SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO M.C. No. 1, SERIES OF 2012, ENTITLED, “RECLUSTERING OF OFFICES, BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND UNITS (OBSUs) AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE” as amended by M.C. No. 6, SERIES OF 2012, M.C. No. 25 SERIES OF 2012 and M.C. No. 8 SERIESOF 2014

In the exigency of the service and in light of the experience gained from the disaster operations after typhoon Yolanda, the mandate of the Operations and Programs Group needs some enhancement to be able to address the needs of vulnerable groups.

A. On pages 10-18, Section III of MC No. 1 as amended by item A, page 1 of MC No. 6 and on pages 2-5, Section B of MC No. 25 the function of the Operations and Programs Group (OPG) is here by amended as follows:

The Operations and Programs Group (OPG) shall operationalize a focused approach in the development, implementation and management of social welfare and development programs and services taking into consideration the effects of climate change and its impact to the vulnerable and disadvantaged Filipino individuals and groups. The OPG shall also mainstream the national-initiated and the core poverty reduction programs such as the PantawidPamilya, Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP aka SEA-K) and the KALAHICIDSS National Community Driven Development Project (KC-NCDDP previously KALAHICIDSS:KKB).

The programs under OPG shall be grouped under three (3) major categories:

1. **Promotive Programs** are the strategic grouping of the flagship social protection programs that provide investment to human capital through conditional cash transfers, community-driven development, and sustainable livelihood. These shall include the National Project Management Offices of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (Pantawid Pamilya), Community Driven Development (CDD), and Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

2. **Protective Programs** are the strategic grouping of sector focused social welfare programs and services and the disaster response office. These programs serve the Department’s primary clients – the poor and vulnerable groups so that they are provided the necessary safety nets and safeguards against further impoverishment and are provided with opportunities to improve their resiliency and improve their welfare. The increased frequency, ferocity, and reach of disasters greatly affecting the vulnerable sectors are addressed through the disaster response program and thus under the protective programs are the Protective Services Bureau (PSB) and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Operations Office (DRRROO).
3. **Support Programs** are the grouping of programs that involve oversight on the identification and implementation of convergence strategies as well as the development of pilot social technologies within and between the promotive and protective interventions of the Department. These shall include the Convergence Management Office (CMO), formerly known as the Poverty Reduction Programs Bureau (PRPB), and the Social Technology Bureau (STB).

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately, and revokes or amends previous issuances inconsistent herewith.

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