

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20 - REAFFIRMING MASS HOUSING AS A CENTERPIECE PROGRAM IN THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the President has declared the elimination of poverty as one of the pillars of good governance;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes that provision of decent and affordable shelter to the poor is an essential requirement towards the alleviation of poverty;

WHEREAS, the Government is aware that shelter programs generate multiple economic benefits to the marginalized sectors of society such as provision of employment and promotion of entrepreneurial activities;

WHEREAS, mass shelter programs result in the pump priming of our economy and the stimulation of growth in all sectors;

WHEREAS, through numerous laws and executive issuances, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) has been identified as the sole lead agency in the implementation of the government's shelter/housing program;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to further strengthen the HUDCC for it to effectively and efficiently discharge its role and responsibilities as the sole lead agency in the implementation of the government's shelter/housing programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of EO 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing

authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Reiterating and Strengthening the Functions of the HUDCC . —

Pursuant to existing laws, the HUDCC shall have the following primary powers and functions:

1. Serve as the sole lead agency to assist the President and the Presidential Commission for Mass Housing (PCMH) in the formulation and implementation of the national objectives, policies, and strategies for housing and urban development;
2. Coordinate and monitor the activities of all government agencies undertaking housing projects, including those of local government units, to ensure the accomplishment of the goals of the government's housing program;
3. Encourage the maximum participation of the private sector in all aspects of housing and urban development;
4. Formulate the basic policies, guidelines and implementing mechanisms for the disposal or development of acquired or existing assets of the key housing agencies that are not required for the accomplishment of their basic mandates;
5. Identify, plan and secure local and foreign funding for housing programs and projects;

6. Provide directions to the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to ensure rational land use for the equitable distribution and enjoyment of development benefits;
7. Recommend new legislation and amendments to existing laws as may be necessary for the attainment of government's objectives in housing; and
8. Undertake other functions as provided by existing laws.

Sec. 2. Administrative Relationship Between the HUDCC and Housing Agencies. — The HUDCC shall exercise administrative supervision over the following housing agencies which remain to be attached to it for purposes of policy and program coordination:

1. National Housing Authority (NHA)
2. National Home Mortgage and Finance Corporation (NHMFC)
3. Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)
4. Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
5. Home Guaranty Corporation (HGC)

For this purpose, the abovesited agencies shall provide manpower, logistical support and other facilities to the Office of the Chairman, as necessary.

Sec. 3. Powers and Functions of the HUDCC Chairman. — The Chairman of the HUDCC shall be appointed by the President and shall report directly to the

President. The HUDCC Chairman, who shall have the rank of a Department Secretary, shall be a regular member of the Cabinet. The HUDCC Chairman shall be the chief implementing official of all government shelter/housing programs and related functions and activities.

The HUDCC Chairman shall also serve as ex officio Chairman of the governing Boards of the housing agencies, namely: NHA, NHMFC, HDMF and HLURB and Vice-Chairman of HGC. The HUDCC Chairman may appoint an alternate from among the HUDCC officials, whose acts shall be considered the acts of the Chairman.

The HUDCC Chairman shall exclusively exercise the following powers over and above-enumerated attached housing agencies of the HUDCC:

1. Recommend to the President the appointment of the members of the Board and the full time chief executive officer/head of the housing corporations/agencies in accordance with their respective charters/mandates;
2. Recommend to the President any such acts as may be necessary over any member of the Board and the Chief Executive Office;
3. Exercise for and in behalf of the President administrative supervision over corporations and agencies attached to the HUDCC;
4. Oversee the operations of such housing corporations and agencies to ensure that they are managed efficiently, effectively and economically to enable them to execute their plans, programs and projects;

5. Require the submission of reports and cause the conduct of management audit, performance evaluation, and inspections to ensure compliance with the policies, standards and guidelines of HUDCC;
6. Review and evaluate Memoranda of Agreement, contracts, joint venture agreements and all investments entered into by the corporations/agencies attached to the HUDCC to ensure conformity with government policies, and priority plans and projects;
7. Recommend to the President all housing-related projects that may qualify for Flagship status;
8. Recommend to the President such acts as may be necessary for the proper performance of the official functions of the corporations and agencies attached to the HUDCC;
9. Recommend to the President the approval of the budget proposals of all housing agencies attached to it;
10. Require the submission of the audited financial statements of the attached corporations within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year to ensure the proper evaluation and preparation of recommendations to the President;
11. Recommend to the President necessary changes and adjustments in the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the attached agencies and corporations; and

12. Recommend to the President all other actions as may be necessary in the President's exercise of overall supervision and control over all housing agencies attached to the HUDCC.

Sec. 4. Functions of the HUDCC Secretariat. — The HUDCC Chairman shall direct the HUDCC Secretariat in the proper performance of the following functions:

1. Monitor and evaluate the financial, physical and organizational performance of the housing agencies/corporations;
2. Undertake the review of all contracts, joint ventures agreements, memoranda of agreement, investments, borrowings, creation of subsidiaries, and similar agreements entered into by the housing agencies attached to the HUDCC. The HUDCC Chairman shall make appropriate recommendations to the President on the basis of the review made by the HUDCC Secretariat.

Sec. 5. Duties and Responsibilities of the HUDCC Secretary General. — A Secretary General, to be appointed by the HUDCC Chairman, shall assist the Chairman in the day-to-day management and operation of the HUDCC Secretariat. The Secretary General, who shall be under the direct control and supervision of the Chairman, shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Implement policies and measures approved and directed by the Chairman;
2. Assist the Chairman in managing the day-to-day operations and affairs of the HUDCC;

3. Oversee the preparation of annual plans, budgets and such other reports as may be required, subject to the approval of the Chairman;
4. Represent the Chairman in dealings with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government and with persons and entities whether private or public, domestic or foreign, as may be necessary;
5. Discipline, for cause and in accordance with civil service laws and regulations, subordinate officers/personnel of the HUDCC, subject to the approval of the Chairman;
6. Transfer officers/personnel as the exigencies of the service may require, subject to the prior approval of the Chairman;
7. Delegate authority to subordinate officers and personnel of the HUDCC, provided that the authority to delegate has had the prior approval of the Chairman; and
8. Perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned by the Chairman.

Sec. 6. Continuing Authority to Reorganize the HUDCC Secretariat. — In accordance with existing laws, the HUDCC Chairman shall have the continuing authority to reorganize the HUDCC Secretariat.

Sec. 7. Special Provision. — All government departments, agencies, bureaus and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations (e.g. PEA, BCDA, PNR, among others), implementing housing projects are directed to seek the clearance and approval of the HUDCC Chairman on their respective housing and other related projects.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. — Should any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, the validity of the other provisions hereof shall be unaffected thereby.

Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. — All executive and other administrative issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 10. Effectivity. — This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord, Twenty Hundred and One.