

ORDER No. 044 /CAB/PM OF 24 MAI 2022
TO LAY DOWN THE ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF
THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE FAR-NORTH REGION. -

THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,

- Mindful of** the Constitution;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2011/008 of 6 May 2011 to lay down guidelines for territorial planning and sustainable development in Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/011 of 11 July 2018 to lay down the Cameroon Code of Transparency and Good Governance in public finance management;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 on the fiscal regime of the State and other public entities;
- Mindful of** Decree No, 92/089 of 4 May 1992 to specify the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No, 95/145 a of 4 August 1995;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2008/220 of 4 July 2008 to organize the Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2019/002 of 4 January 2019 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2018/4992/PM of 21 June 2018 to lay down the rules governing the maturation process of public investment projects;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2018/9387/CAB/PM of 30 November 2018 to lay down the terms governing the establishment, organization and functioning of inter-ministerial and ministerial Committees and Working Groups, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2020/0998/CAB/PM of 13 March 2020;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2019/3179/PM of 2 September 2019 to grant the status of economic disaster areas to the Far-North, North-West and South-West Regions;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2021/7341/PM of 13 October 2021 to lay down the rules governing the establishment, organization and functioning of Development Programmes and Projects;

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Mindful of Order No. 025/CAB/PM of 5 February 2019 to determine session allowances paid during the deliberations of Inter-ministerial and Ministerial Committees and Working Groups,

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1.- This Order lays down the establishment, organization and functioning of the Special Programme for the Reconstruction and Development of the Far-North Region hereinafter referred to as the Programme, and abbreviated "**PSRDREN**".

ARTICLE 2.- (1) The main mission of the Programme is to ensure the socio-economic recovery of the Far-North Region, by promoting lasting peace, and coordinating and monitoring the execution of investment projects of the Presidential Plan for the Reconstruction and Development of the Far-North Region.

(2) In this regard, the Programme shall be specifically responsible for:

- ensuring the reconstruction of infrastructures destroyed by BOKO HARAM and completing abandoned construction projects;
- developing infrastructures to ensure the revival of socio-economic activities;
- supporting the population in the development of their socio-economic activities;
- reinforcing resilience to climate change.

CHAPTER II
ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING

ARTICLE 3.- For the accomplishment of its missions, the Programme shall consist of the following two (2) bodies:

- a Steering Committee.
- a Coordination Unit.

SECTION 1: THE STEERING COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4.- (1) Placed under the authority of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, abbreviated "**COPIL**", shall be responsible for the coordination and monitoring-evaluation of the implementation of the Special Programme for the Reconstruction and Development of the Far-North Region. It shall also be responsible for the validation of strategic guidelines and the optimization of measures taken by all stakeholders, with a view to guaranteeing the proper execution of the said Programme.

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(2) Thus, the Committee shall:

- define the strategic guidelines for the implementation of the Special Programme;
- plan the activities of the Special Programme according to Government priorities;
- approve the plan for the mobilization of financial, material and human resources;
- coordinate and ensure coherence between measures by actors involved in the implementation of the Special Programme;
- ensure, within the confines of the macroeconomic framework, the budgeting of counterpart funds for projects included in the Special Programme;
- examine and approve Annual Work Plans and Budgets (AWPB) drawn up by the Project Coordination Unit and approve AWPB implementation reports;
- approve implementation and procedures manuals for the Special Programme, as well as technical and financial implementation reports;
- periodically evaluate the overall implementation of the Programme;
- supervise, in conjunction with sector-specific bodies, the evaluation of the specific performance of each Project included in the Special Programme;
- monitor the progress and performance of the various components of the Programme, as well as their cash outflow indicators;
- determine and decide on corrective measures to improve the performance of the Programme;
- validate periodic technical and financial monitoring reports of the Programme;
- identify necessary adjustments to be made within the Programme, based on progress made and results of the implementation of the projects included in the Special Programme;
- take the necessary corrective measures, based on results obtained and/or difficulties encountered;
- implement all other instructions from the Prime Minister, Head of Government, on the execution of the Special Programme.

ARTICLE 5.- (1) The Steering Committee shall be composed as follows:

Chairperson: The Minister in charge of Regional Development or his representative.

Members:

- the Minister in charge of Defence;
- the Minister in charge of Territorial Administration;
- the Minister in charge of Tourism;
- the Minister in charge of Basic Education;
- the Minister in charge of Secondary Education;
- the Minister in charge of Public Health;
- the Minister in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- the Minister in charge of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries;
- the Minister in charge of Water and Energy;
- the Minister in charge of Housing and Urban Development;

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- the Minister in charge of Youth Affairs;
- the Minister in charge of Public Works;
- the Governor of the Far-North Region;
- the President of the Far-North Regional Council;
- one (1) representative of the Secretariat General of the Presidency of the Republic;
- one (1) representative of the Secretariat General of the Prime Minister's Office;
- the Director General of the Special Fund for Equipment and Inter-Communal Intervention (FEICOM);
- the Director General of the Autonomous Sinking Fund;
- a representative of each donor contributing to the PSRDREN;
- four (4) representatives of the beneficiaries, including one (1) representative of the Muslim community designated by his peers, one (1) representative of the Christian communities designated by his peers, two (2) representatives of the civil society including one woman and one youth.

(2) Apart from the members appointed in their capacity as such, the others shall be appointed by the administrative bodies and/or organizations to which they belong.

(3) The composition of the Steering Committee shall be established by decision of the Minister in charge of Regional Development.

(4) The work of the Secretariat of the Steering Committee shall be provided by the Director General of Planning and Regional Development in conjunction with the Programme Coordinator.

ARTICLE 6.- The Chairperson of the Committee may invite any natural or legal person to attend sessions, by virtue of their expertise or experience in agenda items.

ARTICLE 7.- (1) The Committee shall meet at least once (1) every six months, and when necessary as convened by the Chairperson.

(2) Invitations accompanied by the draft agenda and working documents shall be sent to members at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting.

(3) At the end of each meeting, a detailed report shall be sent to the Prime Minister, Head of Government, and a copy shall be sent to the Presidency of the Republic.

ARTICLE 8.- The Steering Committee shall have a Technical Secretariat which shall be responsible for:

- preparing, drafting and distributing documents to be reviewed by the Committee;
- monitoring the implementation of the resolutions of the Steering Committee;
- producing periodic reports on the execution of the Special Programme;
- collecting and consolidating monitoring-evaluation data;
- storing and preserving the documents and archives of the Steering Committee;
- verifying the physical accomplishments of the Special Programme;
- organizing field visits for the mid-term review of the Special Programme.

ARTICLE 9.- (1) The Technical Secretariat shall be placed under the supervision of the Director General of Planning and Regional Development of MINEPAT, assisted by the Coordinator of the Special Programme. The Technical Secretariat shall be composed as follows:

- one (1) representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- the Director of Infrastructure and Support for Regional and Local Development at MINEPAT;
- the Director of Regional and Border Area Development at MINEPAT;
- the Director of Public Investment Planning at MINEPAT;
- the Head of the Division of Forward-Planning, and Programme and Project Preparation at MINEPAT;
- one (1) representative of the Office of the Governor of the Far-North Region;
- one (1) representative of the Far-North Regional Council;
- one (1) representative of the United Councils and Cities of Cameroon in the Far-North Region.

ARTICLE 10.- (1) The Technical Secretariat shall meet at least once (1) every quarter and as often as necessary, as convened by its Coordinator.

(2) Convening notices, accompanied by a draft agenda and working documents shall be sent to members at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting.

(3) After each meeting, a detailed report shall be sent the Chairperson of the Steering Committee.

SECTION II

COORDINATION UNIT

ARTICLE 11.- (1) The Programme Coordination Unit, hereinafter referred to as "the Unit", abbreviated "PCU", shall be the implementing organ of the Programme.

(2) The PCU shall have four (4) components, namely: (i) the reconstruction component; (ii) the infrastructure development component; (iii) the support for socio-economic activities and adaptation to climate change component; and (iv) the governance component.

(3) Placed under the authority of a Coordinator, assisted by a Deputy Coordinator recruited through a call for applications, the Programme Coordination Unit shall be responsible for:

- elaborating Annual Work Plans and Budgets (AWPB);
- organizing and monitoring the mobilization of resources required to implement the Special Programme;
- acting as an interface with the competent services of the State, where appropriate, to facilitate the implementation of the Special Programme;

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- assisting administrations involved in the operational monitoring of projects that fall within their purview, in relation to the Special Programme ;
- implementing and monitoring-controlling annual work plans and budgets (AWPB);
- preparing, drafting and distributing documents to be reviewed by the Steering Committee;
- monitoring the implementation of the Steering Committee's resolutions;
- producing periodic reports on the implementation of the Special Programme;
- collecting and consolidating data on monitoring and evaluation in conjunction with the Technical Secretariat of the Steering Committee;
- ensuring the implementation of communication actions focused on the implementation of the Special Programme;
- transmitting reports from the Steering Committee;
- preparing periodic reports on the technical and financial monitoring of the Special Programme;
- organizing field missions for the mid-term review of the Special Programme, in conjunction with the Technical Secretariat.

(4) The head office of the Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) shall be in Maroua.

ARTICLE 12.- The Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator shall be appointed through an instrument signed by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, on a proposal from the Chairperson of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 13.- (1) For the accomplishment of its missions, the Programme Coordination Unit shall comprise:

- a Technical and Operational Unit;
- an Administrative Management Unit.

ARTICLE 14.- The Technical Operational Unit, abbreviated "**TOP**" and the Administrative Management Unit "**AMU**" shall work under the direct supervision of the Programme Coordinator.

ARTICLE 15.- The Technical Operational Unit shall specifically be in charge of:

- identifying and submitting the draft Action Plan of the Programme to the Steering Committee for consideration;
- ensuring the proper execution of the Action Plan approved by the Committee.

ARTICLE 16.- The Technical Operational Unit shall comprise:

• **PERSONS IN CHARGE:**

- one (1) person in charge of the Reconstruction component;
- one (1) person in charge of the Infrastructure Development component;

- one (1) person in charge of the support for economic activities and adaptation to climate change component.

- **Assistants:**

- one (1) Assistant for the Reconstruction component;
- one (1) Assistant for the Infrastructure Development Component;
- one (1) Assistant for the support for economic activities and adaptation to climate change component.

- **SUPPORT STAFF:**

- two (2) secretaries;
- one (1) liaison officer;
- two (2) maintenance officers;
- two (2) drivers;
- two (2) security officers.

ARTICLE 17.- The Administrative Management Unit shall be in charge of implementing and monitoring various tasks and other administrative and financial measures that contribute to the execution of the missions of the Special Programme.

ARTICLE 18.- The Administrative Management Unit shall comprise:

- **PERSONS IN CHARGE:**

- one (1) person in charge of Monitoring and Evaluation;
- one (1) person in charge of Administrative and Financial Management;
- one (1) person in charge of Communication;
- one (1) person in charge of procurement and contracts management;
- one (1) accountant;
- one (1) internal auditor.

- **ASSISTANTS :**

- one (1) Management Assistant, Assistant Coordinator;
- one (1) Administrative and Financial Assistant;
- one (1) Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant;
- one (1) Assistant to the person in charge of procurement and contracts management.

- **SUPPORT STAFF:**

- two (2) secretaries;
- one (1) liaison officer;
- two (2) maintenance officers;
- two (2) drivers;
- two (2) security officers.

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ARTICLE 19.- (1) Officials of the Technical Operational Unit and the Administrative Management Unit shall be recruited through a call for applications at the behest of the Chairperson of the Committee and shall commence service after the signing of their respective work contracts by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.

(2) Support staff shall be recruited by decision of the Minister in charge of Regional Development at the behest of the Coordinator of the Special Programme according to the budget frame and the needs expressed by the Coordination Unit.

(3) The staff referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be recruited among persons with proven expertise in their respective areas and of good character, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.

(4) The staff referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be recruited among persons of good character, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.

ARTICLE 20.- Civil servants and State employees who fall under the General Rules and Regulations of the Public Service or the Labour Code may be seconded or placed on reserve at the UMOP, as the case may be, under conditions defined by the texts in force.

ARTICLE 21.- The Programme Coordination Unit may solicit occasional collaborators and resource persons with proven expertise for one-time or specific tasks, within the budget sustainability limits of the said operations.

ARTICLE 22.- The Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, Persons in Charge, Assistants and Support Staff of the Programme Coordination Unit shall each, in their individual capacities, be entitled to a monthly allowance, whose amount shall be determined by decision of the Minister in charge of Regional Development, after consultation with the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

ARTICLE 23.- Allowances for special tasks may be allocated, as appropriate, to the Chairperson, Member and Rapporteur of the Steering Committee as well as to the Coordinator, Member and Rapporteur of the Technical Secretariat.

ARTICLE 24.- The duties and modalities for the recruitment of the staff of the Coordination Unit shall be recorded in the internal documents of the Programme in keeping with procedures adopted in common agreement with Technical and Financial Partners.

ARTICLE 25.- The Coordinator may, where appropriate, solicit consultants for specific tasks.

CHAPTER III
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 26.- (1) The resources allocated for the implementation of the PSRREN shall include:

- allocations from the State budget;
- contributions from Technical and Financial Partners;
- any other resources that can be allocated to the Programme in accordance with the laws in force.

(2) The resources referred to in paragraph 1 above are public funds and shall be managed in accordance with the regulations in force.

ARTICLE 27.- The accounts of the Programme shall be audited every year by an accounting firm with established international reputation.

CHAPTER IV
MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 28.- (1) The functions of the Chairperson, Member and Rapporteur of the Steering Committee, as well as those of the Coordinator, Member and Rapporteur of the Technical Secretariat of the Programme shall be honorary.

(2) However, the concerned as well as invitees can benefit from working facilities and session allowances, paid at the behest of the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, in accordance with the regulations in forces.

ARTICLE 29.- (1) The operating expenditures of the Steering Committee, its Technical Secretariat and the Programme Coordination Unit shall be borne by the budget of the Ministry in charge of regional development.

(2) The Chairperson shall be the authorizing officer for the expenditures of the Steering Committee and the Technical Secretariat.

(3) The Coordinator shall be the authorizing officer for the expenditures of the Coordination Unit.

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ARTICLE 30.- The methodologies and working procedures, as well as the calendar for the implementation of activities shall be defined in the Procedures Manual of the Programme, approved by the Steering Committee, in accordance with the regulations in force and in keeping with procedures defined in common agreement with Technical and Financial Partners, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 31.- The Programme shall be implemented over a period of five (5) years, with a possibility for renewal.

ARTICLE 32.- The organs and bodies in charge of implementing the PSRDEN shall be dissolved as of right at the end of the implementation of the Special Programme.

ARTICLE 33.- This Order shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and./-

Yaounde, 24 MAI 2022

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