supporting the programs, activities, and projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, all amounting to **P1.49 Billion**. Of the total, **P467 Million** is allotted for the provision of support services to small land owners, farmers and fisherfolks. Various farm and fishery inputs shall be given to them to support their endeavors to produce food for everyone.

As they make their living out of farming and fishing, we support them to make sure they do it in a way that is labor efficient with maximum yield in produce. As such, we allocated **P57 Million** for the provision of machinery, equipment and infrastructure facilities. This will lower the cost of production, shorten the time in land or pond preparation, and lessen post-harvest losses. This will hopefully result to our farmers and fisherfolks, who produce the food that nourish us, have enough income to support their own families' needs.

Harvest should not be the end of it all for farmers and fisherfolks. They should be able to sell their produce to the consumers. MAFAR will help our dear farmers and fisherfolks by capacitating them on how to market their produce to the consumers. For this purpose, **P10 Million** has been allocated to Support to Agri-Fishery Marketing Enterprise Program, **P8 Million** for Marketing Development Services and **P19.1 Million** for Extension, Support, Education and Training Services to be given to the farmers and fisherfolks.

We also aim to achieve justice and equity to the landless farmers by supporting the Land Tenure Security Program of MAFAR, with an allocation amounting to **P34.16 Million**. This will be used for land acquisition and distribution of agricultural lands to identified landless farmer-beneficiaries. Legal support shall also be available to these land beneficiaries. **P6 Million** is allotted for Provision of Legal Services to farmers and fisherfolks.

<sup>5</sup> BARMM Registered the Highest Growth in the Value of Production in Agriculture and Fisheries at 7.2 percent in 2021 - <https://psa.gov.ph/content/barmm-registered-highest-growth-value-production-agriculture-and-fisheries-72-percent-2021>

<sup>6</sup> BARMM tops PH fish production in Q2 - <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1182246>

## Natural Environment and Climate Change Initiatives

As we highly depend on our environment, the preservation of health ecology between man and the natural environment shall remain part of our agenda. The issue about degradation of nature and the devastating effects of climate change shall altogether cease to be the white elephant in the room. By preserving nature, we protect ourselves and the future generations.

We, through the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), shall seek to restore into lush and rich forests the open and denuded forestlands. For this purpose, **P82.9 Million** is allocated for the Integrated Bangsamoro Greening Program and Maintenance and Protection Program. We shall also endeavor to preserve natural resource-rich areas by managing and maintaining the protected areas for the protection of biodiversity, maintenance of ecosystem balance and preserving what is left of the important habitats for our remaining flora and fauna. As such, **P7 Million** was allocated for the Protected Area Management and Development Program.

As we work for the reforestation of our mountains and rehabilitation of our environment, we shall deal with the devastating effects of abrupt climate changes. Flooding is among the serious adversarial effects of deforestation. To deal with the frequent flooding, we shall manage it by building flood-managing infrastructure. The Ministry of Public Works has been funded **P2.39 Billion** for the implementation of their Flood Management Program.

## Disaster Recovery and Resilience

The Bangsamoro Government shall be ready to respond to the immediate needs of our people in case of disaster brought about by calamities, both natural and man-made. **P521 Million** is intended for the Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence Services, lodged under the BARMM READi under Ministry of Interior and Local Government.

The Ministry of Social Services and Development is also capacitated by allotting provisions for their disaster response programs. MSSD shall provide assistance to families affected by disasters through its Emergency Relief Assistance Program which was given **P504 Million**. The Ministry's Emergency Shelter Assistance Program which will readily give cash vouchers to affected families which they may use to buy hardware supplies to rebuild their home is allotted **P165 Million**. The Ministry will also be ready to give financial support for food, medicines, hospitalizations and burial through the Bangsamoro CARES program which was allotted **P210 Million**.

Moreover, an amount of **P1.18 Billion** has been classified as Quick Response Funds, to strategically provide for the immediately needed interventions in sectors of Agriculture, Health, Social Services, and Infrastructure.

And we shall continue to support our ongoing Marawi Rehabilitation Program for the improvement of the lives of the Internally Displaced Persons and to rebuild their community from the ruins of the seige. **P520 Million** is set aside for this noble purpose.

### **Technology, Innovation and Digitalization**

While we continue to rebuild from what was left by atrocities of the past, we shall propel further advancements through technology, innovation and digitalization.

We will capitalize in research and development by funding various research projects in coordination with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). **P12 Million** is allotted to support the conduct of various research and studies that the Bangsamoro Government may apply to further improve the way we do things, and ultimately better the lives of the Bangsamoro people.

Science shall be applied to form new technologies. These innovative technologies shall be transferred to various enterprises to improve their business and ensure sustainability. The Technology Transfer and Commercialization Program of MOST shall be given **P11.56 Million** for that purpose.

We will ensure that this quest for continuous improvement in science and technology is sustained by supporting younger generations of learners. A total of **P70.97 Million** is appropriated for the Science and Technology Education Grants.

To improve our systems in the bureaucracy of the Bangsamoro Government, we will support the digitalization efforts of the Bangsamoro Information Communications Technology Office (BICTO) under the OCM by procuring the needed hardware components of the BARMM Intranet, all amounting to **P10 Million**. Indeed, digital transformation is the wave of the future. Surely, BARMM does not want to be left out by investing resources for it.

### **Human Capital Empowerment**

Technology, artificial intelligence, and digitalization may bring great improvements in the way we do things, but still, there is no perfect substitute for our greatest resource – our human capital. As such, we endeavor to develop the Bangsamoro Human Capital to improve and acquire practical knowledge and skills, even during their early years.

Under the Ministry of Labor and Employment, we have allotted **P28.7 Million** in training future public servants under the Government Internship Program. This will give opportunity to poor and young workers to demonstrate their talents and skills in the field of public service with the ultimate objective of attracting the best and the brightest to pursue a career in government service.

In Islam, we enjoin the good and prohibit what is bad. While we implement programs to develop the talents and skills of the youth, we shall also aim to put an end to

the exploitation of the youth through child labor. For that purpose, **P15 Million** has been set aside for the implementation of Sagip Batang Manggagawa Program under MOLE.

We recognize the Overseas Bangsamoro Workers (OBWs) as the new heroes of our modern industrial society. When they finally decide to go back home after many years of working abroad, they deserve to be reintegrated to our society to be able to remain productive and dignified. As such, **P49 Million** was allotted for the Reintegration Program- Hanapbuhay for Bangsamoro Balik Manggagawa which aims to give livelihood assistance to returning OBWs.

Aside from the livelihood assistance extended to different sectors, we shall give the starting entrepreneurs the support they would need to grow. Under the Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism, **P67 Million** has been allotted for Enterprise and Trade Development Program and **P8.9 Million** for Business Regulation and Accreditation Program. These programs will help Micro-Small-and-Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from business registration, to the building of the capacity of their enterprises, and ensure their continuous development.

We will also develop suitable commercial environments for these MSMEs by promoting and developing various local industries within the region. For this purpose, **P16.4 Million** has been allotted for the implementation of Local Industry Development and Promotion Program under MTIT. This program aims to enhance the growth and accelerate competitiveness of the various small private enterprises within BARMM. These businesses, altogether, will grow, in similar way we envision the growth of our regional economy in the nearby future.

## **Expression of Gratitude**

At this juncture, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all the public servants who have diligently worked in coming up with the Budget of the Bangsamoro. To all officers and employees of the various Ministries, Offices and Agencies who painstakingly worked on the figures and words, *maraming salamat sa inyo*.

## **Call for Unity and Support**

To the Honorable Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues in the new Bangsamoro Transition Authority, with your support, the passage of the Budget of the Bangsamoro will draw the path to progress of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region as we enter the second half of the extended transition period.

With your judicious examination of the items in the budget, surely, we can better draw the fine details needed to improve our plan for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and its people.

Let us all work together to make sure our bright plans for the future are concretely expressed in the financial blueprint of our bureaucracy. With your support, together we shall be able to unite to build a strong and dedicated Bangsamoro Government that will fulfill the promises of peace, development and meaningful self-governance for the betterment of lives of our people, *In shaa Allah*.

*Wa billahi tawfiq wal hidaya. Wassalamu alaykum warahmatullah.*



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