

[OP EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20, May 28, 2001]

**REAFFIRMING MASS HOUSING AS A CENTERPIECE PROGRAM IN
THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the President has declared the elimination of poverty as one of the pillars of good governance;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes that provision of decent and affordable shelter to the poor is an essential requirement towards the alleviation of poverty;

WHEREAS, the Government is aware that shelter programs generate multiple economic benefits to the marginalized sectors of society such as provision of employment and promotion of entrepreneurial activities;

WHEREAS, mass shelter programs result in the pump priming of our economy and stimulation of growth in all sectors;

WHEREAS, through numerous laws and executive issuances, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) has been identified as the sole lead agency in the implementation of the government's shelter/housing program;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to further strengthen the HUDCC for it to effectively and efficiently discharge its role and responsibilities as the sole lead agency in the implementation of the government's shelter/housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book 111 of EO 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to (re)organize the Administrative structure of the Office of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Reiterating and Strengthening the Functions of the HUDCC. Pursuant to existing laws, the HUDCC shall have the following primary powers and functions:

1. Serve as the sole lead agency to assist the President and the Presidential Commission for Mass Housing (PCMH) in the formulation and implementation of the national objectives, policies, and strategies for housing and urban development;
2. Coordinate and monitor the activities of all government agencies undertaking housing projects, including those of local government units, to ensure the

accomplishment of the goals of the government's housing program:

3. Encourage the maximum participation of the private sector in all aspects of housing and urban development;
4. Formulate the basic policies, guidelines and implementing mechanisms for the disposal or development of acquired or existing assets of the key housing agencies that are not required for the accomplishment of their basic mandates;
5. Identify, plan and secure local and foreign funding for housing programs and projects;
6. Provide directions to the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to ensure rational land use for the equitable distribution and enjoyment of development benefits;
7. Recommend new legislation and amendments to existing laws as may be necessary for the attainment of government's objectives in housing; and
8. Undertake other functions as provided by existing laws.

SECTION 2. Administrative Relationship Between the HUDCC and Housing Agencies.

The HUDCC shall exercise administrative supervision over the following housing agencies which remain to be attached to it for purposes of policy and program coordination;

1. National Housing Authority (NHA)
2. National Home Mortgage and Finance Corporation (NHMFC)
3. Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)
4. Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
5. Home Guaranty Corporation (HGC)

For this purpose, the abovesited agencies shall provide manpower, logistical support and other facilities to the Office of the Chairman, as necessary.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of the HUDCC Chairman - The Chairman of the HUDCC shall be appointed by the President and shall report directly to the President. The HUDCC Chairman, who shall have the rank of a Department Secretary, shall be a regular member of the Cabinet. The HUDCC Chairman shall be the chief implementing official of all government shelter/housing programs and related functions and activities.

The HUDCC Chairman shall also serve as ex officio Chairman of the governing Boards of the housing agencies, namely: NHA, NHMFC, HDMF and HLURB and Vice-Chairman of HGC. The HUDCC Chairman may appoint an alternate from among the HUDCC officials, whose acts shall be considered the acts of the Chairman.

The HUDCC Chairman shall exclusively exercise the following powers over and above-enumerated attached housing agencies of the HUDCC:

1. Recommend to the President the appointment of the members of the Board and the full time chief executive officer/head of the housing