



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Introduced by Representatives GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, ROLANDO G. ANDAYA, JR. , DANILO E. SUAREZ, MAKMOD D. MENDING, JR. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN, JOEY SARTE SALCEDA, ANSARUDDIN A.M.A. ADIONG

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE FY-2018 NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964 OR THE FY-2018 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Section 61 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10964, otherwise known as An Act Appropriating Funds of the Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Eighteen, and for other Purposes, provides:

“Sec. 61. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2018. A report on these release and obligations shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic document.”

**WHEREAS**, Section 40 of Republic Act No. 10964, provides for the allocation for the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund amounting to **Php 19,600,000,000.00**, which can be utilized for aid, relief and rehabilitation services to communities/areas affected by man-made and natural calamities, and repair and reconstruction of permanent structures, including other capital expenditures for disaster operation, and rehabilitation activities;

**WHEREAS**, out of the total allocation for the NDRRM Fund, the amount of **Php 2,000,000,000.00** allocated funds for the insurance coverage of government facilities against natural calamities;

**WHEREAS**, Special Provision No. 3 of the aforementioned Section provides for an amount of **Php 10,000,000,000.00** for the allocation of funds for the Marawi Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Program (MRRRP) which shall be utilized for the recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction, aid, and relief projects in Marawi City and other affected areas in connection with the occurrence of armed conflicts, particularly the Marawi Siege;

**WHEREAS**, said sub-allotments leaves the allocation of the Regular NDRRM Fund to **Php 7,600,000,000.00** which may be used for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, aid, relief and other services, including pre-disaster activities, such as conduct of risk assessment and vulnerability analysis, community-based monitoring system, capacity building on mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)/Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), conduct of vulnerability analysis and risk assessment for critical facilities and infrastructure, construction of dams and embankments, conduct of trainings on disaster preparedness and response, conduct of simulation exercises, development and institutionalization of early warning system, and stockpiling of basic emergency supplies, in connection with the occurrence of natural calamities, epidemics as declared by the DOH, crises resulting from armed conflicts, insurgency, terrorism, and other catastrophes in the current or two (2) preceding years;

**WHEREAS**, as of 28 September 2018, the adjusted balance of the Regular NDRRM Fund is **-P1,745,158,786.48**, as shown by the following breakdown of the FY-2018 Regular NDRRM Fund:

Regular NDRRM Fund	7,600,000,000.00
Augmented Fund	3,000,000,000.00
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>10,600,000,000.00</b>
Less OP Approved w/SARO	9,414,599,045.74
Less OP Approved for SARO Issuance	712,917,249.56
Less for OP Approval	372,415,714.38
Less for Recommendation to OP	1,845,226,776.80
<b>Adjusted Balance</b>	<b>-1,745,158,786.48</b>

**WHEREAS**, as of 28 September 2018, a total of **P9.4 Billion** is already released for the implementation of **2752 projects**; a total of **P712.9 Million** is earmarked for **79 projects** approved by the Office of the President (OP) and for issuance of Special Allotment Release Orders (SAROs); **P372 Million for 26 projects** is pending OP approval; and **41 projects** in the pipeline for recommendation to OP amounting to **P1.8 Billion**;

**WHEREAS**, while the Regular NDRRM Fund has already been fully exhausted and allocated for several rehabilitation and recovery projects in areas affected by various past calamities, the releases relative to the same may still require some time for the agencies to fully obligate and implement, should the fund be augmented;

**WHEREAS**, as of 25 September 2018, out of the allocation for the MRRRP, only **P5,643,985,806.00** worth of Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs) indicated in the *Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (BMCRPP)* have been issued or are to be issued SAROs, **P2,833,526,066.42** worth of PPAs are still being processed, and **P1,522,488,127.58** are still to be earmarked;

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) faced many challenges such as the availability of land where the proposed PPAs will be implemented; priorities and capacities of the agencies in implementing the projects; and the ongoing AFP clearing operations for the unexploded ordnances (UXOs) and improvised explosive devices (IEDs);

**WHEREAS**, due to abovementioned challenges and considering that we are already in the fourth quarter of the year, obligating the said funds within this year will be really difficult if not impossible, taking into consideration the process for the release thereof and the lengthy procurement process;

**WHEREAS**, the government needs to ensure that there would be sufficient funds and ample time for the agencies to implement rehabilitation and recovery needs for Marawi City as well as for other areas;

**RESOLVED**, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, to extend the validity of appropriations under the FY-2018 NDRRM Fund including possible fund augmentation therein, until December 31, 2019, amending for this purpose Section 61 of the said Act; and

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, That the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue such guidelines as may be necessary to properly implement this Joint Resolution.

*Adopted,*

  
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