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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 823



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RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED
ANOMALIES/CORRUPTION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL
AMELIORATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) per Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020, raised the COVID-19 threat to the highest alert level, Code Red Sublevel I 2, due to the evidence of sustained community transmission of the disease.

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the recommendation to declare a community quarantine in the National Capital Region (NCR), while on 17 March 2020 the enhanced community quarantine was imposed in the entirety of Luzon with the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines.

WHEREAS, On March 24, 2020 the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act of 2020 was signed into law that empowers the national government to render full assistance to the local government units (LGUs) and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake urgent and appropriate measures to curtail the effects of the recent declarations on the economic, physical and psychosocial well-being of the most affected residents.

WHEREAS, based on the DSWD's SAP Monitoring Dashboard for Emergency Subsidy, as of April 29, 2020, a total of P49.7 billion has been received by 9,433,341 beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP). The total amount of disbursed SAP funds is 61.5 percent of the P80.79 billion transferred to the LGUs.

WHEREAS, there were several reports received by the DILG for complaints on the alleged malpractices of barangay officials, who are asking for processing fee and sometimes even dividing the amount of assistance from the legitimate SAP beneficiaries allegedly to be given to more families in the barangay.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to protect and ensure that all SAP beneficiaries receive in full, the amount granted to them by the government.

WHEREAS, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through the appropriate Committee, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged anomalies/corruption on the implementation of the Social Amelioration Program and hold accountable all persons responsible thereon including government officials and employees involved.

Adopted,