

GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE BANGSAMORO NORMALIZATION TRUST FUND

I. Background and Rationale

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).

II. Objective and Purpose

- a. 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 rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Bangsamoro communities with special regard to decommissioned MILF combatants and vulnerable sectors.
- b. The BNTF is to assist MILF combatants and their communities achieve their desired quality of life in a peaceful and inclusive manner.
- c. The BNTF will also assist in the development of six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps with the end in view of transforming these areas into peaceful and productive communities.

III. Scope and Coverage

a. Geographic Coverage

- Bangsamoro communities
- Other areas where decommissioned combatants (DCs) are located
- Six previously acknowledged MILF camps

b. Sectoral

- Decommissioned Combatants
- Families of the DCs
- Non-combatant MILF elements
- Vulnerable individuals and sectors in the Bangsamoro¹

¹ See Annex on Normalization, Part G, item 5, and GPH-MILF Joint Statement on 11 February 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.