

Memorandum Circular

No. 16
Series of 2017

SUBJECT: Amendment to M.C. No. 10 Series of 2017 entitled, "SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM (PSP) AMOUNTING TO FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP5,000.00) FOR THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) AND FAMILIES DUE TO ARMED CONFLICT IN MARAWI CITY AND OTHER AFFECTED AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR"

I. RATIONALE

Memorandum Circular No. 10 series of 2017 provides guidelines for the distribution Php 5,000.00 cash assistance for all victims or internally displaced families in Regions X and XII due to the armed conflict in Marawi City. Pursuant thereto, Php 1,000.00 food assistance was given to affected persons and families at the time of Ramadan, while Php 4,000.00 cash assistance was allocated to augment their transportation and other needs in going back to their communities.

However, the Marawi siege continued for several months and those affected have not yet been able to return to their homes. Many IDPs or families have been traumatized by the situation and would like to rebuild their lives in other regions or stay with their relatives.

In our continued efforts to improve the implementation of the Protective Services Program in Marawi, there is a need to amend the guidelines to better serve the IDPs and families affected by the conflict. This is deemed necessary to effectively and efficiently deliver the goals and objectives of the program.

II. AMENDMENT TO MC 10, s. 2017

Section VI (Operational Guidelines) of Memorandum Circular No. 10, series of 2017 is hereby amended as follows:

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

A. The Cash Assistance – the financial assistance amounting to Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) is broken down as follows:

- *One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00)* for food assistance to IDPs and families affected by the Marawi siege living in evacuation centers, with their relatives, or in communities. Provided, that, those IDPs and families who previously received the PhP 1,000.00 food assistance pursuant to MC No. 10, s. 2017 shall no longer be entitled to claim the same.

- *Four Thousand Pesos (PhP4,000.00)* to augment their other needs such as non-food items, allowances in looking for job, for children's needs and buying dignity items among others while the IDPs have either returned to their homes or not due to the ongoing situation.

In cases that the IDPs or families are found in other Regions, aside from Regions X and XII, the nearest Crisis Intervention Unit of the DSWD shall assess the client's needs and release assistance based on the existing guidelines.

The cash assistance shall be released to the IDPs or families in DSWD Off-site Serbisyo locations or at the DSWD Field Offices.

This circular takes effect immediately. Issued this 23rd day of October 2017.


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