

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 743, July 24, 2008 ]**

**CREATING A TASK FORCE ON COTABATO FLOOD CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for interventions to control the floods brought about by Typhoons Frank and Cosine in the provinces of North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani and Sultan Kudarat, as well as the City of Cotabato and parts of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao;

**WHEREAS**, these areas are within the Lower Cotabato River Basin which are known to be prone to flooding as a result of the heavy siltation of the major rivers of the Mindanao River Basin and the Ligawasan Marsh;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has continuing authority to reorganize the Executive Branch;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gloria M. Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order:

**Section 1 Creation.** - The Task Force on Cotabato Flood Control (Task Force) is hereby created.

**Section 2 Mandate.** - The Task Force shall integrate flood control efforts in the areas of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and Region XII that were flooded by typhoons Frank and Cosme. It shall likewise ensure that public funds for Cotabato flood control shall be spent judiciously and effectively through efficient prioritization of programs and consistent monitoring of projects. It shall serve as the clearing house for all proposals related to Cotabato flood control. Upon consolidation and evaluation, it shall approve the appropriate requests. It shall notify the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) of its approval as basis for the release of the fund.

**Section 3 Powers.** - The Task Force shall have the following powers:

- a. To generate proposals from the implementing agencies for Cotabato flood control efforts as well as infrastructure support;
- b. To work with the Department of Public Works & Highways of the National Government and the ARMM for the important interventions that need to be implemented for Cotabato flood control;
- c. To work with the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC) of the ARMM and the RDCC of Region XII on common or overlapping project activities related to Cotabato flood control;
- d. To regularly monitor the status of programs, projects and activities related to Cotabato flood control in the areas flooded by typhoons Frank and Cosme in the Cotabato River Basin to ensure their prompt and efficient execution;