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As the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Amenah F. Pangandaman offers diversity and fresh perspective to an otherwise male-dominated team of economic technocrats.

A Maranao with roots from the south, Pangandaman always aims to give Mindanao a voice in her capacity as a public servant. Having served in the Legislative, Executive, and the Central Bank, she has a deep understanding of the Philippine bureaucracy, especially the economic sector.

Prior to her appointment as the Budget Chief, Pangandaman served as Assistant Governor, Concurrent Head of Strategic Communication and Advocacy and Executive Offices Coordinator at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), championing financial inclusion and digital transformation.

Pangandaman is not new to the budget process. She was Undersecretary at the DBM during the Duterte Administration. Acting as the Functional Group Head of the Office of the Secretary, she pushed for crucial budget reforms such as the Green, Green, Green Program. She was also a key mover in the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of the General Appropriations Act.

Prior to her DBM stint, she oversaw the enactment of budget laws as the Chief-of-Staff to Former Senate President Edgardo J. Angara and Committee of Finance Chairperson Senator Loren B. Legarda.

As DBM Chief, Pangandaman vows to pursue prudent management of the government's fiscal resources, the modernization of the budget system, incorporation of sustainability and green principles in government spending, and the promotion of inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

She has a degree in Economics from the Far Eastern University and a diploma and master's degree in Development Economics from the University of the Philippines. She was pursuing her Executive Master of Public Administration from the London School of Economics but is currently on leave to serve the DBM.