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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9887



**Introduced by Representatives
ZIAUR-RAHMAN "ZIA" ALONTO ADIONG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 08 June 2026, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck offshore near Sarangani Province, causing severe damage across affected areas in Mindanao, particularly in Regions XI and XII. The earthquake damaged homes, schools, hospitals, public buildings, roads, bridges, power and transport facilities, irrigation systems, public markets, and other essential infrastructure. It also interrupted economic activity, displaced families, disrupted public services, and created continuing risks from aftershocks, landslides, damaged structures, and service interruptions.

Recent reports indicate that at least forty-seven (47) persons have died, six hundred eighty-eight (688) others have been injured, and thirty-one (31) remain missing. More than forty-five thousand (45,000) persons remain displaced, while over twelve thousand six hundred (12,600) homes have been damaged. Several communities, particularly in hard-hit coastal and upland areas, continue to face access constraints, power interruptions, communication difficulties, and urgent needs for food, water, shelter, medical care, and debris-clearing operations.

The Department of Public Works and Highways has reported that property damage in General Santos City alone has reached approximately One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00), with further validation and assessment still ongoing in other affected areas. The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines has also issued relevant aviation safety advisories pending structural safety assessment, affecting flights to and from General Santos City.

The earthquake likewise caused serious losses in agriculture and fisheries. Damage to irrigation facilities, agricultural infrastructure, fisheries facilities, public markets, transport networks, and post-harvest facilities has disrupted production and marketing activities, directly affecting the income of farmers, fisherfolk, small enterprises, and food-supply systems in affected communities.

The magnitude of the disaster requires supplemental funding to reinforce existing appropriations and accelerate relief, recovery, rehabilitation, repair, and reconstruction. Immediate funding is needed to restore schools, health facilities, roads, bridges, irrigation systems, power systems, transport facilities, housing, local government facilities, and community infrastructure, as well as to provide direct assistance to affected families, farmers, fisherfolk, workers, and other vulnerable sectors.

This bill seeks to appropriate Fifteen Billion Pesos (P15,000,000,000.00) as supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 to augment the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for relief, recovery, rehabilitation, repair, and reconstruction in areas affected by the 2026 Mindanao earthquake.

Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan filed in the Senate the first version of this bill in recognition of the urgent needs of all the victims of this disaster.

In view of the urgent need to protect lives, restore essential services, rebuild damaged communities, and hasten recovery, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN BILLION PESOS
(P15,000,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR RELIEF, RECOVERY, REHABILITATION,
REPAIR, AND RECONSTRUCTION IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE 2026
MINDANAO EARTHQUAKE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

SECTION 1. Appropriation Clause. - To carry out the purposes of this Act, the sum of Fifteen Billion Pesos (P15,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any available funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The amount appropriated under this Act shall augment the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund under the General Appropriations Act of 2026, Republic Act No. 12314, and shall be used to finance relief, recovery, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, and other necessary disaster response and recovery measures in areas affected by the 2026 Mindanao earthquake.

The amount herein appropriated shall be allocated as follows:

- a. Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) for the Department of Agriculture, of which:
 1. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) shall be for the National Irrigation Administration for the repair and rehabilitation of irrigation systems and related agricultural infrastructure damaged by the earthquake; and
 2. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) shall be for Presidential Assistance to Farmers and Fisherfolk, including cash assistance, production support, seeds, fertilizers, feeds, fingerlings, fishing gear, farm tools, livestock replacement, and other recovery assistance for affected farmers and fisherfolk;
- b. Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) for the Department of Education for the repair, rehabilitation, retrofitting, and reconstruction of damaged school buildings, classrooms, learning facilities, and temporary learning spaces;

- c. One Billion Five Hundred Million Pesos (P1,500,000,000.00) for the Department of Social Welfare and Development for Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation, emergency cash assistance, family food packs, non-food items, temporary shelter assistance, psychosocial support, and other social protection interventions for individuals and families affected by the earthquake;
- d. Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for the Department of Energy for the rehabilitation and restoration of electrification infrastructure, including damaged power lines, distribution facilities, and other energy systems in affected areas;
- e. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) for State Universities and Colleges for the repair, rehabilitation, retrofitting, and reconstruction of damaged academic buildings, laboratories, dormitories, and other school facilities;
- f. One Billion Five Hundred Million Pesos (P1,500,000,000.00) for the Department of Health, of which:

- 1. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) shall be for the repair, rehabilitation, restoration, and equipping of Department of Health hospitals and health facilities damaged by the earthquake; and

- 2. Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) shall be for the purchase of health equipment, medical supplies, trauma care equipment, emergency response equipment, and other health-related capital outlay and operating requirements for affected areas;

- g. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) for the Department of Health and concerned local government units for the repair, rehabilitation, restoration, retrofitting, and equipping of rural hospitals, district hospitals, provincial hospitals, city hospitals, rural health units, barangay health stations, and other local health facilities damaged by the earthquake;
- h. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) for the Department of Public Works and Highways for the repair, rehabilitation, retrofitting, and reconstruction of roads, bridges, government buildings, slope protection works, flood control structures, public infrastructure, declared historical sites, heritage structures, and public cultural structures damaged by the earthquake;
- i. Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) for the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and the National Housing Authority for the purchase and development of relocation sites, construction of temporary and permanent housing units, repair assistance for damaged houses, and other shelter recovery interventions for affected families;
- j. Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for the Department of Transportation for the repair, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of airports, ports, terminals, access roads, and other transport facilities damaged by the earthquake; and
- k. Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) for concerned local government units, of which:

- 1. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) shall be for the repair, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of local government facilities, public markets, evacuation centers, barangay facilities, local roads, local bridges, and other community infrastructure damaged by the earthquake; and

2. One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) shall be for local rehabilitation, recovery, livelihood restoration, debris clearing, emergency employment, and other community-based recovery programs in affected areas.

SECTION 2. Use of Funds. - The amounts appropriated under this Act shall be used exclusively for relief, recovery, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, restoration, retrofitting, and other necessary disaster response and recovery activities in areas affected by the 2026 Mindanao earthquake, including areas affected by aftershocks, earthquake-induced damage, landslides, service disruptions, and related hazards as may be determined by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

The funds may be used for, among others:

- (a) immediate relief assistance, food and non-food items, emergency cash assistance, temporary shelter, psychosocial support, and other social protection interventions;
- (b) repair, rehabilitation, retrofitting, and reconstruction of damaged public infrastructure, including roads, bridges, government buildings, evacuation centers, ports, airports, schools, hospitals, health facilities, irrigation systems, power systems, water systems, and other public facilities;
- (c) purchase of necessary medical equipment, emergency response equipment, classroom materials, temporary learning facilities, shelter materials, and other supplies required for recovery and rehabilitation;
- (d) development of relocation sites and construction or repair of housing units for affected families;
- (e) restoration of livelihood, agriculture, fisheries, micro, small, and medium enterprises, and local economic activity in affected areas;
- (f) cash assistance, production support, inputs, tools, equipment, and other recovery assistance for farmers and fisherfolk affected by the earthquake; and
- (g) such other eligible relief, recovery, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction, and disaster response activities as may be recommended by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and approved by the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. Release of Funds. - The funds appropriated under this Act shall be released directly to the appropriate national government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and concerned local government units, in accordance with the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the approval of the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. Coordination with Local Government Units. - The implementing agencies shall coordinate with affected provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays in the identification, validation, prioritization, and implementation of programs, activities, and projects funded under this Act.

Priority shall be given to areas with the highest reported earthquake intensity, the greatest number of affected families and individuals, the most severe damage to

public infrastructure and lifeline facilities, the highest level of service disruption, and the highest risk to public health and safety.

SECTION 5. Transparency and Accountability. - All implementing agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and local government units receiving funds under this Act shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the Commission on Audit, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance a quarterly report on:

- (a) amounts released, obligated, and disbursed;
- (b) programs, activities, and projects funded;
- (c) location of projects and affected communities served;
- (d) number of beneficiaries, where applicable;
- (e) physical and financial status of implementation;
- (f) procurement method used; and
- (g) issues causing delay, if any.

The reports required under this section shall be posted on the official websites of the implementing agencies and concerned local government units in a format accessible to the public.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.