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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SUBJECT: Assistance in the Initial  
Operation of RPMO-BARMM from  
DPWH Regions IX, X and XII**

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The creation of the **Regional Project Management Office for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (RPMO-BARMM)**, as approved by the Office of the President through a Memorandum from Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea to the Secretaries of this Department and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) dated September 10, 2020, is now partly operational with headquarters located within the compound of DPWH Regional Office No. IX in Zamboanga City.

However, considering the limited resources at the disposal of the office in the initial stage of its operation, the DPWH Regional Offices of Region IX, Region X and Region XII shall extend assistance and support to RPMO-BARMM. The assistance shall include, but shall not be limited to, (1) the temporary reassignment of personnel pending the complete filling up of the positions in its initial staffing complement and (2) the lending of construction and maintenance equipment and other physical resources, subject to pertinent rules and regulations of the DPWH and oversight agencies such as Civil Service Commission and the COMELEC in relation to the May 2022 elections.

The OIC-Project Director of RPMO-BARMM shall coordinate with the Regional Directors of Regions IX, X, and XII for the details of the assistance and support to be provided to RPMO-BARMM. Any arrangement shall be subject to approval of the Undersecretary for UPMO Operations and the Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Mindanao.

This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

**ROGER G. MERCADO**  
Acting Secretary

Department of Public Works and Highways  
Office of the Secretary



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Thru : **The Executive Secretary**

From : **The Secretary**  
Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

Subject : **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) – REQUEST FOR THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (RPMO) FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)**

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### Nature of Request

1.0 This pertains to the request of the DPWH for the creation of an **RPMO for the BARMM (RPMO-BARMM)**, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 11054<sup>1</sup> dated July 27, 2018.

Likewise, the DPWH is proposing the creation of **400 positions** that will serve as the staffing complement of the RPMO-BARMM, which shall be under the supervision of the DPWH Undersecretary for Unified Project Management Office Operations.

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<sup>1</sup> An Act Providing for the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6734, Entitled "An Act Providing for an Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," as Amended by Republic Act No. 9054, Entitled "An Act to Strengthen and Expand the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao"

Moreover, the RPMO-BARMM is proposed to be headed by **one (1) Project Manager IV, Salary Grade (SG)-28 position**, to be assisted by **one (1) Project Manager III, SG-27 item**.

### **Background Information**

2.0 The proposal of the DPWH is in line with **Section 37, Article XIII of RA No. 11054**, to wit:

"The National Government shall fund and implement the construction and maintenance of national roads, bridges, water supply and services, and flood control and irrigation systems and for the maintenance of existing airports, seaports, and wharves in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region: Provided, That with regard to water supply and services, flood control, and irrigation systems that connect to or from facilities outside the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, there shall be cooperation and coordination between the Bangsamoro Government and the appropriate national or local government bodies. All national roads and bridges in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be included in the National Road Network Information System. Nationally-funded infrastructure projects shall be implemented by the National Government.

The Bangsamoro Government shall submit proposals to the appropriate national government agency for the inclusion of the cost of such maintenance in the latter's budget that shall be submitted to the Congress of the Philippines for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act. Funding for national roads, bridges, and irrigation systems shall be regularly released to the relevant departments of the National Government."

3.0 In view of this, the DPWH highlighted that the proposed RPMO-BARMM shall undertake all activities related to the implementation of national infrastructure projects in the Provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi, including the direct construction of infrastructure projects in the Region that will be funded by the General Appropriations

Act (GAA), as well as assist other government agencies concerned in the implementation of Official Development Assistance-financed projects within the BARMM.

As represented by the DPWH, for FY 2020, the RPMO-BARMM will initially focus on the implementation of **168 various roads, bridges, flood control, irrigation, and other public infrastructure projects** in the BARMM.

Moreover, the creation of the RPMO-BARMM is being preferred and recommended by the Bangsamoro Government instead of the creation of a DPWH Regional Office in the BARMM whose functions could overlap with those of the **Ministry of Public Works** of the Bangsamoro Government.

### **Findings and Recommendations**

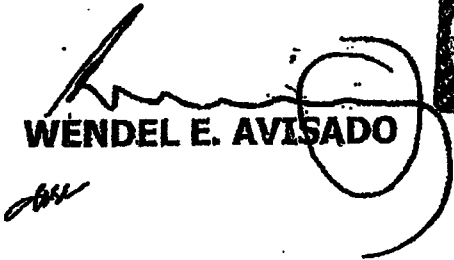
- 4.0 In light of the recommendation of the Bangsamoro Government and in order to operationalize the provisions and intent of RA No. 11054, **we recommend** the creation of the RPMO-BARMM under the DPWH to serve as a dedicated office which will directly implement various locally funded and foreign-assisted infrastructure projects in the municipalities, cities, and provinces that comprise the BARMM.

However, inasmuch as RA No. 11054 does not expressly provide for the creation of an office/unit in the DPWH that will directly implement the construction and maintenance of national roads, bridges, water supply and services, and flood control and irrigation systems and other public infrastructure projects in the BARMM, the creation of the RPMO-BARMM and the two (2) Project Manager positions, which will serve as the head and deputy head of said Office, is hereby endorsed to the Office of the President (OP) for approval.

This is consistent with **Section 87** of the **General Provisions** of the **FY 2019 GAA**, which provides that the creation of offices and key positions higher than a division-level unit and a division chief, respectively, are subject to the approval by the President.

The other proposed units and positions that will comprise the RPMO-BARMM will be evaluated by the DBM upon approval by the OP of the creation of said Office and the corresponding Project Manager positions therein.

5.0 For the President's consideration, please. Thank you.

  
**WENDEL E. AVISADO**



- APPROVED**  
 **DISAPPROVED**

**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: **Secretary Mark A. Villar**  
Department of Public Works and Highways  
Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila

**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**FOR : SECRETARY WENDEL E. AVISADO**  
Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

**CC : SECRETARY MARK A. VILLAR**  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A REGIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE  
(RPMO) IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN  
MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)**

**DATE: : SEP 10 2020**

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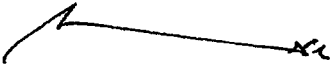
This refers to the letter dated 03 January 2020 of the DBM, recommending approval of the DPWH's proposal to create an RPMO in the BARMM and the two (2) Project Manager positions, which will serve as the head and deputy head of the RPMO.

Pursuant to Section 83 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11465 or the "Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA)," please be informed of the **APPROVAL** of the creation of an RPMO in the BARMM and the two (2) Project Manager positions, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

It is understood that the funding requirements for the positions to be created in the RPMO shall be charged against the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund of the FY 2020 GAA, while the funding requirements for the maintenance and other operating expense and capital outlays of the RPMO shall be charged against sources to be determined by the DBM, subject to the availability of funds, and in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

For appropriate action.

By authority of the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
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