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Senate Bill No. 2478

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY BILLION PESOS FOR THE
REHABILITATION OF THE AFFECTED PROVINCES DUE TO THE
DAMAGES CAUSED BY TYPHOON ODETTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 14 December 2021, Typhoon Rai, locally known as Typhoon Odette, entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility with maximum sustained winds reaching as high as 175 kilometers per hour near the center and with gustiness of up to 240 kilometers per hour. On 16 December 2021, it made its first landfall in Siargao Island, province of Surigao del Norte and by 17 December 2021, it had made eight other landfalls in the provinces of Dinagat Islands, Southern Leyte, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Palawan.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, in its Situational Report for Typhoon Odette dated 14 January 2022, has reported a total of 2,224,928 affected families and 7,715,320 affected persons across 11 regions and 38 provinces. The total number of deaths has reached 406, with 65 persons reported missing, and 1,266 individuals reported injured. The estimated cost of damaged houses has reached P33,030,018 with a total of 1,360,682 damaged houses. Of this number, 992,177 have been partially damaged, and 368,505 have been totally damaged. Furthermore, the estimated cost of damaged infrastructure has reached a total of P17,728,976,164.80, with government facilities, flood control, bridges, health facilities, roads, schools, and utility service facilities among those affected by the typhoon. The estimated cost of damage to agriculture has reached P11,541,286,905.63 and a total of 361 cities/municipalities in MIMAROPA, Region 6, Region 8, and CARAGA have been declared to be under a State of Calamity.

This bill seeks to provide the supplemental budget of twenty billion pesos for the implementation of relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in the affected areas, especially in the most devastated provinces such as Cebu, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Surigao del Norte, Southern Leyte, Palawan, Leyte, Iloilo, and Dinagat Islands.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
2 *Congress assembled:*

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4 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as “The Paglaum Fund
5 of 2022.”

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7 **SECTION 2. *Appropriation.*** – An amount of TWENTY BILLION PESOS
8 (PHP 20,000,000,000.) is hereby appropriated for the rehabilitation of the affected
9 provinces due to the damages caused by Typhoon Odette.

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11 It shall be called the Paglaum Fund or the “Fund”.

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13 **SECTION 3. *Use of Funds.*** – The amount shall cover the rehabilitation,
14 repair and reconstruction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings,
15 government buildings, sea ports and airports, Department of Health and regional
16 hospitals, and other infrastructures; purchase of school desks, hospital equipment,
17 supplies and medicines; purchase of relocation sites and construction of housing
18 units; livelihood programs and support to farmers and fishermen, and other
19 agricultural support programs; and direct financial subsidy to families or
20 individuals whose houses were totally or partially damaged by Typhoon Odette.

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22 **SECTION 4. *Roles of Government Agencies.*** -

23 a) National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). – The
24 NDRRMC shall make the assessment of the damages and determine the number
25 of affected families or individuals for each province affected by Typhoon Odette
26 and recommend to the Department of Budget and Management a Rehabilitation
27 Plan that will identify specific infrastructure projects for rehabilitation or
28 reconstruction, program intervention for affected families or individuals and direct
29 financial subsidy to families or individuals whose houses were totally or partially
30 damaged by Typhoon Odette. The Rehabilitation Plan shall also include which
31 agencies will implement specific projects and activities with the corresponding
32 budget allocation.

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1 b) Department of Budget and Management. – The Department of Budget and
2 Management shall review the Rehabilitation Plan submitted by the NDRRMC,
3 especially on the budget allocation, and submit to the President for his approval.
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5 c) Department of Social Welfare and Development. – The DSWD, in consultation
6 with the affected LGUs, shall prepare the list of families or individuals who will
7 receive direct financial subsidy under this Fund. The DSWD may tap the LGUs in
8 disbursing or distributing the direct financial subsidy to families or individuals.
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10 d) Local Government Units (LGUs). – The affected LGUs shall submit to the
11 appropriate Departments and/or national government agencies the list of local
12 infrastructure or projects that were damaged or affected by Typhoon Odette and
13 need to be rehabilitated, repaired or reconstructed for possible funding from this
14 Fund. The concerned Department and/or national government agency will review
15 such submission and submit the same to the NDRRMC for inclusion in the
16 Rehabilitation Plan.
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18 e) Other Departments and National Government Agencies. – The appropriate
19 Departments and national government agencies shall make the initial assessment
20 of the damages to infrastructure and projects under their respective jurisdictions.
21 They shall also receive projects or funding requests from the LGUs for possible
22 inclusion in the Rehabilitation Plan. They shall prepare and submit to the NDRRMC
23 their recommendations of projects and activities which they will implement and for
24 inclusion in the Rehabilitation Plan.
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26 **SECTION 5. *Submission to Congress.*** – The NDRRMC shall submit to the
27 Congress of the Philippines, through the Chairmen of the Committee on
28 Appropriations, in the case of the House of Representatives, and Committee on
29 Finance, in the case of the Senate, an itemized list of projects and activities to be
30 funded under the Fund within thirty days from the approval of the President.
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32 No funding for specific project shall be released unless the project has been
33 submitted to the Congress of the Philippines.
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35 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, presidential decrees and
36 issuances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent
37 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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39 **SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason or reasons, any part or
40 provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or
41 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force
42 and effect.
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44 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
45 its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official
46 Gazette.
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48 Approved,