



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 5  
SERIES OF 2026**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KIBUNGAN, KAPANGAN, AND BAKUN AS ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT SITES FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL MARIJUANA ERADICATION ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, “The President shall provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region”;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 325, dated April 12, 1996, as amended by Executive Order No. 82, Series of 2025, which provides for the reorganization of the Regional Development Councils, explicitly declares that “it is the policy of the State to ensure that socio-economic development programs and government activities are undertaken with extensive and active participation, strong support, and effective coordination among various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions, at the national, regional, and local levels”;

**WHEREAS**, the state recognizes that sustainable development and the provision of legitimate economic opportunities are critical components in addressing the root cause of illicit drug activities, particularly in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Dangerous Drugs Board (the Board), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9165, is mandated to formulate policies and strategies on drug prevention and control, including the promotion of balanced approaches to drug demand and supply reduction;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipalities of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun in the Province of Benguet have been identified as areas where marijuana eradication operations have

been successfully conducted, demonstrating the government's commitment to suppressing the supply of illegal drugs at its source;<sup>12345</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the sustainability of gains from marijuana eradication efforts requires the implementation of complementary interventions, including infrastructure development and alternative livelihood opportunities to prevent the re-emergence of illicit cultivation;

**WHEREAS**, alternative development is a recognized strategy that promotes lawful, viable, and sustainable sources of income for communities previously vulnerable to or affected by illicit drug-related activities;

**WHEREAS**, the development of infrastructure such as farm-to-market roads, tourism access roads, irrigation systems, and basic public facilities is essential to enable economic growth, improve market access, and support the transition of these municipalities into productive and resilient communities

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Development Council of the Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) serves as the primary institution for coordinating and setting the direction of economic and social development efforts in the CAR, including the prioritization of infrastructure programs and projects;

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion and prioritization of the infrastructure requirements of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun in regional development plans and investment programs will significantly contribute to their transformation into alternative development sites and reinforce the government's efforts towards sustainable, drug-free communities;

**WHEREAS**, the support and endorsement of RDC-CAR will facilitate the inclusion of priority infrastructure projects for these municipalities in regional and national funding programs;

**WHEREAS**, a whole-of-government approach, through strong collaboration among national government agencies, regional bodies, and local government units, is essential to ensure the long-term success of alternative development initiatives;

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<sup>1</sup> Aldwin Quitasol. (2026, January 29). Police destroy P29.5M worth of marijuana plants in Benguet. Daily Tribune. <https://tribune.net.ph/2026/01/29/police-destroy-p295m-worth-of-marijuana-plants-in-benguet>

<sup>2</sup> Myles, & Myles. (2026, January 29). PRO CAR at Benguet PPO, pinarangalan sa PNP Day 2026. <https://psbalita.com/pro-car-at-benguet-ppo-pinarangalan-sa-pnp-day-2026/>

<sup>3</sup> Ponciano, J. & Philippine Information Agency. (2026, March 20). PRO-CAR seizes P43.6-M illegal drugs, Nabs 15 personalities. Philippine Information Agency. <https://pia.gov.ph/news/pro-car-seizes-p43-6-m-illegal-drugs-nabs-15-personalities/>

<sup>4</sup> Liza Agoot. (2026, February 25). 'Oplan Ultimate Grass Cutter' aims to curb Benguet's marijuana menace. <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1269786>

<sup>5</sup> Aldwin Quitasol. (2026, April 19). Massive raid nets high-value targets. Daily Tribune. <https://tribune.net.ph/2026/04/19/massive-raid-nets-high-value-targets>

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Board requests the support of the Regional Development Council – Cordillera Administrative Region in prioritizing and facilitating the inclusion of the infrastructure requirements of the Local Government Units of Kibungan, Kapangan, and Bakun in regional development plans, programs, and investment priorities.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that concerned national government agencies, including but not limited to those involved in public works, agriculture, tourism, and local governance, are hereby encouraged to collaborate and extend the necessary technical, financial, and institutional support for the development of said municipalities as alternative development sites.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the RDC-CAR, concerned national government agencies, and other stakeholders for their information, appropriate action, and support.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY in the year of Our Lord, 2026, in Quezon City.

  
**Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA**  
Chairperson



Attested by:

  
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