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**AN ACT  
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF FIVE BILLION PESOS FOR THE RELIEF,  
RECONSTRUCTION, AND REHABILITATION OF CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES  
AND PROVINCES AFFECTED BY THE RECENT 7.0-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE  
IN ABRA, AND CREATING THE NAMNAMA FUND UNDER THE NATIONAL  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND (CALAMITY FUND)**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

On 27 July 2022, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Northern Luzon, the country's most populous island, at 8:43 am. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PhiVolcs), its epicenter was in Tayum, Abra, with a depth of 17 kilometers (10.6 miles); and so far, the largest earthquake recorded in the country for 2022. Its impact was felt in the National Capital Region (NCR), more than 400 kilometers (about 250 miles) away. It is classified as a "major earthquake", with a stern warning for the occurrence of multiple aftershocks which could last for months, and recording around more than 1,300 since the incident.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), in its Situational Report no. 5 for the Earthquake dated 31 July 2022<sup>1</sup>, has reported that the highest intensity or most destructive damages were recorded in Tayum, Bangued, Bucay, Bucloc, Danglas, Dolores, La Paz, Lagangilang, Licuan-Baay, Luba, Malibcong, Manabo, Peñarrubia, Pilar, Sallapadan, and San Juan, in Abra Province. Resulting to a total of 82,336 affected families and 314,161 affected persons across 3 regions and 11 provinces. The total number of deaths has reached 10, with 375 injured individuals.

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<sup>1</sup> National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Situation Report No. 5 for 7.0 Earthquake ( 31 July 2022) Accessed from: [SitRep\\_No\\_5\\_for\\_Magnitude\\_7\\_0\\_Earthquake\\_in\\_Tayum\\_Abra\\_2022.pdf\(ndrrmc.gov.ph\)](#)

The estimated cost of damaged infrastructure has reached a total of PhP 414,228,000.00 with government facilities, flood control, bridges, health facilities, roads, schools, cultural heritage sites and utility service facilities among those affected by the earthquake. Moreover, the Department of Education (DepEd) has reported around PhP 1.48 billion estimated cost of repair and rehabilitation for 263 damaged schools and 451 totally damaged classrooms and other learning facilities.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has initially reported that the agricultural damage in irrigation systems amounted to PhP 6.97 million, while farm structures incurred PhP 4.53 million worth of damage. Abra has 27 municipalities, mostly engaged in agriculture with rice, corn, fruits, and vegetables as products. The Provincial Government of Abra has already declared a State of Calamity.

This proposed measure thus intends to be the light shining through the cracks of broken homes and lives, in order to rebuild from the ruins the hope that the shaking took away from the people.

The Namnama (*an Ilocano term for hope*) Fund, seeks to provide a supplemental budget of five billion pesos (Php 5,000,000,000.0) for the implementation of relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts for the most affected cities, municipalities and provinces of the recent 7.0-magnitude earthquake. The said fund shall be allocated from the collection of Motor Vehicle Users Charge.

Acts of nature are inevitable; they catch people by surprise - leaving in their wake the remnants of yesterday. But even the greatest of tribulations can be overcome; and just as the sun rises again, so will hope that is lost be reclaimed.

The Filipino spirit is resilient, but times like these demand immediate assistance from the State in order for what was broken to be mended. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is most urgently sought.

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

1            *Section 1. Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Namnama Fund for the  
2 North of 2022".

3            *Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to uphold the people's  
4 constitutional rights to life and property by coming to their aid when their vulnerabilities  
5 are exposed and threatened by disasters. Towards this end, it shall strengthen the  
6 country's institutional capacity for disaster management, for rehabilitation of affected  
7 areas, and for building the resilience of local communities in times of calamities.

8            *Sec. 3. Appropriation.* - The amount of Five Billion Pesos (PhP 5,000,000,000.00) is  
9 hereby appropriated for the rehabilitation of cities, municipalities and provinces affected  
10 by the July 27, 2022 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Abra.

11            It shall be called the *Namnama Fund* or the "Fund".

12            The appropriation herein is separate and distinct from the regular appropriations  
13 for the most affected cities, municipalities, and provinces. It shall be appropriated from  
14 the collection of the Motor Vehicle Users Charge.

15            This special appropriation will be valid for two years from its effectivity.

1            *Sec. 4. Guidelines in the Allocation of the Namnama Fund.* - The Namnama Fund  
2 herein appropriated shall be spent judiciously in accordance with the principle of providing  
3 the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The following shall be observed:

- 4            a. Priority shall be given to roads and bridges, communication and power lines,  
5            hospitals, school buildings, water and irrigation systems and other projects such as  
6            drainage works, resettlement centers and home sites in the construction, repair  
7            and/or reconstruction of cultural heritage and tourism sites, and retrofitting of  
8            government infrastructure and facilities;
- 9            b. Aid, relief, rehabilitation shall be extended equitably to all victims, irrespective of  
10           political or party affiliations, gender, creed, religious belief, or ethnic origin, giving  
11           emphasis to livelihood and employment opportunities; and,
- 12           c. No amount shall be released without any identified program or project nor shall  
13           any sum from the Namnama Fund be used to pay obligations incurred before the  
14           approval of this Act.

15           *Sec. 5. Use of Namnama Fund.*- The amount shall cover the rehabilitation, repair  
16 and reconstruction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings, government  
17 buildings, national and regional hospitals, cultural heritage sites and tourism sites and  
18 other infrastructures; retrofitting of existing government infrastructures; purchase of  
19 school desks, textbooks and other learning materials; hospital equipment, supplies  
20 and other medical supplies; purchase of relocation sites and construction of housing units;  
21 and funding for livelihood programs and support to farmers and fisherfolks, and other  
22 agricultural programs.

23           The *Namnama Fund* shall be used for the purposes indicated and shall be released  
24 to the relevant Departments, Bureaus, Offices, agencies and Local Government Units  
25 (LGUs) in accordance with the existing budgeting and related laws, rules and regulations.

26           *Sec. 6. Duties and Responsibilities of the Government Agencies.* -

27           a) National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) shall make  
28 the assessment of the damages and determine the number of affected families or  
29 individuals for each province affected by earthquake and recommend to the Department  
30 of Budget and Management (DBM) a Rehabilitation Plan that will identify specific  
31 infrastructure projects for rehabilitation or reconstruction, program intervention for  
32 affected families or individuals and direct financial subsidy to families or individuals whose

1 houses were totally or partially damaged by the July 27, 2022 Abra 7.0-magnitude  
2 earthquake. The Rehabilitation Plan shall also include the agencies which will implement  
3 specific projects and activities with the corresponding budget;

4 b) Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall review the Rehabilitation  
5 Plan submitted by the NDRRMC, especially on the budget allocation, and shall submit the  
6 same to the President for his approval;

7 c) Affected Local Government Units (LGUs) shall submit to the appropriate  
8 Departments and/or national government agencies the list of local infrastructure or  
9 projects that were damaged or affected by the earthquake which need to be rehabilitated,  
10 repaired or reconstructed for possible funding. The concerned Department and/or national  
11 government agency shall review such submission and submit the same to the NDRRMC  
12 for inclusion in the Rehabilitation Plan;

13 d) Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall primarily lead the  
14 reconstruction and rehabilitation plan including retrofitting existing infrastructures hereby  
15 ensuring that the infrastructures are up to the accepted standards;

16 e) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in consultation with  
17 the affected LGUs and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), shall prepare  
18 the list of families or individuals who will receive direct financial assistance under this Fund.  
19 The DSWD may tap the LGUs in disbursing or distributing the direct financial subsidy to  
20 families or individuals. As much as practicable, the assistance should be in the form of a  
21 livelihood startup or employment facilitation; and,

22 f) Other Relevant National Government Agencies (NGAs) shall make the initial  
23 assessment of the damages to infrastructure and projects under their respective  
24 jurisdictions. They shall also receive projects or funding requests from the LGUs for  
25 possible inclusion in the Rehabilitation Plan. They shall prepare and submit to the NDRRMC  
26 their recommendations of projects and activities which they will implement and for  
27 inclusion in the Rehabilitation Plan.

28 *Sec. 7. Coordination with the Affected LGUs.* - The National Government shall  
29 closely coordinate and consult with the affected LGUs without prejudice to the greater  
30 good of the affected population.

31 *Sec. 8. Preference for Local Residents.* - Residents in the affected areas shall be  
32 given preference in employment in the repair, reconstruction and reconstruction of the

1 damaged public infrastructures and facilities and other labor requirements of the funded  
2 projects.

3 *Sec. 9. Report to Congress.* - NDRRMC shall report to the Congress of the  
4 Philippines, through the Chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations and  
5 Senate Committee on Finance, an itemized list of projects to be funded under the fund  
6 within thirty (30) days from the approval of the President.

7 *Sec. 10. Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees and issuances, orders, rules and  
8 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of  
9 this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

10 *Sec. 11. Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
11 unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and  
12 effect.

13 *Sec. 12. Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its  
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*