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MEMORANDUM

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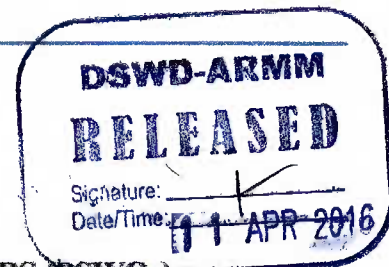
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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS (PSWOs)

FROM : THIS OFFICE

SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE 2016 ELECTIONS BAN ON DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

DATE : April 8, 2016

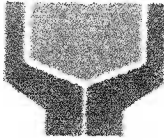


This is to provide you a copy of the Memorandum from the Director of DSWD Legal Service with regards to the clarification on the implementation of the SLP vis-à-vis exemption from the ban against disbursement of public funds during the 45-day period leading to the May 13, 2016 elections.

Please see attached documents.

For your information and ready reference.


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and ARMM

ATTENTION : ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS
REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

FROM : THE DIRECTOR
Sustainable Livelihood Program – National Program Management
Office

SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE 2016 ELECTIONS BAN ON
DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

DATE : March 30, 2016

This is to provide you a copy of the Memorandum from the Director, DSWD Legal Service relative to our request for clarification regarding the implementation of the SLP vis-à-vis exemption from the ban against disbursement of public funds during the 45-day period leading to the 13 May 2016 elections.

The Legal opinion provides that “even without the COMELEC pronouncement, the DSWD can treat as routine and normal all programs, projects and activities that it disclosed to the COMELEC as such. (Referring to the similar disclosures and requests to the COMELEC for the 2013 Elections) Consequently, the DSWD may continue to release disbursements for expenses under such programs, projects and activities during the 45-day period leading to the 13 May 2016 elections.”

For your ready reference, please find attached letter dated 30 March 2016 and the list of routine and normal expenses that the DSWD submitted to the COMELEC which includes Self-Employment Assistance-Kaumalanan (SEA-K) Program, the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA)-Sustainable Livelihood Program, and Activities for Microenterprise Development and Employment Facilitation.

We hope this clarifies matters relative to the concerns on program implementation during the 2016 Elections Ban.


GIL DENNIS A. RAPOSA

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MEMORANDUM

FOR Director Gil Dennis A. Raposa
SUBJECT 2016 Elections – Ban on Disbursement of Public Funds
DATE 30 March 2016

In your MEMORANDUM dated 29 March 2016, you sought clarification regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) vis-à-vis exemptions from the ban against disbursement of public funds during the 45-day period leading to the 13 May 2016 elections.

The DSWD disclosed to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) its routine and normal expenses and ongoing public works, and request the COMELEC for authorization to continue its ongoing, and undertake possible, disaster-related activities. However, as of this writing, the COMELEC has yet to issue any pronouncement on the same.

For the 2013 Elections, the DSWD made similar disclosures and requests to the COMELEC. In relation to this, the COMELEC issued a Resolution dated 8 April 2013. This Resolution did not touch on the routine and normal expenses of the DSWD. We believe this means that it is the DSWD – and not the COMELEC – that determines what programs, projects and activities are routine and normal. Furthermore, such determination is deemed valid until and unless it is successfully challenged before the proper court or tribunal.

This means that even without the COMELEC pronouncement, the DSWD can treat as routine and normal all programs, projects and activities that it disclosed to the COMELEC as such. Consequently, the DSWD may continue to release disbursements for expenses under such programs, projects and activities during the 45-day period leading to the 13 May 2016 elections. For easy reference, attached is the list of routine and normal expenses that the DSWD submitted to the COMELEC for this year's elections (which we note includes the "Self-Employment Assistance-Kaunlaran (SEA-K) Program" and the "Pagapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA)-Sustainable Livelihood Program").

For your consideration.



Carlo Florendo C. Castro
Director

ELECTIONS 2016 MEMO DISBURSEMENT

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Summary of Routine and Normal Expenses of the DSWD

Expenses for General Administration and Support Services

Expenses for the Operation, Maintenance and Upgrade of Information and Communication Technology Equipment

Expenses for Capability Building of Employees and Intermediaries

Expenses for the Formulation, Advocacy and Evaluation of Policies, Plans, and Programs

Expenses for Registration, Licensing and Accreditation of Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs)

Expenses for Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Subsidies to the Area-Based Standards Network (ABSNET) and to Day Care Centers and Day Care Workers

Social Welfare Attaché Offices

EXPENSES FOR ONGOING PROGRAMS

Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program

National Household Targeting System

• Self-Employment Assistance-Kaunlaran (SEA-K) Program

• Activities for Microenterprise Development and Employment Facilitation

• Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA)-Sustainable Livelihood Program

Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program (MCCTP)

Supplementary Feeding Program

Social Pension for Senior Citizens and Assistance to Persons with Disabilities

Interim Shelter Fund

Strengthening Strategy to Address Hunger, Risks and Vulnerability in Disaster-Stricken Communities (formerly Community Food Banks in Emergency)

Sustaining Interventions in Poverty Alleviation and Governance (SIPAG) Project

Sama-Bajau Localized Intervention and Learning Approach for Holistic Improvement (SALINLAHI)

Reporting System and Prevention Program for Elderly Abuse Cases (ReSPPEC)

Comprehensive Program for Street Children, Street Families and IPs, especially Bajaus

Comprehensive Program for Healing and Grief Management for Bereaved Mothers and their Families

Strengthening and Empowerment of OFW Families Towards Family Preservation

Strategies Towards Acceptance, Reintegration and Transformation (START) for Recovering Drug Dependents

Enhancement of the National Family Violence Prevention Program

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program for Torture and Enforced Disappearances Victims and their Families

Counseling Services for Rehabilitation of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (CSRPDV)

Parent Effectiveness Service Enhancement (Integration of Positive Discipline)

Enhancement of Unlad ng Kabataan Program

#StopChildPornph Project

Intensive Juvenile Intervention (Buklod Paglaom para sa CICL: Holistic Psychosocial and Economic Intervention for Children in Conflict with the Law)

Support Services for Children in Need of Caregiver

Character Building Service for Children and Youth in Residential Care Facilities

Integration of Case Management Strategies

Development of SWD Model of Intervention for Persons with Disabilities

Music and Arts Therapy Program (MATP) for Persons with Disability (PWD) specifically with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Team Balikatan Rescue in Emergency (TeamBIRE) Project

Cash Transfer and Cash Voucher to Affected Families in Emergencies (CTCVAFE) Project

Program for the Near Poor

Model of Intervention on Child Labor

National Committee on the Filipino Family

DSWD-NIR Social Technology Unit

EXPENSES FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

Protective Programs and Services (Activities for Women, Children, Youth and other Sectors; Government Internship Program)

Recovery and Reintegration Program for Trafficked Persons

Operation of Crisis Intervention Units

Livelihood Assistance for internally displaced persons of previous disasters, calamities and human-induced emergencies

Cash/Food for Work/Training Program

Operation, Maintenance and Upgrade of DSWD Centers and Institutions

Alternative Parental Care Program