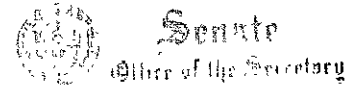


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is one of the rather unfortunate countries in this part of the world that is often ravaged and devastated by strong typhoons. Around 19 tropical cyclones or storms enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility in a typical year and of these usually 6 to 9 make landfall. Notwithstanding all these disaster preparations and coordination plans, however, there were still significant losses of life, injuries to persons, and damages to property when Typhoon Pedring (International Code Name: Nesat) and Quiel (International Code Name: Nalgae) hit Philippine territory. Damage to business, property and agriculture were in such numbers that economic activities were placed on standstill.

The force of Typhoon Pedring and Quiel created a path of destruction particularly on the Northern Luzon Region. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council statistics cannot approximate the horrible experiences that the people in Northern part of Luzon and other regions went through.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council reports the following damages:

I. Typhoon Pedring:

A. *Population affected, evacuated and served:*

- Total number of population affected in 3,326 barangays, 302 municipalities, 41 cities in the 34 provinces of region I, II, III, IV-B, V, VI, CAR and NCR is: 611, 611 families, 2,846,217 persons. Around 96,950 families, 442,874 persons are currently served both inside and outside evacuation centers.

Inside Evacuation centers - 45, 159 families/ 204, 722 persons

Outside Evacuation Centers - 51, 791 families/ 238, 152 persons

B. *Damages to Properties:*

- Initial cost of damages to properties amounted to Php9, 436, 897, 401.00 broken down as follows:
 - Infrastructure (schools/hospitals/bridges/other) - Php1,344,198,382.81
 - Agriculture (crops, livestock, HVCC and Fisheries) - Php 8,092,699,018.19

C. Damaged Houses:

- A total of 44, 072 houses were damaged in Regions I, II, III, IV-B, V, and CAR

II. Typhoon Quiel

A. Affected Population:

- LGU's in Regions I, II, III and CAR were able to disaggregate the data on population affected 118, 646 families/ 546,807 persons in 90 barangays of 93 municipalities, 7 cities and 17 provinces. Around 18, 401 families/77,005 persons are currently served both inside and outside evacuation centers:

Inside Evacuation Centers	-	12, 136 families/ 46, 863 persons
Outside Evacuation Centers	-	6, 265 families/ 30, 142 persons

B. Damages to Properties

- The estimated cost of damage to infrastructure in four provinces of Region II is Php 115, 075, 527.81

C. Damaged Houses:

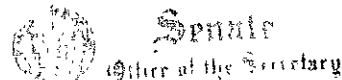
- A total of 7, 601 houses were damaged in region I, II, III and CAR.

The 2011 General Appropriations Act would show that the budget is not going to be enough to cope with the reconstruction and rehabilitation needs. It becomes imperative therefore, that Congress should realign the savings from capital outlay projects of national government agencies, both foreign and locally funded and the Malampaya natural gas project, for the relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the affected regions and the neighboring provinces.

Immediate passage of this bill is urgently sought.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.
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AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TEN BILLION PESOS FOR THE
REHABILITATION OF CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND PROVINCES AFFECTED
BY TYPHOON PEDRING AND TYPHOON QUIEL

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

SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as the “KAAGAPAY FUND” of 2011.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. – An amount of Ten Billion Pesos (Php 10,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the rehabilitation of Cities, Municipalities and Provinces affected by typhoon Pedring and typhoon Quiel.

It shall be called the **KAAGAPAY FUND** or the “Fund”.

The amount herein appropriated is separate from the regular appropriations for the above mentioned provinces, cities and municipalities, and is to be appropriated from the Government’s share of the Malampaya natural gas project and from the savings of the capital outlay projects for foreign and locally funded projects of all national government agencies.

SECTION 3. Guidelines in the Allocation of the Kaagapay Fund. – The Kaagapay Fund herein appropriated shall be spend judiciously in consonance with the principle of providing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The following shall be observed in allocating the Kaagapay Fund:

A.) Priority shall be given to roads and bridges, communication and power lines, hospitals, school buildings, water and irrigation systems and such other projects such as drainage works, resettlement centers and home sites in the construction, repair and/or reconstruction of government infrastructure and facilities;

B.) Aid, relief, rehabilitation shall be extended equitably to all victims, irrespective of political or party affiliations, gender, creed, religious relief, or ethnic origin, giving emphasis to livelihood and employment opportunities; and

C.) No money shall be released without any identified program or project nor shall any sum from the Kaagapay Fund to be used to pay obligations incurred before the approval of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Use of Fund.* The amount shall cover the rehabilitation, repair and reconstruction of roads, bridges, irrigation systems, school buildings, government buildings, sea ports, airports, Department of Health and regional hospitals, and other infrastructures; purchase of school desks, textbooks and workbooks, hospital equipment, supplies and medicines; purchase of relocation sites and construction of housing units; and funding for livelihood programs and support to farmers and fishermen, and other agricultural programs.

The Kaagapay Fund shall be used for the purposes indicated and shall be released for the relevant departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and local government units (LGUs) in accordance with budgeting and related laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. *Creation of Kaagapay Fund Commission.* – The Kaagapay Fund Commission is hereby created and hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”. The Commission shall be organized within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act and shall exist for a term of three (3) years after its organization. Such amounts as may be necessary solely and exclusively for the organizational and operational expenses of the commission shall be set aside from the amount herein appropriated.

SECTION 6. *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be composed of the Chairman of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) as chairman, and Regional Directors of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DEPED), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Administrator of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the General Manager of National Housing Authority (NHA), one (1) member from the League of Provinces and one (1) member from the League of Cities, as members of the commission.

The members of the Commission shall not receive any remuneration or compensation in relation to their tasks in the Commission.

SECTION 7. *Powers and Functions of the Commission.* – The Commission shall have the following powers:

A.) Formulate policies and plans for relief operations; reconstruction, rehabilitation and construction, rehabilitation and construction of public infrastructure, livelihood and other social support services in harmony with plans and policies of the National Government;

(a) Prioritize and coordinate the implementation of the various programs and projects of the Commission.

(b) Coordinate and consult with the concerned national and local officials as well as accredited non-government organizations (NGOs) in the determination of priorities and the implementation of the programs and projects of the Commission;

(c) Call upon any department, office, instrumentality, agency, or political subdivision of the Government for assistance as may be needed;

(d) Perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Quorum.* – Six (6) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business. The decision of the majority members constituting a quorum shall be carried.

SECTION 9. *Secretariat of the Commission.* – The Secretariat of the Commission shall be the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. The Secretariat shall assist the Commission in carrying out its functions.

SECTION 10. *Administrative Fund of the Commission.* – An amount of Twenty Million Pesos (PHP 20,000,000.00) from the fund is hereby allocated for the administrative expenses of the Commission.

SECTION 11. *Submission to Congress.* – The Commission shall submit to the Congress of the Philippines, through the Chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations, in case of the House of Representatives, and Committee on Finance, in case of the Senate, an itemized list of projects to be funded under the fund within thirty days from the approval of the President.

No funding for specific project shall be released unless the project has been submitted to the Congress of the Philippines.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, decrees and issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Separability Clause* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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

Approved,