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**BANGSAMORO BUDGET CIRCULAR**

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**TO : All Heads of Ministries, Parliament, and Offices of the Bangsamoro Government, and All Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE GRANT OF THE ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE TO BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FY 2022**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Administrative Order (AO) No. 02 of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. dated December 16, 2022 authorized the grant of rice assistance for Fiscal Year 2022 to each qualified government employee.
- 1.2 The grant of rice assistance for FY 2022 is being granted to government employees in recognition for the collective and unceasing participation in and invaluable contribution to the efficient and responsive delivery of services to the public, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.3 The grant of assistance in the form of rice to workers and employees in government will help mitigate the effects of the current socio-economic challenges in their respective households.
- 1.4 Additionally, Proclamation No. 004 s. 2022 by the Chief Minister declares a State of Calamity over the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region due to tropical storm Paeng.

**2.0 PURPOSE**

This Circular is issued to prescribe guidelines on the grant of rice assistance for FY 2022 pursuant to AO No. 02.

**3.0 COVERAGE**

This Circular covers the following Bangsamoro Government personnel funded by the General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro (GAAB):

- a. Civilian personnel in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government, occupying regular, contractual or casual positions; and,

- b. Individuals and groups of people whose services are engaged through job orders (JO), contracts of service (COS), or others similarly situated as defined under Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Commission on Audit-DBM Joint Circular (JC) No. 2 dated October 20, 2020, as amended.

#### **4.0 EXCLUSIONS**

The following are excluded from the grant of rice assistance:

- a. Consultants and experts engaged for a limited period to perform activities or services with expected outputs;
- b. Laborers engaged through pakyaw contracts and those paid on piecework basis;
- c. Student workers and apprentices; and
- d. Workers hired through institutional contract of service who are assigned in the Ministries, Offices and agencies.

#### **5.0 CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES ON THE GRANT OF THE ONE-TIME RICE ASSISTANCE**

The grant of the rice assistance shall be subject to the following conditions and guidelines:

- 5.1 The beneficiaries are Bangsamoro Government employees and workers funded by the GAAB under Section 3.0 hereof.
- 5.2 The beneficiaries are still in the government service and/or engaged by Ministries, Offices and Agencies as of 30 November 2022.
- 5.3 The personnel have not been found guilty of any administrative or criminal cases by final and executory judgment in FY 2022. If the penalty imposed is only a reprimand, the personnel concerned shall be entitled to the rice assistance.
- 5.4 The rice assistance of an employee who transferred from one Ministry/Office to another shall be granted by the new Ministry/Office.
- 5.5 The rice assistance of an employee on detail to another Ministry/Office shall be granted by the parent Ministry/Office.
- 5.6 A compulsory retiree, on service extension as of November 30, 2022, may be granted rice assistance, subject to the pertinent conditions and guidelines under this Circular.

#### **6.0 FUND SOURCE**

- 6.1 The amount required for the rice assistance shall be charged against the available released allotments of the respective Ministries/Offices.

Should the identified funding source prove insufficient to cover the maximum allowable quantity of rice assistance, a lower but uniform amount may be granted for all qualified personnel in the Ministry/Office concerned.

- 6.2 The distribution of rice assistance to all qualified Bangsamoro Government employees shall not be earlier than December 23, 2022 but not later than January 31, 2023.

## 7.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 7.1 The rice assistance shall be equivalent to 25 kilograms of rice.
- 7.2 Disbursement and utilization shall be subject to pertinent provisions of the Government Procurement Reform Act (RA No. 9184) and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and any relevant policies issued by the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) and the Bangsamoro Government, as well as the applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

## 8.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF MINISTERS/HEAD OF OFFICES

Ministers/Head of Offices shall be responsible for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Circular. They shall be held liable for any payment not in accordance with the provisions hereof without prejudice to the refund by the employees concerned of any excess or unauthorized distribution of rice assistance.

## 9.0 RESOLUTION OF CASES

Cases not covered by the provisions of this Circular shall be referred to the MFBM for resolution.

## 10.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

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