



Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
**PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR**  
Malacañang, Manila

**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 02**  
Series of 2020

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE  
FORMATION OF AN URBAN POOR ASSEMBLY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means. People's organizations are *bona fide* associations of citizens with demonstrated capacity to promote the public interest and with identifiable leadership, membership, and structure;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Constitution also states that the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanisms;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 82, series of 1986, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) serves as the direct link of the urban poor to the government in policy formulation and program implementation addressed to their needs;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the same EO mandated the PCUP to accredit legitimate urban poor organizations (UPOs) for purposes of representation in the formulation of recommendations to the President;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Development Plan and Ambisyon Natin 2040 envisions a "Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay;"

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5 of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 aims for a people-centered, clean, efficient, and effective governance. In particular, it aims to reduce corruption, achieve seamless service delivery, enhance administrative governance, strengthen civil service, and fully engage and empower citizens;

**WHEREAS**, Outcome 4 of the preceding PDP Chapter entitled "Citizenry fully engaged and empowered" states that to ensure that government policies, programs and projects are responsive to the needs of the people, government will actively seek to engage citizens in all aspects of governance;

**WHEREAS**, the PCUP has accredited legitimate UPOs at the city/municipal level;

**WHEREAS**, the PCUP, in line with its above mentioned mandate, seek to create an assembly of urban poor organizations, composed of members from the city/municipality, provincial to regional and national level.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to approve and adopt the following guidelines in the formation of an Urban Poor Assembly (UPA).

## **SECTION 1. Objectives**

- 1 To provide a platform for dialogue and participation for members of legitimate urban poor organizations;
- 2 To establish and/or strengthen existing urban poor organizations/assemblies and their involvement in the formulation of policy recommendations; and
- 3 To effectively promote/raise awareness for the advocacy and engagement of the urban poor organizations in the implementation of programs addressed to their needs.

## **SECTION 2. Coverage**

These Guidelines shall cover all Urban Poor Communities Accredited with the PCUP Nationwide.

## **SECTION 3. The Structure**

### **A. The Composition**

The structure shall be as follows:

#### **a. City/Municipality Urban Poor Assembly**

This shall be composed of the urban poor organizations from the city/municipal level.

The Presidents of each UPO will elect among themselves a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer (PRO). They shall serve as officers of the City/Municipal Urban Poor Assembly.

#### **b. Provincial Urban Poor Assembly**

This shall be composed of Presidents from City/Municipal Urban Poor Assemblies.

The Presidents of each city/municipal UPA will elect among themselves a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer (PRO). They shall serve as officers of the Provincial Urban Poor Assembly.

#### **c. Regional Urban Poor Assembly**

This shall be composed of the Presidents of Provincial Urban Poor Assemblies.

They shall elect a President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO who shall serve as officers of the Regional UPA.

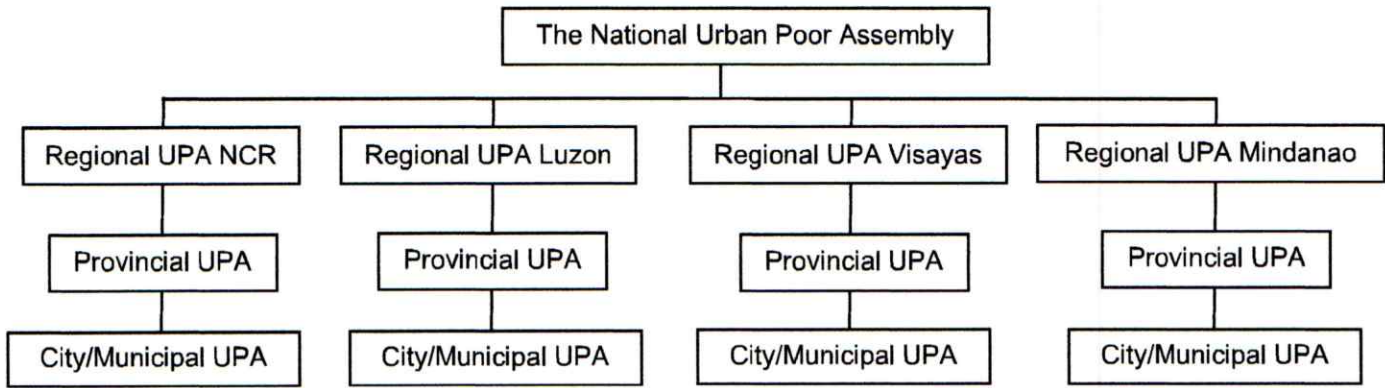
#### **d. National Urban Poor Assembly**

This shall be composed of the Presidents of Regional Urban Poor Assembly.

They shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO who shall serve as the officers of the National UPA.



## B. The Structure



### SECTION 4. Qualifications for Urban Poor Assembly Officers

1. Candidates must possess good moral character and outstanding track record.
2. Candidates must have at least five (5) years of experience serving as an UPO officer.

### SECTION 5. Requirements for Membership to the Urban Poor Assembly

- 1 The UPO being represented is accredited with PCUP; and
- 2 Submission of duly accomplished application form.

### SECTION 6. Procedures

- 1 The appropriate Field Operations Division (FOD) shall orient all officers and members of accredited UPOs about these Guidelines.
- 2 The FODs shall convene the Presidents of the accredited UPOs in their respective city/municipality.
- 3 The representative of each urban poor organization for the assembly shall be selected through the conduct of election.

### SECTION 7. Formulation of Election Guidelines

The PCUP Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer shall create a Technical Working Group (TWG) to draft the Election Guidelines.


### SECTION 8. Term of Office

Officers of an urban poor assembly shall have a term of three (3) years and can be re-elected for a maximum of two (2) terms.

### SECTION 9. Effectivity

The Guidelines for the Formation of an Urban Poor Assembly shall be effective upon the approval of the Commission En Banc.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 during the First Special Commission En Banc Meeting (SCM No. 01-2020) held at PCUP Conference Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sunnymede IT Center, Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.


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