

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 50

ABOLITION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON MINDANAO RIVER BASIN
REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFERRING ITS
FUNCTIONS TO REGULAR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Administration has adopted a policy of streamlining the bureaucracy to promote good governance and to ensure economy and efficiency in government;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 753 (s. 2008) as amended, created the Presidential Task Force on Mindanao River Basin Rehabilitation and Development (PTFMRBRD);

WHEREAS, Section 1 of EO No. 18 (s. 2010) declares as a policy of the government the enhancement of its institutional capacity to deliver or provide public goods and services in a more economical, efficient, ethical, effective, and accountable manner;

WHEREAS, the functions of the PTFMRBRD overlaps with other national government agencies that can in turn perform the said tasks in line with the government's policy of rationalizing and streamlining the bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9996 or the Mindanao Development Authority Act of 2010, created the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), which is tasked to establish an effective institutional mechanism to address the need for a coordinated and integrated approach in the formulation and integration of a Mindanao-wide inter-regional development plans, programs, and projects;

WHEREAS, the River Basin Control Office (RBCO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is mandated to implement EO No. 818 (s. 2009) entitled, "*Declaring the RBCO under the DENR as the Lead Government Agency for the Integrated Planning, Management, Rehabilitation, and Development of the Country's River Basins*";

WHEREAS, RA No. 10121, or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, created the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), whose mandate, to be implemented by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), is to administer a comprehensive national civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program; and



WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Executive Branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law, do hereby order

SECTION 1. *Abolition of the PTFMRBRD* As part of the rationalization and streamlining of the government bureaucracy, the PTFMRBRD is hereby abolished and its tasks and functions are transferred to regular national government agencies

SECTION. 2. *Transfer of Tasks and Functions to Regular Government Agencies.* The following tasks and functions of the PTFMRBRD are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the following national government agencies:

2.1 *MinDA*

- a. Coordinate the formulation, implementation, and finalization of the Mindanao River Basin (MRB) relief, rehabilitation, and long term development plan, also known as the Mindanao River Basin Management and Development Master Plan;
- b. Negotiate, apply for, receive and accept grants and donation of funds needed for the relief, rehabilitation, and development of the areas affected by the disaster;
- c. Decide on important interventions that need to be immediately implemented and acted upon;
- d. Spearhead and coordinate all actions to rehabilitate and develop the MRB affected areas; and
- e. Conduct resource mobilization activities, such as but not limited to:
 - i. Enjoining the concerned LGUs to pass ordinances appropriating local resources for identified interventions;
 - ii. Requesting funding from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);
 - iii. Ensuring inclusion of rehabilitation plans of regional line agencies in their annual operational plans and realign funds, if necessary;
 - iv. Conducting special Official Development Assistance (ODA) pledging sessions to be spearheaded by the Regional Development Council(RDC)/Regional Economic Development Planning Board



(REDPB) and Regional Disaster Coordinating Councils of Region XII and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); and

- v. Enjoining Congress to include a special purpose fund for rehabilitation and development in the General Appropriations Act

2.2 *Department of Environment and Natural Resources - River Basin Control Office (DENR-RBCO)*

- a. Develop a MRB master plan and other technical plans in coordination with the MinDA and NDRRMC-OCD, and
- b. Provide technical assistance in the formulation, institutionalization, and mobilization of appropriate river basin level organizations for the MRB that will be self-sustaining and will have a multi-sectoral composition in line with the Philippine Development Plan.

2.3 *National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council – Office of Civil Defense (NDRRMC-OCD)*

- a. Ensure that the MRB and the MRB Management and Development Master Plan are consistent with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan and Framework, and
- b. Identify and package relief, rehabilitation and long term interventions for the MRB affected areas.

The agencies concerned shall ensure the proper and efficient transfer of tasks and functions to ensure that existing rehabilitation and development projects shall not be affected. The existing personnel of the PTFMRBRD shall also cooperate with the national government agencies to which its tasks and functions are transferred for a smooth and orderly transition of existing projects and programs, and for the completion and finalization of the same.

SECTION. 3. *Persons Who May Be Affected by the Abolition.* The personnel who may be affected by the abolition of the PTFMRBRD shall be allowed to avail of the benefits provided for under existing applicable laws.

SECTION. 4. *Winding-up of the Operations and Disposition of the Functions, Positions, Personnel, Assets and Liabilities of the PTFMRBRD.* The winding-up of the operations of the PTFMRBRD including the final disposition or transfer of its functions and existing projects and activities, personnel, assets, and liabilities, as may be necessary, shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Rules and Regulations Implementing EO No. 72 (s. of 2002) dated 15 March 2002, unless otherwise provided for herein.



The winding up shall be completed within three (3) months from the date of effectivity of this Order.

SECTION. 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION. 6. Repealing Clause. All other rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 28th day of July, 2011, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.



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By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

