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H. B. No. 5998



Introduced by Batangas Representatives
Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto, Rep. Elenita Milagros Ermita-Buhain, Rep. Raneo E. Abu,
Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, and
Rep. Mario Vittorio A. Mariño

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTY BILLION PESOS (P30,000,000,000)
AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2020, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Taal Volcano's eruption which began on January 12, 2020 and has remained to be in alert level 4 has impacted the lives and livelihood of hundreds of thousands of Filipinos, particularly Batangueños, in the country.

Based on the most recent situation report of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the Taal Volcano eruption has affected 68,439 families or 271,278 Filipinos, of which 38,906 families or 148,514 individuals are taking temporary shelter in 497 evacuation centers in CALABARZON Region, while another 22,217 families or 87,141 persons are being served outside evacuation centers. Enforcement of full and partial lockdowns in the municipalities of Agoncillo, Alitagtag, Balete, Cuenca, Laurel, Lemery, Malvar, San Nicolas, Sta. Teresita, Taal, Talisay, Parts of Lipa City, Parts of Mataasna Kahoy, and Parts of Tanauan City, however, is estimated to displace roughly half a million population in affected communities.¹

¹NDRRMC UPDATE. Situational Report No. 29 re Taal Volcano Eruption. January 21, 2020.


It has caused power interruptions in 20 cities and municipalities, and has forced 264 local government units to declare suspension of classes. The eruption had also paralyzed the operation of Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Diosdado Macapagal International Airport for about three days, forcing airlines to cancel 383 domestic and 260 scheduled international flights.²

NDRRMC also reported that the eruption affected thousands of hectares of agricultural lands and fishing areas, primarily in the province of Batangas, which caused an estimated P3.216 billion worth of agricultural damage incurred by farmers, livestock raisers and fishermen.³

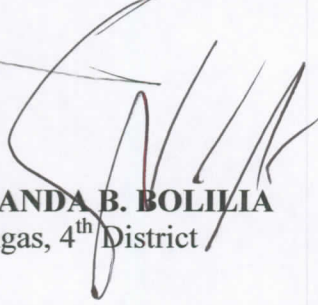
These losses, however, only foreshadow the economic and financial costs of the eruption, particularly in terms of local tourism losses; reconstruction and rehabilitation requirements; and healthcare, evacuation and relief operations costs, which is expected to reach tens of billions of pesos.

This bill seeks to appropriate thirty billion pesos (P30,000,000,000) to fund the much needed support to families and communities affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano to include immediate relief to affected individuals and families; establish resettlement centers, homesites and townsites for displaced families; provide livelihood and employment opportunities for local residents; construct, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct public infrastructure needed in the affected communities; and to adopt and implement other interventions that could expedite the return to normalcy in affected localities.

With these in mind, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



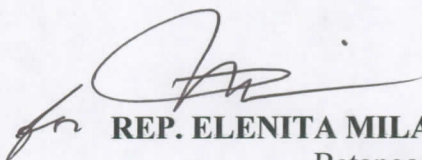
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²Ibid.

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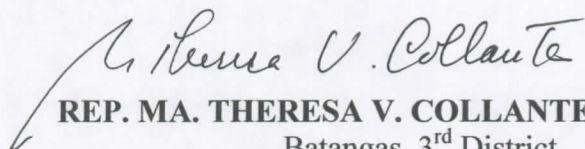
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled.*

Section 1. *Appropriations.*— The sum of Thirty Billion pesos (P30,000,000,000) is
hereby appropriated out of any available funds in the National Treasury not otherwise
appropriated as supplemental appropriations for the FY 2020 Budget.

Sec. 2. *Assistance to Victims, Individuals and Communities Affected by the Taal
Volcano Eruption.* — The amount appropriated herein shall be used exclusively
to augment aid, relief, resettlement, rehabilitation, reconstruction and livelihood
programs and projects implemented by government agencies concerned for the
victims of the Taal Volcano eruption and its aftermath in the affected communities.

Sec. 3. *Use and Release of Funds.* — The amount appropriated shall be released
by the Department of Budget and Management to the implementing agencies in
accordance with the approval of the President of the Philippines who may take into
consideration the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and
Management Council (NDRRMC).

Sec. 4. *Applicability of General and Special Provisions in the FY 2020 General
Appropriations Act.*— The amounts herein appropriated shall be used for the purposes
indicated in this Act and subject to the applicable special and general provisions under
Republic Act No. 11465 or the FY 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

1 Sec. 5. *Availability of Appropriations.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 11465
2 to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations authorized in this Act shall be
3 available for release and obligation for the purposes specified from the date of the
4 effectivity of this Act until December 31, 2022.

5 Sec. 6. *Transparency Provisions.* – Implementing agencies shall ensure that the
6 details of activities and/or projects are included as part of the information posted on
7 their respective transparency seals required under relevant laws and regulations.

8 Sec 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, section or part of this Act shall be
9 declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or
10 impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

11 Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* –All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances,
12 and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with
13 this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

14 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.*–This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the *Official*
16 *Gazette.*

Approved,