



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **3104**

*Introduced by Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. and
Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mindanao was greeted by heavy monsoon rains and floods as 2011 began. This meant huge damages caused to infrastructure and agriculture and numerous families displaced, particularly in the CARAGA region and region 10.

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the heavy rains and floods in 21 provinces in Mindanao displaced more than one million people and damaged P898 million worth of property and agricultural assets as of the second week of January, with reports of heavy rains still to continue which entails even more damage. This figure includes infrastructure damage reaching P573.59 million and agricultural damage reaching P173.78 million. Also, the floods and landslides caused by the heavy rains affected a total of 1,120,685 persons in 1,073 barangays with thirty-three people dead and nine missing.

The CARAGA region was the most badly hit, having the most number of affected persons (601,804) and highest amount of infrastructure damage at P383.33 million. CARAGA also suffered the highest cost of crop damage totaling P104.52 million. As a result, a state of calamity was declared in Surigao del Sur, parts of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Norte. Reports also show that damage to roads, bridges and schools amounted to the following:

- Surigao del Sur: P69.4 million;
- Agusan del Sur: P69 million;
- Surigao del Norte: P346,006.23;
- Agusan del Norte: P2 million

In region 10, three towns in Lanao del Norte suffered damages worth P10.3 million of agricultural assets and properties. Among the damages suffered by Lanao del Norte include some 1,329 families being evacuated; 42 houses being damaged, 15 totally, and, 27, partially; damage to plantations of rice, corn, high value commercial crops and vegetables worth P2.31M; loss of four (4) heads of cattle, two (2) heads of carabao, 44 heads of swine, 21 heads of goat and 692 heads of chicken and ducks worth Php0.34M in livestock; damage to fisheries involving 43.05 hectares of seaweeds and 23.05 hectares of fishponds amounting to P0.83M; and damage to infrastructure amounting to P0.16M, including the washing away of a 0.30m-0.40m of gravel base road measuring 20 linear meters (lm), scouring of a 2x3m gravel base and aggregates of a 3-lm seawall dike, and the cracking and deforming of another seawall dike measuring 20-lm. Other parts of Region 10, particularly Misamis Occidental were also hit hard by the rains causing flooding and landslides all over the province.

As a result of the continuous rains, flooding and landslides, the entire island of Mindanao needs to be rehabilitated in order for our brothers in sisters in Mindanao to be able to recover from this tragedy and start their lives anew.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION PESOS (P1,000,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE REHABILITATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIEF OPERATIONS, RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARAGA REGION (SURIGAO DEL NORTE, SURIGAO DEL SUR, AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND AGUSAN DEL SUR) AND REGION 10 (LANAO DEL NORTE AND MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL) WHICH SUFFERED DEVASTATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY HEAVY RAINS, FLASHFLOODS AND LANDSLIDES DURING THE FIRST WEEKS OF JANUARY, 2011

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of the Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. *Appropriations* – The sum of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the rehabilitation and implementation of relief operations, reconstruction and development of the CARAGA region (Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Agusan del Norte and Agusan del Sur) and Region 10 (Lanao del Norte and Misamis Occidental).

Section 2. *Guidelines in the Allocation of the Rehabilitation and Development Fund* – The Rehabilitation and Development Fund herein appropriated shall be spent judiciously in consonance with the principle of providing the greatest good for the greatest number.

Section 3. *Use of the Rehabilitation and Development Fund* – The Rehabilitation and Development Fund shall be used to cover the repair, rehabilitation and construction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings, government buildings, sea ports and airports, hospitals and other public infrastructures; purchases of hospital equipment, supplies and medicines; purchases of relocation sites; construction of housing units; and funding for the Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) under the Department of Social Welfare and Development, livelihood programs, agricultural assistance and other support programs for farmers and fisher folks.

The Rehabilitation and Development Fund shall be used for the purposes indicated and shall be released to the relevant departments, bureaus, offices in accordance with budgeting and related relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Section 4. *Separability Clause* — Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause* — All laws, presidential decrees and issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. *Effectivity* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,