

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT  
(Cap. 54:01)

**PRESIDENT'S HOUSING APPEAL FUND ORDER, 2019**  
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Finance and Economic Development by section 38 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the President's Housing Appeal Fund Order, 2019. Citation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation

“Accounting Officer” means the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration, designated as such under paragraph 5;

“Committee” means the National Committee on President's Housing Appeal appointed under paragraph 6;

“destitute person” means an individual who, due to disability, chronic health condition or advanced age, is unable to engage in sustainable economic activities and possesses not more than four livestock units or earns an income of less than P120.00 per month without dependents or less than P150.00 per month with dependents; and

“Fund” means the President's Housing Appeal Fund established under paragraph 3.

3. There is hereby established a special fund to be known as the President's Housing Appeal Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”). Establishment of Fund

4. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for construction of basic housing for destitute persons and maintenance of dilapidated houses for destitute persons. Purpose of Fund

5. (1) The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration is hereby appointed the Accounting Officer and he or she shall be the Public Officer responsible for the administration of the Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Order. Administration of Fund

(2) The Accounting Officer may exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be required to be exercised or performed for the proper discharge of his or her functions under this Order.

(3) The Accounting Officer may, in writing, authorise any public officer or any agency of Government to exercise or perform all or any of the duties required of the Accounting Officer.

Management of Fund

6. (1) The Minister responsible for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration shall appoint a National Committee on President's Housing Appeal, consisting of the following —

- (a) four representatives of Government, one of whom will be appointed a Chairperson by the Minister responsible for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration; and
- (b) two representatives of the private sector,

to manage the Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

(2) The Committee shall —

- (a) be appointed for a period of three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term, not exceeding three years; and
- (b) determine its own procedures in line with the Public Finance Management Act.

(3) The Committee shall oversee the day to day management of the Fund.

Receipts into Fund

7. There shall be paid into the Fund —

- (a) such monies as may be appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose of the Fund;
- (b) such monies as may be received from persons and organisations as contributions; and
- (c) donations in kind, from persons, organisations or other sources.

Disbursement from Fund

8. There shall be paid from the Fund —

- (a) the cost of construction of housing and maintenance of dilapidated houses for destitute persons;
- (b) such other costs, related to the construction of destitute housing, as the Accounting Officer may, in writing, approve:

Provided that, such disbursements qualify as reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties consistent with the objects of the Fund.

- (c) expenses incidental to the administrative management of the Fund.

Investment of Fund Surplus

9. (1) If the Fund is in surplus at the end of the financial year, such surplus shall remain as part of Fund balance and be carried forward to the next financial year.

(2) The moneys of the Fund not immediately required for the purpose of paragraph 8 may be invested on such terms as shall be consistent with the objectives of the Fund as the Accountant General may direct.

Accounts of Fund

10. (1) The Accounting Officer shall —

- (a) keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, proper books of accounts and records of all financial transactions, assets and liabilities of the Fund in respect of each financial year;
- (b) maintain an account into which all receipts into the Fund and all disbursements from the Fund shall be recorded and a monthly reconciliation for the Fund accounts shall be carried out; and
- (c) prepare, sign and transmit to Accountant General and Auditor General, within a period of two months after the close of each financial year, a Statement of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet of the Fund in respect of each financial year, containing such information in the manner that the Minister in consultation with the Accountant General may direct.

**11. (1) All the monies which have accrued to the Presidential Housing Appeal, established administratively at the Office of the President shall upon the coming into operation of this Order, pass and accrue to the Fund and be dealt with in accordance with provisions of this Order.** Transitional

**(2) All the housing projects under the Presidential Housing Appeal, which before the coming into operation of this Order were pending shall continue as if made under this Order.**

**MADE this 8th day of February, 2019.**

**O. K. MATAMBO,  
*Minister of Finance and Economic  
Development.***