

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116, June 11, 1955 ]**

**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO SCREEN AND AID DESERVING  
SQUATTERS AND NEW SETTLERS IN BASILAN CITY**

For the purpose of screening the squatters and would-be squatters in Basilan City to determine who are deserving of assistance in the allocation of lots in subdivisions of the Bureau of Lands, a committee is hereby created composed of the following:

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| 1. Mr. Hipolito B. Marcelo                         | District Forester      |
| 2. Mr. Pio Paladio                                 | Bureau of Lands        |
| 3. City Fiscal                                     |                        |
| 4. Chief of Police of Basilan                      |                        |
| 5. Mrs. Dolores Laconico                           | Girl Scout             |
| 6. Mr. Juan Estrada                                | Lions Club             |
| 7. Mr. Carlos Tan                                  | Jaycees                |
| 8. Mr. Federico Morales                            | Secretary to the Mayor |
| 9. Philippine Constabulary<br>Detachment Commander |                        |

The committee shall assist in the allocation of public lands to landless people. For this purpose, it shall make a census of squatters in the province and a census of new settlers who have not been able to locate lands for their occupation. It shall also keep an up-to-date list of available public lands in the different parts of the province. To facilitate the allocation of lots to deserving squatters and new settlers, the District Land Officer of Basilan City shall give preference to persons recommended by the committee.

The committee may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the Government for assistance in the accomplishment of its mission and shall render periodic reports of its activities to the President of the Philippines.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **RAMON MAGSAYSAY**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **MARIANO YENKO, JR.**  
Assistant Executive Secretary

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