

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 50, July 28, 2011]

**ABOLITION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON MINDANAO
RIVER BASIN REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS TO REGULAR GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Administration has adopted a policy of streamlining the bureaucracy to promote good governance and to ensure economy and efficiency in government;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 753 (s. 2008) as amended, created the Presidential Task Force on Mindanao River Basin Rehabilitation and Development (PTFMRBRD);

WHEREAS, Section 1 of EO No 18 (s. 2010) declares as a policy of the government the enhancement of its institutional capacity to deliver or provide public goods and services in a more economical, efficient ethical, effective, and accountable manner.

WHEREAS, the functions of the PTFMRBRD overlaps with other national government agencies that can in turn perform the said tasks in line with the government's policy of rationalizing and streamlining the bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9996 or the Mindanao Development Authority Act of 2010, created the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), which is tasked to establish an effective institutional mechanism to address the need for a coordinated and integrated approach in the formulation and integration of a Mindanao-wide inter-regional development plans programs, and projects.

WHEREAS, the River Basin Control Office (RBCO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is mandated to implement EO No 818 (s. 2009) entitled. "Declaring the RBCO under the DENR as the Lead Government Agency for the Integrated Planning, Management, Rehabilitation, and Development of the Country's River Basins";

WHEREAS, RA No 10121, or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, created the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), whose mandate to be implemented by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), is to administer a comprehensive national civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Executive Branch of government

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law do hereby order

SECTION 1. Abolition of the PTFMRBRD.As part of the rationalization and streamlining of the government bureaucracy, the PTFMRBRD is hereby abolished and its tasks and functions are transferred to regular national government agencies

SECTION. 2. Transfer of Tasks and Functions to Regular Government Agencies. The following tasks and functions of the PTFMRBRD are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the following national government agencies:

2.1 M inDA

- a. Coordinate the formulation, implementation, and finalization of the Mindanao River Basin (MRB) relief, rehabilitation, and long term development plan, also known as the Mindanao River Basin Management and Development Master Plan;
- b. Negotiate apply for receive and accept grants and donation of funds needed for the relief, rehabilitation and development of the areas affected by the disaster
- c. Decide on important interventions that need to be immediately implemented and acted upon;
- d. Spearhead and coordinate all actions to rehabilitate and develop the MRB affected areas; and
- e. Conduct resource mobilization activities, such as but not limited to:
 - i. Enjoining the concerned LGUs to pass ordinances appropriating local resources for identified interventions.
 - ii. Requesting funding horn the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);
 - iii. Ensuring inclusion of rehabilitation plans of regional line agencies in their annual operational plans and realign funds, if necessary;
 - iv. Conducting special Official Development Assistance (ODA) pledging sessions to be spearheaded by the Regional Development Council (RDC)/Regional Economic Development Planning Board (REDPB) and Regional Disaster Coordinating Councils of Region XII and the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); and
 - v. Enjoining Congress to include a special purpose fund for rehabilitation and development in the General Appropriations Act

2.2 Department of Environment and Natural Resources-River Basin Control Office (DENR-RBCO)

- a. Develop a MRB master plan and other technical plans in coordination with the MinDA and NDRRMC-OCD and
- b. Provide technical assistance in the formulation institutionalization and mobilization of appropriate rivet basin level organization for the MRB that will be self-sustaining and will have a multi-sectoral composition in line with the Philippine Development Plan