

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 546

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RELIEF IN THE  
PROVINCES AND CITIES VISITED BY TY-  
PHOONS, FLOODS, DROUGHTS, EARTHQUAKES,  
VOLCANIC ACTION, AND OTHER CALAMITIES,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Congress in its last special session has utterly failed to approve legislation appropriating funds for relief in the provinces and cities recently visited by typhoons, floods, droughts, earthquakes, volcanic action and other calamities and for aid to the provinces and cities affected to enable them to rehabilitate or replace the government services or installations therein destroyed;

WHEREAS, the extension of relief cannot be delayed without seriously aggravating the plight of the victims of said calamities and paralyzing the essential public services in the provinces and cities involved; and

WHEREAS, the resulting emergency has created a situation which renders it absolutely necessary for the Govern-

ment to take immediate steps to enable it to fulfill its responsibilities and maintain and enforce its authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Commonwealth Act No. 671, known as the Emergency Powers Law, and upon the insistent and strong appeal of the House of Representatives as expressed in its Resolution No. 99, adopted November 8, 1952, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended for assistance to the victims of, and for the rehabilitation or replacement of services or installations damaged by, typhoons, floods, droughts, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities, including the purchase of supplies and materials necessary to increase food production in the areas affected:

A.—SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

1. For the purchase of building materials, food supplies, clothing and other relief goods, including the expenses for the procurement and distribution of the same .....	P4,996,600.00
2. For aid to the Philippine National Red Cross including the acquisition of blood plasma .....	375,000.00
Total for the Social Welfare Administration .....	<u>P5,371,600.00</u>

B.—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

1. For aid to provinces, chartered cities and municipalities whose revenue collections have been greatly reduced due to havoc and destruction wrought by typhoons floods, droughts, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities .....	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
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C.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

1. For the purchase of seeds and other planting materials, as well as the cost of their propagation and distribution necessitated by the occurrence of typhoons, floods, droughts, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities: <i>Provided</i> , That no part of this amount shall be used for salaries and wages.....	<u>750,000.00</u>
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D.—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(a) BUREAU OF POSTS

1. For the replacement of scales, mail boxes, galvanized iron boxes, steel safes, distributing cases, post-office boxes, rotary locks, bag racks and other damaged post-office equipment .....	5,650.00
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(b) BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. For the erection of, and stringing wires on, blown-down or damaged poles .....	<u>50,350.00</u>
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Total for the Department of Public Works and Communications .....	<u>P56,000.00</u>
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E.—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(a) BUREAU OF HEALTH

1. For the purchase of medicines and medical supplies, including first aid equipment, to replace damaged ones, and to provide adequate facilities for those who suffered injuries or contracted illness ..... P40,000.00

(b) BUREAU OF HOSPITALS

1. For aid for the operation and maintenance of hospitals in various provinces, cities and municipalities in areas stricken by typhoons, floods, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities where local funds are insufficient, including emergency hospitals, maternity and children hospitals, puericulture centers, charity clinics and public dispensaries ..... 2,000,000.00

2. For the purchase of hospital supplies and materials to replace those damaged or destroyed by typhoons, floods, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities ..... 150,000.00

Total for the Department of Health ..... P2,190,000.00

F.—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. For rentals of buildings and other necessary expenses for the reopening of classes which were suspended as a consequence of typhoons, floods, earthquakes, volcanic action, and other calamities ..... P1,000,000.00

GRAND TOTAL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ORDER: ELEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED PESOS ..... P11,367,600.00

SEC. 2. All sums appropriated under this Order shall be released only after certification by the Fund Release Committee created under Administrative Order No. 129, dated August 8, 1950, to the President of the Philippines that there are sufficient funds derived from current revenues in excess of authorized appropriations for the ordinary operating expenses of the National Government in the National Treasury to warrant such release.

SEC. 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the seventh.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO  
*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

MARCIANO ROQUE  
*Acting Executive Secretary*