

APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM “ENCOURAGING RENEWED ASSISTANCE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE UNSETTLED VICTIMS OF MT. PINATUBO UNTIL THE YEAR 2000” ...

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96, April 29, 1999

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WHEREAS, the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo had rendered homeless thousands of families in Central Luzon, particularly in the provinces of Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales;

WHEREAS, RA 7637 (s. of 1992) mandated the Mt. Pinatubo Commission (MPC) to assist the victims in the communities damaged or adversely affected by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo and its after effects;

WHEREAS, Proc. No. 1201 (s. of 1998) extended the term of MPC until December 31, 2000, to undertake, among others, the provision of resettlement assistance to the remaining lahar and flood victims in evacuation centers;

WHEREAS, Sec. 7 (F) of RA No. 7637 allows the MPC to apply for, receive and accept donations of funds, equipment, materials and services for the development of Mt. Pinatubo-affected areas;

WHEREAS, the MPC has provided a total of 47,000 housing units to the victims in 23 resettlement sites located in Zambales, Pampanga and Tarlac;

WHEREAS, there are 5,288 family-victims who are still staying in various evacuation centers and off-site shelters; and,

WHEREAS, there is need to establish a program which will address the housing needs of the remaining unsettled victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Implementation of the Program “Encouraging Renewed Assistance From The Private Sector For The Unsettled Victims Of Mt. Pinatubo Until The Year 2000”. The “Encouraging Renewed Assistance From The Private Sector For The Unsettled Victims Of Mt. Pinatubo Until The Year 2000” Program (herein after referred to as “the program”) is hereby approved for implementation. The program shall generate support from the private sector to address the housing needs of the unsettled victims of Mt. Pinatubo eruption. It will also tap private corporations and major civic organizations to sponsor the construction of housing units in areas pre-developed by MPC.

SEC. 2. Lead Implementing Agency. The MPC shall be the lead agency in the implementation of the program. It shall serve as the program secretariat and provide the necessary administrative and technical support thereto.

SEC. 3. Creation of a Multi-Sectoral Committee for ERAPS 2000. A Multi-Sectoral Committee for ERAPS 2000 is hereby created to oversee the implementation of the program. Specifically, it shall undertake the following:

- a. Formulate strategies and guidelines that will encourage, solicit and accept contributions from the private sector for the housing needs of the remaining 5,288 family-victims;
- b. Monitor the solicitation and campaign activities; and,
- c. Submit periodic report to the President on the status of the implementation of the program.

SEC.4. Committee Composition. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

a.

Chairman, Mount Pinatubo Commission

Chairman

b.

Chairman, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC)

Member

c.

General Manager, National Housing Authority (NHA)

Member

d.

President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Member

e.

President, Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Member

f.

National President, Rotary Club of the Philippines

Member

g.

National President the Philippines, Lions Club of the Philippines –

Member

h.

National President, Philippine Jaycees

Member

i.

National President, Kiwanis International (Philippine Chapter)

Member

SEC. 5. Grant of Tax Incentives. Donations made to the program are allowed as a tax deductible item from the gross income of the donor, subject to the provisions of Sec. 34 of RA 8424 or the Tax Reform Act of 1997.

The tax privilege shall be applicable only for the taxable year the donation was made. Acceptance of the donation shall only be undertaken until December 2000.

SEC. 6. Funding. The funds necessary for the implementation of the program shall be charged against the MPC.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Chairman of the MPC, after consultation with concerned agencies of government, shall formulate and prepare the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Order.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 29th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

(SGD.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA

Executive Secretary

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