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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1402



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Introduced by Honorable Representatives  
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**CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE**, **EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT** and **FERDINAND R. GAITE** (Bayan Muna); **FRANCE L. CASTRO** (ACT Teachers); and **SARAH JANE I. ELAGO** (Kabataan)

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO FAST-TRACK THE RELEASE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS TO HELP FAMILIES IN TYPHOON-STRICKEN AREAS, PARTICULARLY THE FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (AICS) PROGRAM IN THE FORM OF TEN THOUSAND PESOS EMERGENCY CASH AID TO TYPHOON VICTIMS**

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of a raging COVID-19 pandemic, a string of strong typhoons slammed the country, displacing over 1 million Filipinos, affecting more than one-third of the country's population, and inflicting extensive destruction to properties, agriculture, infrastructure and power and communication lines;

**WHEREAS**, based on the situation reports by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), a total of 230,726 houses had been damaged by the typhoons "Rolly" and "Ulysses" in Luzon and parts of the Visayas, of which more than 35,000 homes were totally damaged;

**WHEREAS**, the extensive damage caused by the two typhoons to agriculture has been estimated to reach P17.8 billion, as hectares of agricultural lands in CAR, Regions I, II, III, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, V, VI, and VIII - including those for rice, corn and high value crops - were destroyed; This estimate does not even include the effects on agriculture by the other typhoons;

**WHEREAS**, existing standby calamity funds and quick response funds (QRF) would be inadequate to respond to the urgent needs of Filipinos struggling in the wake of the series of destructive typhoons and amid the realignments made to finance the COVID-19 pandemic response;

**WHEREAS**, poor Filipinos were already reeling from the massive destruction of jobs and livelihood coming into the typhoon season because of the severe and militarist pandemic restrictions and inadequacy of social amelioration programs;

**WHEREAS**, it was discovered during the Senate budget deliberations that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) still has undisbursed funds totalling more than Eighty-Three Billion Pesos (PhP83,000,000,000.00);

**WHEREAS**, the DSWD has Seventy-five billion (PhP75 billion) in unspent funds for 2020, while some P6.7 billion from the two Bayanihan laws remain unobligated;

**WHEREAS**, around P13.7 billion of the total P83 billion unreleased funds are supposedly for the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program by the DSWD;

**WHEREAS**, the DSWD can utilize the unreleased AICS funds to provide Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) emergency cash aid to families affected by the recent typhoons, upon the release of an updated memorandum circular on the implementation of the AICS program;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to fast-track the release of the funds in the custody of DSWD to help the victims of the typhoons, particularly those whose houses were totally destroyed;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate has already adopted Resolution No. 574 urging the DSWD to hasten the release of its available funds to assist victims in calamity-stricken areas;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) fast-track the release of available funds to help families in typhoon-stricken areas, particularly the funds intended for the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program, in the form of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000) emergency cash aid to typhoon victims.

Adopted,

  
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