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BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO
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BANGSAMORO BUDGET CIRCULAR

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TO : All Heads of Ministries, Parliament, and Offices of the Bangsamoro Government, Accountant, Budget Officers; and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE GRANT OF ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE FOR BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC (ABE) RELIEF FOR INFLATION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 TO NATIONALLY-FUNDED PROGRAM WORKERS OR PERSONNEL DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO MINISTRIES, OFFICES, AND AGENCIES IMPLEMENTING NATIONALLY-FUNDED PROGRAMS

1.0 PURPOSE

This Circular is issued to prescribe the guidelines on the grant and the funding of the One-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic (ABE) Relief for Inflation for FY 2024 to Nationally-Funded Program (NFP) Workers or Personnel directly supervised by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Ministries, Offices, and Agencies implementing nationally funded programs pursuant to Administrative Order No. 002 Series of 2024 issued by the Chief Minister.

2.0 COVERAGE

This Circular covers all Nationally-Funded Program (NFP) Workers or Personnel directly supervised by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministries, Offices, and Agencies (M/O/As) implementing Nationally-Funded Programs, regardless of status of employment.

3.0 EXCLUSIONS

Personnel falling under the following cases/circumstances are not entitled to ABE Relief for Inflation FY 2024:

- a. Those who are absent without leave (AWOL); and
- b. Those who have been hired not as part of the organic manpower of the NFP implemented by the M/O/A but as consultants or experts to perform specific activities or services with expected output, as well as student laborers and apprentices.

4.0 CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES ON THE GRANT OF THE ONE-TIME ASSISTANCE FOR BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC (ABE) RELIEF FOR INFLATION

M/O/As of the Bangsamoro Government implementing Nationally-Funded Programs are authorized to grant a one-time Assistance for Bangsamoro Economic (ABE) Relief for FY 2024 to each qualified Nationally-Funded Program Worker or Personnel subject to the following conditions and guidelines:

- 4.1 All qualified NFP Workers or Personnel may be granted a one-time ABE Relief for Inflation, as far as practicable, and as may be allowed by the National Government agency providing the funds, an amount not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000) each.
- 4.2 All qualified NFP Workers or Personnel are still in service with the BARMM **as of March 5, 2024.**
- 4.3 For purposes of this Circular, actual service shall refer to services rendered on-site, i.e., the COS and JO workers physically report for work at their designated stations.

5.0 FUND SOURCE

- 5.1 The payment of the ABE Relief for Inflation FY 2024 may be charged against Nationally-Funded Program allotments as far as practicable, subject to the approval of the Minister or Head of Offices or Agencies.
- 5.2 If the funds from a particular program is not sufficient to cover the maximum amount of Fifteen Thousand Pesos(P15,000.00), the ABE

Relief for Inflation to workers or personnel of the said program shall be in such amount as may be allowed by the program's available funds.

6.0 RELEASE

- 6.1 Release of the ABE Relief for Inflation FY 2024 shall be made by the respective M/O/A to the qualified NFP Workers or Personnel **not later than April 10, 2024.**
- 6.2 Disbursement of funds for the payment of ABE Relief for Inflation FY 2024 shall be subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF HEAD OF MINISTRY/OFFICE/AGENCY

Ministers and Heads of Offices, and Agencies 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 amount or unauthorized payments.

8.0 RESOLUTION OF CASES

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

9.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

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Minister

