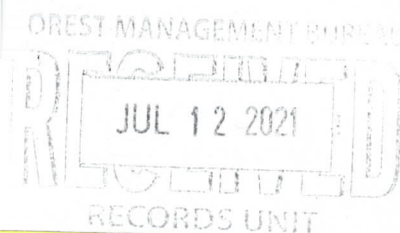




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Dear **Undersecretary Cuna:**

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is currently implementing a World Bank assisted Local Government Unit (LGU) led project entitled Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) which aims to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in the target areas.

Through partner LGUs, we are implementing various climate resilient rural infrastructure subprojects particularly farm-to-market roads, irrigation systems, potable water supply, agricultural and fisheries facilities such as processing, post-harvest, trading, and the like. One of the Unit under the PRDP is the Social and Environmental Safeguards, in which we are with you in protecting, conserving, and managing the environment and natural resources through our Integrated Environment and Social Safeguards Framework (IESSF), particularly the Environmental Management Framework, which ensures the: i) adoption of the general environmental policies pertaining to the types and location of developments that can be pursued by the LGUs; (ii) conformance of individual subprojects to technical guidelines and specifications; (iii) screening and review under the Philippine EIS system; and (iv) the environmental and social assessments (EA/SA) resulting in the environmental and social management/mitigation plan (ESMP) which are undertaken as part of the subproject feasibility studies.

As mandated by law, proposed subprojects that traverses and/or located inside public lands are required to secure a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) or any appropriate tenurial instrument from your good agency prior to our approval. Relative to this, we have some LGU proposals needing compliance in securing this permit, however, experiencing difficulty in sourcing funds for the payment of high annual rental or user's fees. In lieu of the SLUP, they have requested for an exemption of fees through securing a Gratuitous Special Use Permit (GSUP).

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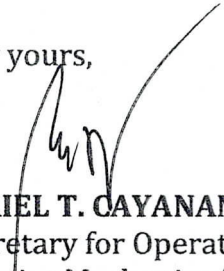
In this regard, may we respectfully request for a dialogue to discuss the status of the application of our partner LGUs on their proposed subprojects. To date, our partner LGUs have already submitted the needed requirements in securing the permit and are now awaiting for the response from your good office on their application. We have attached herewith the list of subprojects and their corresponding letter request relevant to their application.

Our staff Mr. Francis Falconi at telephone numbers (02) 232 - 2468 and email at prdnpncoses@gmail.com, will coordinate with your office for the schedule of the dialogue.

Your utmost support is highly sought as we fast track the implementation of these subprojects in line with our commitment to the President.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,


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Attachment 1. List of PRDP proposed subprojects with pending Gratuitous Special Use Permit (GSUP) application.

Proponent LGU	Subproject	Location	Scale	Estimated Project Cost	Status of Application
1. LGU Dasol, Pangasinan	Rehabilitation and Road Opening of San Vicente-Viga Farm to Market Road with Bridge	Brgys. San Vicente, Aliloa, Tambac, Viga, Dasol, Pangasinan	10.03 kms.	Php 228, 782, 516.00	On June 10, 2021 the DENR Regional Office 1 endorsed the application to DENR Central Office for scrutiny/reference and evaluation. See Attachment 1.1 for the said memo endorsement.
2. LGU Bayambang, Pangasinan	Improvement of San Gabriel II Farm to Market Road with Bridge	Brgy. San Gabriel II, Bayambang, Pangasinan	1.93 km FMR; 61.5 lm Bridge	Php 106, 600, 740.05	On June 28, 2021 the DENR Regional Office 1 endorsed the application to DENR Central Office for scrutiny/reference and evaluation. See Attachment 1.2 for the said memo endorsement.
3. Jose Panganiban	Upgrading of Nakalaya to Sta. Elena FMR	Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte	4.43 km	Php 76,090,000.00	Memorandum from DENR Central Office signed by Atty. Cuna to DENR Region V with instruction to issue the GSUP for the Municipality of Jose Panganiban. Still waiting for the issuance of GSUP from DENR Region V. (See attachment 1.3)
4. Province of Masbate	Concreting of Marcella to Madao FMR	Uson, Masbate	9 km	Php 200,000,000.00	PLGU letter dated June 25, 2021 to DENR-PENRO submitting the documents

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5. Province of Masbate	Concreting of San Pedro to Malaking Ilog FMR	San Pascual, Masbate	11.06 km	Php 249,000,000.00	required for the issuance of GSUP. (See attachment 1.4)
6. Province of Masbate	Concreting of Mabuhay to Sta. Cruz FMR	San Pascual, Masbate	7.040 km	Php 170,000,000.00	
7. Province of Masbate	Concreting of Baang to Barag FMR with 2 unit Bridge	Mobo, Masbate	8.76 km	Php 300,000,000.00	Certification issued dated June 25, 2021 from CENRO that the application is undergoing processing pending submission of requirements. (See attachment 1.5)
8. MLGU Aroroy, Masbate	Concreting of San Agustin to Macabog with Bridge	Brgys San Agustin, Dayhagan, Cabasan and Macabug, Aroroy, Masbate	9.6 km	Php 249,775,000.00	MLGU letter dated December 17, 2020 to DENR Regional Office submitting the application for GSUP with required documents from DENR. (See attachment 1.6)
9. MLGU Aroroy, Masbate	Concreting of Tigbao to Mataba Farm to Market Road	Brgys. Talib and Sawang, Aroroy, Masbate	12.1 km	Php 248,905,000.00	
10. MLGU Tiwi, Albay	Construction of Tiwi Level II Water System	Brgy. Matalibong, Tiwi, Albay	5301 HH	Php 241,607,396.82	Memorandum dated April 29, 2021 to DENR Regional Office from DENR PENRO forwarding the lacking documents in support for the issuance of GSUP. (See attachment 1.7)

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11. MLGU Palanas	Concreting of Malibas to San Isidro Farm to Market Road	Palanas, Masbate	11.65 km	Php 250,000,000.00	MLGU submitted the requirement for the acquisition of GSUP to CENRO dated July 30, 2020. (See attachment 1.8)
12. Province Occidental Mindoro	Upgrading of Brgy. Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot Bridge II	Rizal, Occidental Mindoro	3.720 Kms.	PhP 224,953,000.00	PLGU submitted a letter addressed to DENR Central office dated Feb. 8, 2021 (Attachment 1.9)
13. Province of Negros Occidental	Rehabilitation of Brgy. Talacagay to Brgy. Bacuyangan to Brgy. Damutan FMR with bridge	Hinobaan, Negros Occidental	28.520 kms.	PhP 471,809,392.39	Application for CTP & Gratuity Permit was already submitted to CENRO Kabankalan and on process of complying comments from CENRO Kabankalan. (See attachment 1.10)