

# TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO NORMALIZATION TRUST FUND (BNTF)

## I. REFERENCES

- The Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro signed by the Parties on October 15, 2012;
- The Annex on Normalization signed by the Parties on January 25, 2014;
- The Terms of Reference for the Joint Normalization Committee signed by the Parties on March 22, 2014;
- The Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro signed by the Parties on March 27, 2014;
- The Bangsamoro Development Plan of 2014;
- The Terms of Reference for the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities, signed by the Parties on May 31, 2015; and
- The Terms of Reference for the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation, signed by the Parties on February 11, 2016.

## II. OVERVIEW

The Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) is the multi-donor trust fund envisioned by the parties in the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) and its Annex on Normalization through which urgent support, recurrent and investment budget cost will be released with efficiency, transparency and accountability in support of the process of normalization, whereby former combatants, their communities, and other vulnerable sectors can achieve their desired quality of life, including the pursuit of sustainable livelihood and political participation within a peaceful deliberative society. It expresses the commitment of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the international community to the full implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

This document sets out the parameters within which the BNTF shall be established and organized.

## III. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THE BNTF

The **objective** of the BNTF is to assist MILF combatants and their communities achieve their desired quality of life in a peaceful and inclusive manner. The BNTF will also assist in the development of six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps with the end view of transforming these areas into peaceful and productive communities.

The **purpose** of the BNTF is to finance, coordinate and oversee delivery of assistance from international partners and other donors in the implementation of the normalization process, particularly for development efforts and the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Bangsamoro communities and other vulnerable sectors, including those of decommissioned MILF combatants as identified by the Parties.

It is expected that the BNTF will:

