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75th RDC Full Council Meeting
(via Virtual Conference)
June 4, 2021 – 9:00 AM Calapan City

MINUTES OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Present

Represented by

RDC Officers

1. Gov. Jose R. Riano	RDC Chairperson
2. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza	RDC Vice Chairperson
3. OIC-ARD Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr.	RDC Secretary

Governors

4. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez	Palawan	
5. Gov. Humerto A. Dolor	Oriental Mindoro	EnP Monique Melgar
6. Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Occidental Mindoro	EnP Anthony Dantis
7. Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr.	Marinduque	EnP Marian Cunanan

City Mayor

8. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron	Puerto Princesa City	Engr. Jovenee Sagun
9. Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan	Calapan City	

Mayors of Capital Towns

10. Mayor Armi D.C. Carrion	Boac, Marinduque	EnP Luna R. Manrique
11. Mayor Angelina F. Tria	Mamburao, Occ. Mindoro	Ms. Gladys Barile

Regional Directors of National Government Agencies

12. Dir. Wilburn L. Tan	PMS	Mr. Cesar Contreras
13. Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay	DOST	
14. Dir. Joselito C. Alisuag	CHED	
15. Atty. Marvin V. Bernal	DAR	
16. Dir. Carina P. Del Rosario	BSP 4	Ms. Melanie Condes
17. Dir. Maria Angelita C. Cells	DBM	ARD Alexander P. Calma
18. Atty. Joffrey M. Suyao	DOLE	
19. Dir. Yolanda L. Tangco	DPWH	ARD Arthur Pascual, Jr.
20. Dir. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer	DENR	
21. USec. Ruben S. Reinoso	DOTr	Mr. Christopher Querijero
22. Dir. Wilhelm M. Suyko	DILG	
23. Dir. Mario S. Baquilod	DOH	
24. Dir. Manuel B. Wong	TESDA	
25. Dir. Christopher V. Morales	DOT	
26. Dir. Fernando R. De Villa, Jr.	DSWD	
27. Dir. Nicolas T. Capulong	DepED	

52	28. RED Antonio G. Gerundio	DA	
53	29. Dir. Joel B. Valera	DTI	
54	30. Dir. Julius Ervin O. Enciso	DHSUD	Ar. Juris Valencia
55	31. Dir. Jesus T. Tamang	DOE	
56	32. Dir. Consolacion Q. Agcaoili	BLGF	Ms. Grace Boongaling
57	33. Dir. Cheryl C. Ortega	DICT	
58	34. OIC Lolita B. Tolentino	DFA	
59	35. Dir. Cristina H. Villamil	CDA	ARD Abet Sabarias
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61	Private Sector Representatives		
62	36. Mr. Luis S. Caraan	KKPF, Inc.	
63	37. Ms. Joanna J. Elideros	Taw Kabui for a Child, Inc.	
64	38. Ms. Marie Grace Cristina G. Faylona	MBCFI	
65	39. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc.	
66	40. Mr. Darius M. Guerrero	Labor Representative	
67	41. Ms. Juvelyn V. Gumal-in	PMUI	
68	42. Rev. Fr. Arvin Anthony J. Madla	MACEC	
69	43. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.	PRRM	
70	44. Ms. Maria Milagros G. Quieng	PAI	
71	45. Ms. Marvi R. Trudeau	PSFI	
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73	Special Non-Voting Members		
74	46. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua	NCIP	
75	47. Dir. Ruben L. Carandang	OCD	
76	48. Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble	MGB	Ms. Mariella Anna Hizola
77	49. Dir. Elizer S. Salilig	BFAR	Mr. Rene Pareño
78	50. Atty. Michael P. Matias	EMB	Ms. Buena Fe Rioflorido
79	51. Atty. Jay Daniel R. Santiago	PPA	Mr. Ronald Matibag
80	52. PBGen Nelson B. Bondoc	PNP	PCol Paguio
81	53. Dir. Leni R. Rioflorido	PSA	
82	54. Dir. William P. Ragodon	NIA	
83	55. NPC Ma. Eileen B. Blanco	NNC	
84	56. Dir. Reynaldo O. Wong	POPCOM	
85	57. Chairperson Arsenio J. Lizaso	NCCA	Ms. Maricel Diaz
86	58. Dir. Rufino C. Mendoza	NICA	
87	59. Dir. Laurefel P. Gabales	PDEA	Engr. Alfredo Lupig
88	60. Dir. Hilarion E. Ulep	DOTr-RMC	Mr. Reejay Condez
89	61. Sec. Emmanuel M. De Guzman	CCC	Mr. Arnold Grant Belver
90	62. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta	PCSD	
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92	<u>Absent</u>		
93	63. Mayor Gerard S. Montojo	Romblon, Romblon	
94	64. Mayor Amy Roa Alvarez	San Vicente, Palawan	
95	65. Mayor Maria Fe V. Brondial	Socorro, Oriental Mindoro	
96	66. Mayor Carl Michael M. Pangilinan	Paluan, Occidental Mindoro	
97	67. Mayor Lorna Q. Velasco	Torrijos, Marinduque	
98	68. PSR Carmelita E. Cruz	Mangyan Mission, Inc.	
99	69. PSR Oscar Ricaflanca	FSCAP	
100	70. Mngr. Ana Rosa D. Papa	NEA	
101	71. Dir. Jose Reuben Q. Alagaran	PIA	
102	72. Dir. Ramon L. Rivera	PCA	

103	73. Dir. Emmanuel B. Carpio	MARINA
104	74. MGen Bartolome Vicente O. Bacarro	AFP-PA 2ID
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106	<u>Guests</u>	
107	75. USec Alexander S. Lopez	DOE
108	76. PA Casimiro M. Ynares, Jr.	OPAST
109	77. Mr. Efren Echavia	OPAST
110	78. Ms. Leah A. Salvador	OPAST
111	79. Ms. Michelle G. Tabuno	OPAST
112	80. Dir. Susan A. Sumbeling	NEDA-CAR
113	81. Dr. Levy. B. Arago, Jr.	MinSU
114	82. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta	MSC
115	83. Engr. Nelson Rufino Montejo	MSC
116	84. Dr. Marilyn G. Nielo	OMSC
117	85. Dr. Merian C. Mani	RSU
118	86. Dr. Ramon M. Docto	PSU
119	87. Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina	WPU
120	88. EnP Amormio CJ S. Benter	CPDO, Calapan City
121	89. Engr. Aireen Marcaida	PPDO, Palawan
122	90. EnP Willard B. Mortos	PPDO, Romblon
123	91. Atty. Lizette Mortel	Romblon
124	92. Mr. Marlon N. Sendaydiego	PPA-PMO Palawan
125	93. Mr. Jaypee Nardo	PMS
126	94. Ms. Liezel L. Magbujos	PSA
127	95. Ms. Veneranda F. Mendoza	PSA
128	96. Mr. Jerome Ilagan	CCC
129	97. Mr. John Pontillas	PCSD
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131	<u>RDC Secretariat</u>	
132	98. Ms. Sheryll B. Sarabia	NEDA
133	99. Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado	NEDA
134	100. Mr. Roy A. Dimayuga	NEDA
135	101. Mr. Emerson Kim J. Lineses	NEDA
136	102. Mr. Ryan O. Manrique	NEDA
137	103. Joel M. Paule	NEDA
138	104. Ms. Judy Mae V. Masangkay	NEDA
139	105. Ms. Amalia S. Tuppil	NEDA
140	106. Ms. Mirabelle B. Lanuza	NEDA
141	107. Ms. Marissa M. Morales	NEDA
142	108. Mr. Angelo Paolo Aboboto	NEDA
143	109. Ms. Maria Victoria S. Marcos	NEDA
144	110. Ms. Kenneth Joy T. Arteza	NEDA
145	111. Mr. Dean M. Baja	NEDA
146	112. Mr. Wilson D. Garcia	NEDA
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148	I. PRELIMINARIES	
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150	Governor Jose R. Riano, RDC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the	
151	singing of the Philippine National Anthem, an invocation, and singing of the MIMAROPA	
152	Hymn.	
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II. BUSINESS PROPER

A. Declaration of Quorum

RDC Secretary and NEDA MIMAROPA OIC-Assistant Regional Director Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr., called the roll, acknowledged the guests, and declared a quorum. Of the 51 regular members, 30 were present and 14 were represented, constituting 86 percent attendance. Among the 22 special non-voting members, eight were present and nine were represented, registering 77 percent attendance.

B. Welcome Remarks and Messages

In his opening message, RDC Chairperson and Romblon Governor Jose R. Riano greeted and thanked all the participants for attending the meeting despite their busy schedules. He welcomed the new NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director and RDC Vice Chairperson Agustin C. Mendoza on his first MIMAROPA RDC full council meeting. He mentioned that the experiences of Director Mendoza in terms of regional and urban development planning, and investment programming in Central Luzon will be of great help in the development planning process of the MIMAROPA region. He encouraged all the Council members to continue their perseverance and innovativeness in boosting the regional economy despite many challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, declined economic performance, and devastating typhoons. He also enjoined everyone to continue pursuing the long term vision for a *Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay* for all the MIMAROPANs.

Governor Riano enumerated several major agenda to be tackled during the meeting. These were: a) the 2020 Regional Development Report; b) support to election reforms filed in the 18th Congress of the Philippines; c) Kalayaan Island Group Strategic Development Plan; d) port zone delineations of Coron and El Nido; e) gender and development (GAD) mechanisms profiling and inventory of GAD policies forms; f) Commission on Higher Education (CHED) priority courses in MIMAROPA; g) Supporting Innovation in Philippine Technical Vocational Education and Training System (SIPTVETS) Project of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); h) Philippine Multisectoral Nutrition Project; and i) support to Regional Population Executive Board (RPEB) Resolution Nos. 01 and 02, s. 2021.

He mentioned that PSA will provide the details on the 2020 economic performance of the region in terms of gross regional domestic product (GRDP) and gross regional domestic expenditures (GRDE), and the status of implementation of the Philippine Identification System Act. Relative to COVID 19, he said that the DOH will report on the current situation and update on the vaccination program, while the Climate Change Commission will present the salient features of nationally determined contribution. The RRDIC Chairperson will present the R&D accomplishments and updates on the status of research topics. He added that the reports on regional situationer, project monitoring and evaluation, and the status of RDC-endorsed projects will also be presented.

Likewise, Department of Energy (DOE) Undersecretary Alexander S. Lopez, read CORDS MIMAROPA and DOE Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi's message condemning the ambush incident by the communist terrorist groups (CTGs) which claimed three lives and left 11 uniformed personnel wounded in Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro. He inspired the Council members to be collaborative with one another in giving communities hope despite the unfortunate circumstances along with the adverse effects of the ongoing pandemic to the regional

economy. He also urged everyone to choose progress over conflict, peace over terror, and trust over fear.

Moreover, Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog Secretary Casimiro M. Ynares, Jr. challenged the members to go an extra mile to achieve the target stipulated in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) amidst the pandemic. He encouraged everyone to remain focus to accomplish the region's target towards inclusive growth and sustainable development. He stressed the importance of strengthening the capabilities of the local government units (LGUs) in the preparation of the comprehensive development plans through provision of technical assistance in component cities and municipalities. The technical assistance will ensure LGUs compliance to the prescribed guidelines and processes. He added that to enhance the city/municipal development plans, it must complement and aligned with the provincial strategies and priorities.

In his message, Governor Jose Ch. Alvarez of Palawan supported Secretary Cusi's message in resolving conflicts. He stressed that rural development is essential to address insurgency. He enjoined the body to refocus the regional development efforts to address and alleviate poverty situation in the rural areas.

RDC Vice Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza, in his message emphasized that the natural resources and tourism sector of the region should be seen as the silver linings of the current situation. Such can be used as opportunities to improve the region's plans and programs to be able to put the region in the investment map of the country to fulfill its vision as the "Destination of Choice".

C. Awarding of Plaque of Recognition

The MIMAROPA RDC awarded plaque of recognition to former RDC Vice Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Susan A. Sumbeling, Dir. Roland A. De Jesus of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB MIMAROPA), and PBGen Pascual G. Muñoz, Jr. of Philippine National Police (PNP MIMAROPA), who were all transferred to other regions.

Meanwhile, NEDA Regional Director and RDC Vice Chairperson Agustin C. Mendoza greeted the RDC members who celebrated their birthdays during the second quarter of the year.

D. Proposed Agenda

Copy of the proposed agenda was provided to the members one week before the meeting. On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the 73rd RDC Full Council Meeting

RD Agustin C. Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA requested to dispense the reading of the minutes of the previous RDC meeting since it was already transmitted to all the members one week before the meeting. On motion duly seconded, the minutes of the previous RDC meeting was approved. The members were encouraged to submit to the RDC secretariat their comments on the minutes of the meeting within five working days.

F. Matters Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting

RDC Secretary and NEDA MIMAROPA OIC-Assistant Regional Director Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr., referred the members to the reference folder of the RDC and reported the status of 64

resolutions passed and five instructions during the previous meeting. Copy of the resolutions were all transmitted to the concerned national and regional agencies, local government units, and other concerned entities.

Matters for Approval/Endorsement/Confirmation

- **2020 Regional Development Report**

Director Mendoza presented the 2020 Regional Development Report (RDR). The RDR provides an annual assessment of the socioeconomic performance of the region for a given year based on the targets indicated in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) and its accompanying Results Matrix (RM). It also provides strategies and policy direction to refocus priorities and/or catch-up with targets.

He said that the assessment was prepared based on statistical data, annual accomplishments reports, and other sectoral inputs of the regional line agencies (RLAs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs). He added that the region's performance is assessed relative to the implementation of rehabilitation and recovery plan (RRP) for COVID-19, Bayahihan to Recover as One Act, Bayanihan 2, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) program, and End Local Communist Armed Conflict under the whole-of-nation approach.

Director Mendoza mentioned that the RDC sectoral committees during its second quarter meetings held on May 6-7 through video conferencing reviewed, validated and favorably recommended RDC approval of the 2020 Regional Development Report.

On a motion duly seconded, the 2020 Regional Development Report was approved.

- **Support to RDC X Resolution No. 70, series of 2020**

The DAC Chairperson PSR Darius M. Guerrero presented RDC X Resolution No. 70, series of 2020 entitled "Supporting the Election Reforms through the Passage of House Bill Nos. 2839 and 4574 filed in the 18th Congress of the Philippines" and sought support from other RDCs. He said that the two House Bills are responsive to the government's thrust in attaining people-centered, clean, efficient, and effective governance and shall serve as complementary strategies in the conduct of future national elections especially on the 2022 National and Local Elections amid COVID-19 pandemic and other natural disasters that may hit the country.

PSR Guerrero reported that the DAC during its first quarter meeting on February 4 through video conferencing reviewed RDC X Resolution No. 70, series of 2020 and requested the position of Commission on Elections (COMELEC) MIMAROPA, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Presidential Management Staff-Office for Regional Concerns (PMS-ORC) regarding the matter. He further cited that COMELEC MIMAROPA recommended and fully supported HB No. 2839 for the following reasons: a) timely legislative action; b) will empower the vulnerable sectors; c) will encourage participation from vulnerable sectors; and d) will provide utmost convenience to vulnerable sectors on casting their votes. However, he mentioned that COMELEC MIMAROPA did not fully supported HB No. 4574 and cited the following proposed amendments: a) prone to abuse; b) too restrictive; c) not viable due to ongoing review of the Commission's staffing, organization, and compensation; and d) will make the Commission more vulnerable to parochial accommodation and pressure.

The DAC during its second quarter meeting held on May 6, 2021 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC support to RDC X Resolution No. 70, series of 2020 particularly election reforms through the passage of House Bill No. 2839 entitled “Providing for Early Voting for Qualified Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in National and Local Elections”.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted supporting the election reforms through the passage of House Bill No. 2839 filed in the 18th Congress of the Philippines.

- **Kalayaan Island Group Strategic Development Plan**

The EDC Chairperson PSR Rodne R. Galicha presented the Kalayaan Island Group Strategic Development Plan. He reported that the Inter Agency Task Force-Kalayaan Island Group (IATF-KIG) Technical Working Committee led by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) developed a ten-year Strategic Development Plan and Action Plan (SDPAP) for the nine Philippine occupied features in the KIG namely: 1) Kota Island; 2) Lawak Island; 3) Likas Island; 4) Pag-asa Island; 5) Panata Island; 6) Parola Island; 7) Patag Island; 8) Ayungin Shoal; and 9) Rizal Reef.

He added that the SDPAP has the following four key components: 1) develop the KIG to optimize its contribution to Palawan, MIMAROPA region, and national economy; 2) integrate the KIG into the national consciousness and economy; 3) secure our national Patrimony; and 4) consider whole-of- nation approach in its implementation. He further cited that the provincial government of Palawan allocated a total of ₱90 million budget for the development of the KIG.

PSR Galicha mentioned that the EDC during its second quarter meeting held on May 6, 2021 through video conferencing reviewed and found that SDPAP for the KIG is aligned with the strategies of the MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022 under Chapter 20: Ensuring Ecological Integrity, Clean, and Healthy Environment, and supportive towards the achievement of Ambisyon Natin 2040 or the Filipino’s collective aspirations for a “Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay Para sa Lahat”. The EDC likewise favorably recommended RDC adoption and endorsement of the SDPAP-KIG to the NTF-WEST.

RD Wilhelm M. Suyko of DILG suggested to put up a radio station in the area. He added that the establishment of radio station project in the KIG under the infrastructure sector will promote local programs, such as Philippine news, music and the sovereignty of the island.

Further, RD Reynaldo O. Wong of Commission on Population (PopCom) raised his concern on the inclusion of PopCom MIMAROPA in the list of government agencies involved under the bio-physical environment sector of the island. In the same manner, PSR Galicha suggested for the inclusion of the civil society organizations (CSOs) and the academe in the list of identified agencies involved as development partners of the SDPAP-KIG

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of the ten-year strategic development plan and action plan for the Kalayaan Island Group (SDPAP-KIG) to the National Task Force West (NTF-WEST), the Department of National Defense (DND), and concerned agencies for possible funding support was approved.

- **Port Zone Delineation of Coron and El Nido**

The IDC Co-Chairperson PSR Delfin M. Natal, Jr. presented the Port Zone Delineations (PZDs) of the Port of San Fernando in El Nido and Port of Borac in Coron in the province of

Palawan. He reported that Philippine Ports Authority - Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Palawan is requesting for RDC endorsement of the proposed PZDs of the said two ports. He added that the approval and issuance of an executive order for the PZD is necessary in order to define the territorial area of jurisdiction by which PPA can operate and maximize port development.

PSR Natal mentioned that the proposed PZD will support the envisioned improvement of the existing port facilities, intensify the economic activities in the area, and support the interconnectivity of MIMAROPA island provinces and municipalities as well as with the other regions. He further cited that the proposed PZD of San Fernando Port in El Nido was favorably endorsed by: a) the Provincial Government of Palawan through Provincial Development Council Resolution No. 11, series of 2020 on August 11, 2020; b) the Municipal Government of El Nido through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 03, series of 2020 on May 8, 2020; and c) the Barangay of San Fernando through Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 29-19, series of 2019 on August 26, 2019.

Moreover, the proposed PZD of Borac Port in Coron was favorably endorsed by: a) the Provincial Government of Palawan through Provincial Development Council Resolution No. 02, series of 2020 on August 11, 2020; b) the Municipal Government of Coron through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 02, series of 2020 on February 13, 2020; and c) the Barangay of Borac through Sangguniang Barangay Resolution No. 15, series of 2019 on July 29, 2019. The area to be delineated for San Fernando port is nine hundred ninety eight thousand three hundred thirty nine (998,339) square meters, while the port of Borac contains an area of two hundred fifty six thousand five hundred eighty eight (256,588) square meters.

The Infrastructure Development Committee during its second quarter meeting held on May 7 through video conferencing reviewed and favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed port zone delineations of San Fernando port and Borac port to the Office of the President.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of port zone delineation of San Fernando port in El Nido and Borac port in Coron both in the province of Palawan to the Office of the President for approval and issuance of executive orders was approved.

• **GAD Mechanisms Profiling and Inventory of GAD Policies Form**

RGADC Chairperson and DSWD Regional Director Fernando R. De Villa, Jr., presented the salient features of gender and development (GAD) mechanisms profiling and inventory of GAD policies form. He explained that the tool will be used to: a) gather information on the preparation and submission of GAD plan and budget and accomplishment report; b) formulation of GAD code/agenda; c) establishment of GAD focal point system (GFPS); c) development of GAD database; and d) adoption and implementation of GAD policies.

Director De Villa further cited that through GAD mechanisms profiling and inventory of GAD policies, RGADC MIMAROPA will be able to assess the functionality of the GFPS of the regional line agencies (RLAs), state colleges and universities (SUCs) and local government units (LGUs) and identify the gaps and challenges in the implementation of GAD mandates and policies at all levels. He added that the tool was crafted by the RGADC technical working group (TWG) with the Department of Education (DepED) MIMAROPA as TWG team leader, and the administration of the tool will start in the third quarter of 2021.

Director De Villa also mentioned that the RGADC MIMAROPA during its second quarter meeting held on May 14 through video conferencing reviewed and favorably recommended RDC approval and adoption of the GAD mechanisms profiling and inventory of GAD policies form and to enjoin all government instrumentalities in the region to fill out the form and submit to RGADC MIMAROPA.

On a motion duly seconded the GAD mechanisms profiling and inventory of GAD Policies form and to enjoin all government instrumentalities in the region to accomplish and submit the form to RGADC MIMAROPA was adopted and approved.

- **CHED Priority Courses in MIMAROPA**

The SDC Co-Chairperson and DSWD Regional Director Fernando R. De Villa presented the CHED priority courses in MIMAROPA region. He said that the Students Financial Assistance Program (StuFAP) is a program of CHED that aims to provide access to the underprivileged and deserving Filipino students. In the implementation of the StuFAD, the CHED imposes the compliance of its identified priority courses to all beneficiaries of StuFAP. However, there are many underprivileged and deserving students who could not avail of StuFAP due to the non-inclusion of the priority courses being imposed by CHED. The CHED's priority courses are offered mostly in the capital towns/cities; thus, students from far-flung areas have no choice but to enroll in available courses in the community.

Director De Villa mentioned that CHED MIMAROPA in a letter dated March 2, 2021, requested RDC endorsement on the inclusion of the following identified courses in the CHED's imposition of priority courses in the region: a) Bachelor of Secondary Education; b) Bachelor of Elementary Education; c) Bachelor of Science in Accountancy; d) Bachelor of Science in Accounting Information System; e) Bachelor of Science in Nursing; f) Bachelor of Science in Social Work; g) Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology; h) Bachelor of Science in Psychology; i) Bachelor of Arts in Communication; j) Bachelor of Science in Development Communication; k) Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship; l) Bachelor of Physical Education; m) Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education; n) Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Education; o) Bachelor of Special Needs Education; p) Bachelor of Technology and Livelihood Education; q) Bachelor of Early Childhood Education; r) Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Sciences; s) Bachelor of Science in Midwifery; and t) Bachelor of Science in Business Administration majors in Financial Management, Marketing Management, Human Resource Management, Operations Management, and Business Economics.

The Social Development Committee (SDC) during its second quarter meeting held on May 7, 2021, through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the CHED MIMAROPA's priority courses for imposition in the region.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of CHED MIMAROPA's priority courses for imposition in the region was approved.

- **SIPTVETS Project of TESDA**

The SDC Co-Chairperson, RD Fernando R. De Villa reported that TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña in a letter dated January 20, 2021 requested RDC endorsement of the proposed project of TESDA entitled, Supporting Innovation in Philippine Technical Vocational Education and Training System (SIPTVETS) to the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee (ICC). The project is proposed for funding by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) amounting to PhP 5,502,310,000.00.

Director De Villa said that the project aims to: a) transform the country's skills development framework; b) create a more demand-driven and industry-led TVET; c) upgrade and modernize regional TVET innovation centers; and d) strengthen TESDA's institutional capacity, among others.

In the region, the project will be implemented in the Provincial Training Center located at Sitio Suha, Bigaan, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro with a total project cost amounting to PHP 208,524,567.00.

The SDC, during its second quarter meeting held on May 7, 2021, through video conferencing reviewed the project and favorably recommended RDC endorsement subject to the submission of a copy of Provincial Development Council endorsement.

DOST MIMAROPA Regional Director Ma. Josefina P. Abilay clarified the term "innovation centers" in the proposal. She said that there might be a duplication of project due to similarity in the project title. She suggested that for the TESDA and DOST to sit down and discuss the term used to resolve possible overlapping of projects.

PSR Juvelyn V. Gumal-in of PMUI inquired on the location of the project. She said that Calapan City is more accessible than San Teodoro. RD Manuel B. Wong of TESDA MIMAROPA responded that the provincial training center is in San Teodoro and as per TESDA implementing guidelines the project should be near the provincial training center.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of TESDA's SIPTVETS Project to NEDA Investment Coordination Committee (NEDA-ICC) was approved.

• **Philippine Multisectoral Nutrition Project**

The SDC Co-Chairperson reported that Cabinet Secretary and Chairperson of Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger (IATF-ZH), Secretary Karlo Nograles in a letter dated March 17, 2021 requested RDC support in the implementation of the Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP). The IATF-ZH was established to ensure that the government policies, initiatives, and projects on attaining zero hunger are well coordinated, responsive, and effective. The PMNP is one of the programs of the IATF-ZH designed to address the country's problem of malnutrition, childhood stunting, and wasting.

Director De Villa mentioned that the project aims to increase the simultaneous utilization of a package of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, and improve key behaviors and practices known to reduce stunting in targeted local government units. The project will cover 235 municipalities and 5,936 barangays across 26 provinces in 12 regions. For the MIMAROPA region, the provinces of Occidental Mindoro and Romblon were included as target provinces. He added that the project proponents of the PMNP are the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development through the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Program.

The SDC, during its second quarter meeting held on May 7, 2021, through video conferencing reviewed the project and favorably recommended RDC endorsement to NEDA ICC for approval and implementation subject to the submission of a copy of Provincial Development Council endorsement.

With regard to target beneficiaries, Ms. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco of NNC MIMAROPA said that all stunted children, 0-5 years old are beneficiaries of the project. PSR Gumal-in suggested to include the IPs children in the target beneficiaries and the involvement of DAR through their Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organizations (ARBOs) in the nutrition program.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of PMNP to NEDA NEDA-ICC was approved.

• **RPEB Resolution No. 1 s. 2021**

The SDC Co-Chairperson RD De Villa presented the Regional Population Executive Board (RPEB) Resolution No. 01, s. 2021. He said that population management program is one of the key strategies for the socioeconomic development of the country as indicated in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. Various cabinet directives have mandated the Commission on Population (POPCOM) to intensify the National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP) to accelerate poverty reduction. Since family planning services are devolved, the local government units are at the forefront of providing these services.

Director De Villa stated that with a limited resources of POPCOM and the increase in LGU funds by FY 2022 due to Supreme Court ruling on Mandanas-Garcia case, there is a need for population strategies to be efficiently localized and institutionalized at the sub-regional level. He further cited that there is also a need to strengthen partnership and networking at the national and sub-national levels to ensure policy implementation and setting of standards on population management through family planning.

He reported that the RPEB of MIMAROPA passed a resolution requesting the MIMAROPA RDC, through the SDC to seek support from all the LGUs in the localization and institutionalization of the Philippine Population Management Program and integrate it into their 2021-2022 AIPs to help the Filipino families in achieving their fertility goals within the context of responsible parenthood, in significantly reducing the incidence of pregnancies among adolescents , and in enabling institutions to integrate population dynamics toward sustainable development initiatives. He added that the LGUs are requested to take action on the following: a) embrace the NPPFP as the banner program for population management; b) prioritize the funding of population-related programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) in collaboration with POPCOM MIMAROPA; and c) submit semestral accomplishment report to POPCOM-MIMAROPA through the DILG Field Offices for monitoring and establishment of database.

The SDC during its second quarter meeting held on May 7, 2021 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the RPEB Resolution No. 01, s. 2021, "Enjoining Local Government Units to Strengthen the Localization and Institutionalization of the Philippine Population Management Program by Integrating in the 2021-2022 Annual Investment Program those Strategies Geared Towards Accelerating and Sustaining the Reduction of Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning in MIMAROPA Region."

On a motion duly seconded, RPEB Resolution No. 1, s. 2021 was approved.

• **RPEB Resolution No. 2 s. 2021**

Director De Villa also presented RPEB Resolution No. 2 s. 2021. He reported that teen pregnancy is considered a national social emergency that could impede the nation's goals of achieving demographic dividend and could lead to other social problems in the country. The 2017 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS 2017) showed that in MIMAROPA

region, 10.3 percent of teenage women aged 15 -19 have begun childbearing, 7.8 percent have had a live birth, and 2.4 percent are pregnant with their first child.

He said given the limited resources of the POPCOM, there is a need for the support of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Councils by providing funds to be utilized for the implementation of various strategies and mechanisms to prevent and reduce teen pregnancy cases. All strategies are geared toward encouraging the involvement of the youth including the indigenous people's (IPs) groups in public and civic affairs and strengthening their participation in responsible sexual and reproductive health agenda. He added that there is also a need to strengthen partnership and networking at the national and local levels to ensure policy implementation that will directly address teen pregnancy reduction and prevention at the grassroots.

Director De Villa mentioned that RPEB MIMAROPA passed a resolution requesting the RDC through the SDC to seek support from all SK Councils to utilize 10 percent SK funds in support of the implementation of strategies and mechanism to prevent and reduce teen pregnancy cases in the region. The Provincial, City, and Municipal SK councils are requested to take action on the following: a) coordinate with local population and development offices on the implementation of PPAs that will directly address teen pregnancy reduction and prevention in their locality; b) adopt resolutions and pass local ordinances in support of teen pregnancy prevention and reduction with appropriate coordination among regional line agencies and funding; and, c) develop and implement culturally responsive and sensitive teen pregnancy prevention programs for IP youth in their areas of jurisdiction.

The SDC during its second quarter meeting held on May 7, 2021 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC endorsement of RPEB Resolution No. 2, s. 2021, "Enjoining the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Councils to Utilize SK Funds in Support of the Implementation of Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPA) Geared towards the Reduction of Teen Pregnancy Cases in MIMAROPA Region."

On the inquiry of PSR Rodne Galicha on the funds to support the advocacy against teen pregnancy cases, RD Wilhelm M. Suyko of DILG responded that part of the existing 10% SK funds can be utilized for IEC campaign against pregnancy.

On a motion duly seconded, RPEB Resolution No. 2, s. 2021 was approved.

G. Matters for Information

• 2020 GRDP

On April 29, 2021, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) conducted simultaneous regional press conferences to release the 2020 Regional Accounts of the Philippines, specifically the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) by industry and by region, and Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE) by expenditure item and by region.

Ms. Liezel L. Magbojos of the PSA MIMAROPA presented the 2020 GRDP of the MIMAROPA region. She reported that similar to all regions, the MIMAROPA's economy experienced dismal economic growth with negative 7.6 percent in 2020 compared with the 4.3 percent growth rate in 2019. The region economy is estimated at 386.8 billion pesos in 2019.

For the highlights of the GRDP, she said that among the industries, information and communication posted the fastest growth with 6.9 percent. It was followed by financial and

insurance activities, public administration and defense, compulsory social activities, and electricity, steam, water and waste management with 5.6 percent, 4.3 percent, and 2.9 percent, respectively. On the other hand, the remaining 12 industries recorded contraction in which accommodation and food service activities posted the largest decline by 45.5 percent. It was followed by transportation and storage with 29.4 percent and construction 23.6 percent.

She added that in 2020, among the three major sector, services accounted for 45.6 percent of the region's economy, industry with 35.2 percent and agriculture, forestry and fishing (AFF) with 19.2 percent. Services has 11 sub-industries, wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles accounted for 30.0 percent of the region's total services, education 11.5 percent, financial and insurance activities 11.3 percent, transportation and storage 10.4 percent while the other services of industries accounted to 36.8 percent. Industry is composed of manufacturing which accounted for 41.5 percent of the region's total industry, mining and quarrying 27.5 percent, construction 19.0 percent, and electricity, steam, water and waste management 12.0 percent.

For the contribution to the decline of the regional economy by major industry, Ms. Magbojos reported that services contributed 4.3 percentage point to the 7.6 declined in 2020, industry contributed 2.9 percentage point while agriculture forestry and fishing contributed 0.4 percentage point.

For the GRDE results in 2020, she further discussed that only government final consumption expenditure posted growth by 9.6 percent. The other expenditure items posted a decline wherein exports of goods and services to the rest of the world had the highest contraction of 46.1 percent. In 2020, household final consumption expenditure accounted for 84.8 percent of the region's economy, government final consumption expenditure with 15.3 percent, gross capital formation with a total share of 15.6 percent, and accumulated net exports accounted 15.7 percent of the deduction to the whole expenditures of MIMAROPA.

In terms of contribution to growth by expenditure item, Ms. Magbojos said that government final consumption expenditure contributed 1.2 percent and net exports to the rest of the Philippines 7.8 percent. For the contribution to the decline, gross capital formation contributed 7.9 percentage point, household final consumption expenditure with 6.7 percentage point and net exports to the rest of the world with 2.0 percentage point.

The MIMAROPA's per capita GRDP/GRDE in 2020 decreased by 8.7 percent from ₱123,356 in 2019 to ₱112,568 in 2020. However, the MIMAROPA's per capita household final consumption expenditure decelerated by 9.0 percent from ₱104,960 in 2019 to ₱95,469 in 2020. In terms of structure of the regional economies in 2020, 16 regions are predominantly services-based including the MIMAROPA region. CALABARZON is predominantly industrial while none of the region is predominantly agricultural.

• **RA NO. 11055 (PhilSys Act) Implementation**

Ms. Veneranda F. Mendoza of PSA MIMAROPA presented the status of implementation of RA 11055 or an Act Establishing Philippine identification System (PhilSys Act) in the region. The PhilSys Act aims to establish a single national identification system in order to provide a valid proof of identity for all Filipino Citizens and Resident Aliens, and eliminate the need to present other forms of identification when transacting with the government and private sector.

The PhilSys shall serve as social and economic platform through which all transactions including public and private services can be availed of and shall serve as the link in the

promotion of seamless service delivery, enhancing administrative governance, reducing corruption, strengthening financial inclusion, and promoting ease of doing business. The PSA rolled out the first step in the registration process of the project in October 2020. This involved the collection of the registrants' demographic information, followed by the setting up of appointment for the biometrics capturing.

Ms. Mendoza reported that as of April 16, a total of 534,494 registrants were interviewed by the PSA MIMAROPA to gather basic information. This is 12.22 percent higher than the target number of registrants, which was set at 476,280 registrants. Among the five provinces in MIMAROPA, Palawan recorded the highest number of interviewed registrants with 206,153 registrants. This was followed by Oriental Mindoro with 153,638 registrants, Occidental Mindoro with 78,603 registrants, and Romblon with 49,898 registrants. Marinduque recorded the lowest number of interviewed registrants with 46,202 registrants.

She said that a total of 62 municipalities with 380 barangays in the region were covered during the first step of the program. For the Step 2 (biometrics capturing), a total of 50 municipalities has signed their respective memorandum of agreement with PSA to set-up LGU-based registration. The validation of demographic data and capturing of biometric information will be conducted by the PSA MIMAROPA in May to June 2021. Some of the issues and concerns she raised are: a) slow and no internet connection in some municipalities; b) weak signal in remote areas, causing registrants to not receive text messages (SMS) containing their appointment schedule; c) applicant lost their appointment slips which contains their Appointment Reference Number (ARN) which is essential for Step 2 registration; d) bulk of clients visiting the PSA Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs) to apply for National ID; e) strict health protocols of some LGUs for not allowing entry to their respective areas without test results which cause delays or problems in training of personnel and establishment of LGU-based registration centers; and f) DOH vaccination will happen simultaneously with Step 2 registration at the LGU-based Registration Centers (location of RC will be compromised).

- **COVID-19 Situationer and Vaccination Plan**

RD Mario S. Baquilod of DOH MIMAROPA presented the COVID-19 surveillance updates. He reported that as of June 3, 2021, MIMAROPA has recorded a total of 9,883 cumulative number of COVID-19 cases with 2,042 (or 21 percent) total active cases. Palawan recorded the highest number of active cases with 786 followed by Oriental Mindoro with 671 active cases, Puerto Princesa City has 375, Occidental Mindoro has 133, Marinduque has 56, and Romblon has 21 active cases.

Out of the 9,883 cumulative number of cases, 99 percent are local and one percent are imported, 7,572 (or 77 percent) have recovered and 215 (or 2.2 percent) died due to COVID-19. As to the cumulative positivity rate, of the total 48,711 individual tested for COVID-19, 9,213 turned positive for local cases with 18.9 percent positivity rate.

As to the status of laboratory, equipment and beds utilization for COVID-19 in the region, Director Baquilod reported the following: a) out of the 49 total ICU beds, 30 beds are still available; b) out of the 507 total isolation beds, 245 beds are occupied; c) out of the 215 total ward beds, 118 are occupied; d) out of the 59 total ventilator beds, 53 beds are still available; and e) 40 percent of the total beds for the non-COVID patients are already occupied.

On the status of roll-out vaccination program in the region, RD Baquilod reported that out of the 47,100 allocated Sinovac vaccines for first dose, a total of 37,901 (or 80 percent) vaccinated, for AstraZeneca of the total 43,200 vaccines, 40,231 (or 93 percent) vaccinated,

and for the combined Sinovac and AstraZeneca vaccines, a total of 78,132 vaccinated with the consumption rate of 87 percent.

For the eligible population A1 group, he mentioned that out of the 46,190 population, 44,781 (or 97 percent) were vaccinated for the first dose and 19,893 (or 44 percent) were vaccinated for the second dose. For the A2 group of 270,443 population, only 22,923 (or 8 percent) were vaccinated for the first dose and 4,303 (or 19 percent) were vaccinated for the second dose. Lastly, for the A3 eligible population group, only 17 percent and 2 percent were vaccinated of the first and second dose, respectively.

USec Alexander S. Lopez of DOE raised his concerns on: a) the status of contact tracing; b) strategy of the RIATF with regard to the implementation of prevent, detect, isolate, treat, and reintegrate (PDITR); and c) the status of vaccines storage facilities in the region. He inquired if the cold storage facilities are backed-up by a generator sets.

Director Baquilod responded that refrigerator, freezer and generator set are available at the provincial health offices. However, at the municipal level particularly in the island municipalities of the region, he emphasized the need for having a generator set as an alternative source of power supply. He further cited that to avoid spoilage of vaccines, regular reporting and monitoring of the temperature of cold storage facilities is being done at the municipal and provincial level. He added that they will provide the inventory of generator set in the MIMAROPA region. USec Lopez said that DOE is committed to provide assistance to LGUs with low capacity on the matter of alternative power supply.

On the contact tracing, Director Baquilod said that the DILG MIMAROPA is helping the LGUs to hire a contact tracer. However with the current tracer to population ratio of 1:800, most of the LGUs could not meet the required standard. On the part of DOH, they only train the contact tracers.

On DOH strategy with regard to PDITR implementation, Director Baquilod mentioned some of the activities undertaken and challenges they have encountered such as: a) intensify health information, education and vaccination program at the regional and provincial level; b) strengthen mental health awareness and psychosocial services of the health workers; c) lack of capable testing laboratories and facilities. Currently, the region has only five laboratories and these are all cartridges-based. Puerto Princesa City has the molecular RT-PCR laboratory test but still waiting for the permit to operate; d) COVID-19 transmission within the household. There are areas insisted for a home quarantine; and e) one hospital command center. In case the hospital is fully occupied patient will be distributed/transferred to a temporary treatment monitoring facilities (TTMF)

- **Nationally Determined Contribution**

Mr. Jerome Ilagan of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) presented the salient features of Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The Republic of the Philippines submits its NDC in accordance with Decision of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Mr. Ilagan reported that the Philippine NDC: a) supports the country's national development objectives and priorities of sustainable industrial development, poverty eradication and inclusive growth, energy security, and social and climate justice, and the transformation of its socio-economic sectors towards a climate and disaster-resilient and low carbon economy; b) upholds the importance of meaningful participation of women, children, youth, persons with

diverse sexual orientation and gender identity, indigenous peoples, elderly, local communities, civil society, faith-based organizations, and the private sector, and recognizes the indispensable value of inclusion and collaborative participation of local governments in implementing climate actions; and c) enables a market signal to support local and foreign direct green investments and recognizes the private sector as the country's main engine of economic growth and transformation, and promotes its full engagement in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

He said that the NDC considers the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, Philippine Energy Plan 2018-2040, the Philippine National Security Policy 2017- 2022, National Climate Risk Management Framework of 2019 and the Sustainable Finance Policy Framework of 2020. It shall also be progressively informed by the Filipino people's aspirations across generations.

Mr. Ilagan further discussed the climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. He mentioned that the country's climate change mitigation actions shall strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacity of the country, including through enhanced access to climate finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building, especially on the implementation of the policies and measures on and the uptake of circular economy and sustainable consumption and production practices. The implementation of the mitigation commitments shall be undertaken through bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation.

He added that the Philippines shall undertake adaptation measures across but not limited to, the sectors of agriculture, forestry, coastal and marine ecosystems and biodiversity, health, and human security, to preempt, reduce and address residual loss and damage. It shall also pursue forest protection, forest restoration and reforestation, and access to results-based finance in forest conservation.

Director Mendoza emphasized the need to conduct bilateral meeting between CCC and other stakeholders, need to reduce carbon footprints, and interventions that will reduce gas emissions.

• **R&D Accomplishments and Updates on the Status of Research Topics**

The Regional Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RRDIC) Chairperson and DOST MIMAROPA Regional Director Ma. Josefina P. Abilay presented the R&D accomplishments and provided updates on the status of research topics assigned to MIMAROPA state universities and colleges (SUCs) based on MIMAROPA Research and Development Agenda.

The presentation aims to: a) inform the RDC members on R&D initiatives and accomplishments of SUCs and other Research and Development Institutes (RDIs) in the region; b) promote the technologies generated; c) encourage participation of public and private sectors to R&D undertakings in the region; and d) create channels through the RDC for knowledge utilization especially for policy development, technology transfer, and commercialization.

Director Abilay highlighted the summary of completed R&D initiatives of the MIMAROPA SUCs covering the four sectoral regional development of the MIMAROPA region, such as: 1) *For the economic development sector under agriculture and fisheries*, she reported that 17 R&D related to productivity enhancement and value adding program, fauna conservation and management, coastal management and reef conservation program, endoparasitoid insects, and introduction of different rice variety were completed. *For the social development sector*,

she mentioned that six R&D related to food and nutrition, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, local history and cultural mapping, and establishment climate resilient structures and buildings were completed. *For the development administration sector*, she further cited that eight R&D were completed related to governance, basic social services & crime intervention program, implementation of green policies, disaster risk reduction and management, and criminal justice. Lastly, *for the infrastructure development sector*, she said that seven R&D related to abaca-fiber and post-consumer wastes, solid waste management and policies, and energy resource assessment and consumption of renewable energy sources were completed.

Director Abilay also informed the body that the RRDIC-TWG will conduct a workshop to update the existing RDI initiatives based on the updated MRDA which was presented to the RDC last December 4, 2020, and the schedule consultation-workshop on the R&D needs of LGUs to determine R&D interventions.

Director Mendoza mentioned that from the R&D there is a need to pursue production technologies with marketing and value added linkages. He hoped that the infrastructure research particularly on the construction technologies will protect and preserve the fragile and biodiversity, agriculture, forestry and fisheries of the MIMAROPA region.

RD Marie Grace T. Pascua of NCIP shared her interest to partner with DOST and SUCs with regard to the documentation of IPs knowledge system and practices on agriculture, natural resources and organic farming. She said that the establishment and preservation of traditional community based seeds of the IPs is one of the most important research studies to consider.

Director Abilay invited NCIP and TESDA in a meeting to discuss the details of their proposal.

• **Regional Economic Situationer**

Director Mendoza presented the 1st Quarter Regional Economic Situationer (QRES) 2021. QRES provides a preliminary and indicative assessment of the economic performance of the region using proxy indicators. It does not replace the assessment of the regional economy based on the complete statistical data from official sources.

Director Mendoza reported that MIMAROPA's average inflation rate increased to 5.3 percent in January to March 2021 from the previous year's 3.2 percent of the same period. All the provinces registered higher inflation rates in the 1st quarter of 2021. Labor force participation rate increased by 1.9 percentage points from 58.8 percent in January 2020 to 60.7 percent in January 2021. However, employment rate decreased by 5.7 percentage points from 96.4 percent in January 2020 to 90.7 percent in January 2021.

He further cited that some indicators that show the region's positive economic performance in the first quarter of 2021 are reflected in the production of the agricultural commodities such as palay, banana, coconut, onion, livestock, commercial fishery, municipal marine/inland fishery, and aquaculture. Palay production has increased from last year but is still lower than the production in the first quarters of 2018 and 2019. Corn production similarly has been steadily falling since 2018. He stated that the number of registered business names, assisted micro, small, medium enterprises (MSMEs), and registered vehicles increased. The value of mineral production, exports, and imports also increased. A total of 10,652 business names were registered in the region in the first quarter of 2021. This was 38.37 percent higher compared to the 7,698 business names registered in the same quarter last year.

He added that due to COVID-19 pandemic, tourist arrivals, movement of aircrafts and sea vessels including ROROs, passengers and cargoes in air and water transport services were all decreased. The tourist arrivals fell sharply from 323,407 in 1st quarter of 2020 to 14,063 in the same quarter of 2021. Tourist arrivals can also be seen falling since 2018.

- **Project Monitoring Report**

Director Mendoza mentioned that the RDC secretariat tracked the status of implementation of all on-going government programs in the region through the submission of RPMES reports from various implementing agencies to the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC).

He reported that for the 1st quarter of CY 2021, there were 291 projects reported by different regional line agencies, government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs), such as: Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Health - Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), National Power Corporation (NPC), Population Commission (POPCOM), Provincial Government of Palawan, City Government of Calapan, Marinduque State College (MSC), and Palawan State University (PSU).

Compared to the last five years of the same period, the first quarter of 2021 posted the highest project costs of ₱33.5 billion for 291 projects implemented. The number of projects reported has also increased by over 46 percent from 199 in 2020 to 291 in 2021.

Of the 291 projects implemented in the first quarter of 2021, a total of 272 (93%) are regular projects, 18 (6%) are ODA projects, and 1 (0.3%) is an RRP project. No implementing agencies reported any BP2, ELCAC and NAP projects for the first quarter of 2021. Hence, Director Mendoza encouraged the implementing agencies to report BP2, ELCAC and NAP projects on subsequent quarters.

Of the 291 projects monitored, three projects amounting to ₱255 million are in Flood Control sector; four projects amounting to ₱148.14 million are in the Health, Nutrition, and Family Planning sector; 28 projects amounting to ₱653.08 million are in the Irrigation sector; 11 projects amounting to ₱6,627.48 million are in the Livelihood Assistance sector; ten projects amounting to ₱1,762.53 million are in the Power and energy sector; one project amounting to ₱3.20 million is in the Sanitation sector; eight projects amounting to ₱6.08 million are in the Science and Technology sector; 44 projects amounting to ₱677.29 million are in the Social Infrastructure sector; nine projects amounting to ₱31.94 million are in the Trade and Industry sector; 172 projects amounting to ₱23,327.38 million are in the transportation sector; and one project amounting to ₱5.92 million is in the water supply sector.

The 291 projects implemented in the first quarter of 2021 have generated employment for 8,883 persons, of which 6,420 (72%) are males and 2,463 (28%) are females. This shows that great gender disparity in the provision of livelihood opportunities to women and men in the region. Hence, Director Mendoza also encouraged the implementing agencies to seek out women and have them employed in our programs and projects in the region.

Of the reported 291 projects, 102 projects (35.05 percent) encountered problems in implementation. A total of 114 projects or 39.18 percent were completed, 39 projects or 13.40 percent were on schedule, while 36 projects or 12.37 percent were ahead of schedule

- **Status of RDC Endorsed Projects**

Director Mendoza stated that the RDC is mandated under Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 to initiate and coordinate the development, funding, and implementation of regional and special development projects such as those involving several agencies or local government units. The secretariat regularly monitors the status of proposed programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) endorsed by the RDC through a resolution.

He reported that from 2011-2020, a total of 249 PAPs amounting to P185.61 billion pesos were monitored in the region proposed for funding either under the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Public-Private Partnership (PPP), or special program. Out of the 249 PAPs, 137 are reported completed, 39 are ongoing, and 73 are proposed for funding or implementation. About 90 percent or 224 PAPs were related to transportation sector. This was followed by ecotourism with 9 PAPs, flood control with 7 PAPs, power and energy with 3 PAPs, and one PAP under agriculture sector.

Director Mendoza presented the status of the following big ticket PAPs and other PAPs with significant reports for the quarter: a) *Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) in Coron and El Nido, Palawan*. The project is currently being reviewed by the ICC Secretariat and will be presented for ICC-Technical Board for discussion. The next ICC-Technical Board meeting is tentatively scheduled on June 08. The TIEZA, through its May 17, 2021 letter, provided additional ICC-requisite documents on the project; b) *Philippine Rural Development Project Second Additional Financing (PRDP-AF2)*. The ICC-Cabinet Committee (ICC-CC) on April 07, 2021 approved ad referendum the "Philippine Rural Development Project Retrofitting USD 280 Million Second Additional Financing with EUR 18.3 Million European Union Co-financing Grant". Subsequently, the ICC-CC approval ad referendum was confirmed ad referendum by the NEDA Board on April 21, 2021; c) *Mindoro-Batangas Super Bridge*. The DPWH regularly coordinates with the PPP Center on the finalization of cost for the consultancy services; d) *Marinduque-Quezon Link Expressway (MQLEX)*. The documentary requirements on the proposed project were submitted by DPWH MIMAROPA to DPWH CO on October 28, 2020. The funding for the conduct of F/S is included in the agency proposed FY 2022 budget; e) *Maritime Safety Enhancement Project (MSEP) of DOTr-PCG*. The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) is undertaking the preparatory activities on the conduct of environment and social impact assessment for the project; f) *Hydropower Development Project (HDP) in Marinduque*. Initial coordination on the project has been undertaken by the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque with the Project Development Service of the PPP Center; and g) *Laylay Light Station Restoration and Development Project (LLSRDP) in Boac, Marinduque*. The DOTr is in close coordination with the local government units of Marinduque in the submission of mandatory requirements of DBM prior to fund releases.

For the details of the RDC endorsed projects, Director Mendoza referred the members to the reference folders for review of the concerned agencies.

981 **H. Adjournment**

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983 With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.
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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution No.	Title	Status
2021-075-992	Approving the 2020 Regional Development Report (RDR)	Copy of the resolution was attached to the 2020 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report which was transmitted/disseminated to all RDC members, NEDA Central Office, and NEDA Regional Offices on August 6, 2021.
2021-075-993	Supporting the Election Reforms through the Passage of House Bill No. 2839 filed in the 18 th Congress of the Philippines	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to RDC X on June 25.
2021-075-994	Endorsing to the National Task Force West, Department of National Defense, and Concerned Agencies the Ten-Year Strategic Development Plan and Action Plan for the Kalayaan Island Group (SDPAP-KIG) for possible funding support	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to PCSD, copy furnished provincial government of Palawan and municipal government of Kalayaan on June 25; acknowledged by Governor Alvarez on June 28. The PCSD received the resolution on June 25. To date, the Inter-Agency Task Force-Kalayaan Island Group Technical Working Group (IATF-KIG TWG) is on the process of refining the identified and proposed action plan in the SDPAP-KIG
2021-075-995	Endorsing the Port Zone Delineation of the Port of San Fernando in El Nido, Province of Palawan to the Office of the President for Approval and Issuance of an Executive Order	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to PPA-PMO Palawan, copy furnished provincial government of Palawan and municipal government of El Nido on June 25; acknowledged by PPA-PMO Palawan and municipal government of El Nido on June 25. During the third quarter IDC meeting held on August 6 through video conferencing, PPA-PMO Palawan reported that they have already forwarded the resolution and other relevant documents to PPA Central Office for submission/approval of the Office of the President.
2021-075-996	Endorsing the Port Zone Delineation of the Port of Borac in Coron, Province of Palawan to the Office of the President for Approval and Issuance of an Executive Order	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to PPA-PMO Palawan, copy furnished provincial government of Palawan and municipal government of Coron on June 25. During the third quarter IDC meeting held on August 6 through video conferencing, PPA-PMO Palawan reported that they have already forwarded the resolution and other relevant documents to PPA Central

		Office for submission/approval of the Office of the President.
2021-075-997	Approving and Adopting the Gender and Development Mechanisms Profiling and Inventory of GAD Policies Form and Enjoining all Government Instrumentalities in MIMAROPA to accomplish and submit the form to RGADC MIMAROPA	Copy of the resolution was transmitted/disseminated to all RDC members on June 29; acknowledged by the members.
2021-075-998	Endorsing the CHED MIMAROPA's List of Identified Courses in the Imposition of CHED's Priority Courses in the Region	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to CHED MIMAROPA on June 25; acknowledged by CHED MIMAROPA on June 28.
2021-075-999	Endorsing the TESDA Supporting Innovation in Philippine Technical Vocational Education and Training System (SIPTVETS) Project to the NEDA ICC for approval	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña on June 25.
2021-075-1000	Endorsing the Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP) to NEDA ICC for approval and implementation	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles on June 25; acknowledged by the Office of the Cabinet Secretary. In a letter dated June 22, 2021, the IATF-ZH Chairperson informed the RDC Chairperson that the PMNP activities are put on hold given the decision of the NNC to postpone its engagement in the project.
2021-075-1001	Enjoining Local Government Units to Strengthen the Localization and Institutionalization of the Philippine Population Management Program by Integrating in the 2021-2022 AIP those Strategies Geared Towards Accelerating and Sustaining the Reduction of Unmet Need for Modern Family Planning in MIMAROPA Region	Copy of the resolution was transmitted/disseminated to all LGUs of MIMAROPA; copy furnished Office of DILG MIMAROPA and POPCOM MIMAROPA on June 29; acknowledged by the local government units of Calapan, Torrijos in Marinduque and Occidental Mindoro on June 29.
2021-075-1002	Enjoining the Sangguniang Kabataan Councils to Utilize SK Funds in Support of the Implementation of PPAs Geared Towards the Reduction of Teen Pregnancy Cases in MIMAROPA Region	Copy of the resolution was transmitted/disseminated to all LGUs of MIMAROPA; copy furnished Office of DILG MIMAROPA and POPCOM MIMAROPA on June 29; acknowledged by the local government units of Calapan, Torrijos in Marinduque and Occidental Mindoro on June 29.

Agenda Items Issues and Concerns	Agreements	Status
1. Strategic Development Plan and Action Plan for the Kalayaan Island Group (SDPAP-KIG)	<p>a) Inclusion of the civil society organizations (CSOs) and the academe in the list of identified agencies involved as development partners of the SDPAP-KIG;</p> <p>b) Inclusion of POPCOM MIMAROPA in the list of government agencies involved under the Bio-Physical Environment Sector;</p> <p>c) Establishment of a Radio Station Project in KIG under the Infrastructure Sector.</p>	The PCSD is on the process of coordinating with the members of the IATF-KIG Technical Working Committee to consider the recommendations of the Council.
2. TESDA SIPTVETS Project	TESDA and DOST to discuss and clarify the term “innovation centers” to resolve possible overlapping of projects.	
3. Philippine Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project	a) Inclusion of the IPs children in the target beneficiaries; and b) involvement of Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) through their Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organizations (ARBOs) in the nutrition program;	<p>The NNC confirmed the inclusion of IPs children in the PMNP.</p> <p>In a letter dated June 22, 2021, the IATF-ZH Chairperson informed the RDC Chairperson that the PMNP activities are put on hold given the decision of the NNC to postpone its engagement in the project.</p> <p>The PMNP will be turned over to DOH as lead of the project instead of NNC. The project will be redesigned and NNC, as part of the TWG, will ensure the inclusion of IPs and ARBOs as beneficiaries.</p>
4. RPEB Resolution No. 2, series of 2021	<p>On the inquiry of PSR Galicha as to where to get the budget to support advocacy against teen pregnancy cases.</p> <p>Part of the 10% of the SK Funds can be utilized for IEC campaign against teenage pregnancy</p>	

<p>5. COVID-19 Situational and Vaccine Roll-out Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USec Lopez inquired on the following: a) status of contract tracing; b) strategy of the RIATF with regard to the prevent, detect, isolate, treat and reintegrate (PDITR); and c) status of vaccines storage facilities 	<p>DOH contingency plan emphasized: a) the need for having a generator set in the island municipalities of the region as alternative source of power supply; and b) to avoid possible spoilage of vaccine, regular reporting and monitoring of the temperature of cold storage facilities is being done at the provincial and regional level. DOH will provide inventory of generator sets in the MIMAROPA region.</p> <p>On the contact tracing, DILG MIMAROPA is helping the LGUs to hire a contact tracer. However, with the current tracer to population ratio of 1:800, most of the LGUs does not meet the standard. On the part of DOH, they only train the contact tracer.</p> <p>DOH strategies/activities with regard to PDITR implementation include: a) intensify health information, education, and vaccination program at the provincial and regional level; and b) strengthen mental health awareness and psychosocial services of the health workers.</p> <p>DOE committed to provide assistance to LGUs with low capacity on the matter of alternative power supply.</p>	
<p>6. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)</p>	<p>RD Mendoza emphasized: a) the need to conduct bilateral meeting between CCC and other stakeholders; b) the need to reduce carbon footprints; c) and to provide interventions that will reduce gas emissions.</p>	
<p>7. R&D Accomplishments and Updates on the Status of Research Topics</p>	<p>Director Mendoza emphasized: a) the need to pursue production technologies with marketing and value-added linkages; and b) infrastructure research particularly construction technologies which will protect and preserve the fragile and biodiversity, agriculture,</p>	<p>To date, the DOST MIMAROPA is in coordination with NCIP MIMAROPA for possible research, development, and innovation initiatives.</p>

	<p>forestry and fisheries of the MIMAROPA region.</p> <p>NCIP partnerships with DOST and MIMAROPA state colleges and universities (SUCs) could address matters relative to the documentation of IPs knowledge system and practices on agriculture, natural resources and organic farming. The establishment and preservation of traditional community-based seeds of the IPs is one of the most important research studies to consider.</p>	
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Oriental Mindoro Tourism-related Infrastructure Projects

1. The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro submitted the following tourism-related infrastructure project proposals for inclusion in the MIMAROPA regional development investment program (RDIP) 2017-2022 and for consideration of the concerned agencies in their respective agency investment program:

Project Title	Proposed Funding Requirement (in million)	Requested Funding Agency
a. Naujan Lake Wetland Center (Brgy. Pasi II, Socorro)	Php 20.00	DOT-TIEZA and DENR
b. Liwasan ng Mamamayan: The Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza (Brgy. Camilmil, Calapan City)	Php 70.00	DOT and DPWH

2. The Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its third quarter meeting on August 05, reviewed and deliberated the proposed projects in terms of its compliance to the RDC documentary requirements as well as its alignment to the regional thrusts and priorities stipulated in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022.

3. The EDC recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed projects subject to submission of necessary documentary requirements such as but not limited to environmental compliance certificate, PAMB clearance (if applicable); submission of project sustainability plan; and inclusion of diorama and reading room in the Naujan Lake Wetland Center's architectural design.

4. EDC Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha will present the proposed projects of the LGU Oriental Mindoro for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and for consideration of the concerned agencies in their respective agency investment program.

5. Action requested: For RDC endorsement.

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RDC Resolution No. _____

**ENDORISING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NAUJAN LAKE WETLAND
CENTER IN ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR INCLUSION IN THE MIMAROPA
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP) 2017-2022**

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) is mandated under Executive Order No. 325 (S.1996) to review and endorse proposed programs, projects, and activities of local government units requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies, among others;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro is proposing the construction of Naujan Lake Wetland Center at Barangay Pasi II, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro for funding of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA and the Department of Tourism (DOT)-Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority;

WHEREAS, the proposed project involves the construction of the physical structure of the center in a 2,500 square meter area of land to be donated by Municipality of Socorro with an estimated project cost of ₱20 million;

WHEREAS, the proposed project aims to boost ecotourism in Naujan Lake National Park, generate income, and create employment opportunities for local residents;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its third quarter meeting on August 05, reviewed and deliberated the proposed project in terms of compliance with the documentary requirements of the RDC and its alignment with the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, the EDC recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed construction of Naujan Lake Wetland Center subject to submission of necessary documents such as the project's sustainability plan, environmental compliance certificate, PAMB clearance, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse the proposed construction of Naujan Lake Wetland Center in Oriental Mindoro for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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RDC Resolution No. _____

ENDORISING THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF LIWASAN NG
MAMAMAYAN: ORIENTAL MINDORO PEOPLE'S PARK AND PUBLIC PLAZA
FOR INCLUSION IN THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP) 2017-2022

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) is mandated under Executive Order No. 325, s.1996 to review and endorse proposed programs, projects, and activities of local government units requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies, among others;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro is proposing for the establishment of the Liwasan ng Mamamayan: The Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza in Camilmil, Calapan City;

WHEREAS, the proposed project involves the development of a 5,000 square meter area into a park and public plaza amounting to ₱70 million for funding under the Department of Tourism (DOT) MIMAROPA and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, the project aims to: 1) provide an alternative venue for social or special events as well as promotion and marketing of local products; and 2) provide livelihood and employment opportunities for local residents;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its third quarter meeting on August 05, reviewed and deliberated the proposed project in terms of compliance with the documentary requirements of the RDC and its alignment with the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, the EDC recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed Oriental Mindoro Peoples' Park and Public Plaza for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse the proposed establishment of the Liwasan ng Mamamayan: The Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza in Camilmil, Calapan City for inclusion in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program 2017-2022.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Proposed Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) Project

1. The RDC, as required by the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee (ICC), is mandated to review and endorse regional high impact projects of national government agencies and those of LGUs requiring national government funding that may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations, or subsidies, among others.

2. In a letter dated July 14, 2021 BFAR MIMAROPA requested RDC endorsement of the proposed Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) project. The project aims to increase the fisherfolk households' income through improved management of coastal fishery resources and strengthened fishery value chain in Fishery Management Area (FMA) 6 with municipality of Lubang and Looc in Occidental Mindoro as part of the FMA.

3. The Feasibility Study on the FishCoRe Project was submitted by the Department of Agriculture (DA) through Secretary William D. Dar for NEDA's technical review and evaluation, and subsequent endorsement to the World Bank.

Table 1. Project Cost and Financing

Sources	(in million Pesos)	(in million US\$)	Percentage Share (%)
World Bank Loan	9,607.08	200.00	84
BFAR	610.18	12.86	5
Private Sector	996.51	20.76	9
Beneficiary Groups and Cooperatives	208.30	4.34	2
Total Cost	11,422.07	237.96	100

4. The proposed project is compliant with the checklist for new project proposals as stipulated by the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) such as: a) feasibility study; b) ICC Project Evaluation (PE) Matrix; c) ICC PE Forms 1-8; d) economic and financial analyses; e) endorsements from other concerned agencies; f) information on job creation/employment impact of the project; and g) location map. The secretariat prepared the attached project evaluation report for the proposed FishCoRe Project for consideration of the Committee.

5. The Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 3rd quarter meeting held on August 05, 2021 recommended RDC endorsement of the MIMAROPA Region component of the FishCoRe Project subject to inclusion of the comments/suggestion of the committee and submission of additional documentary requirements by BFAR MIMAROPA.

6. Action requested: For RDC endorsement.

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RDC Resolution No. _____

**ENDORISING THE MIMAROPA REGION COMPONENT OF THE FISHERIES
AND COASTAL RESILIENCY (FISHCORE) PROJECT TO THE NEDA
INVESTMENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE (ICC) AND WORLD BANK**

WHEREAS, the RDC, as required by the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC), is mandated to review and endorse regional high impact projects of national government agencies and those of LGUs requiring national government funding that may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations, or subsidies, among others;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated July 14, 2021 the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) MIMAROPA requested RDC endorsement of the proposed Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) project that aims to increase fisherfolk households' income through improved management of coastal fishery resources and strengthened fishery value chain in Fishery Management Area (FMA) 6 with the municipalities of Lubang and Looc in Occidental Mindoro as parts of the FMA;

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study on the FishCoRe Project was submitted by the Department of Agriculture (DA) through Secretary William D. Dar for NEDA's technical review and evaluation, and subsequent endorsement to the World Bank;

WHEREAS, the total FishCoRe Project cost is estimated at ₱11 billion of which ₱9.6 billion shall be funded by the World Bank through a loan; ₱610 million shall be funded by BFAR; ₱996 million shall be funded by the private sector; and ₱208 million shall be funded by beneficiary groups and cooperatives;

WHEREAS, a total of P427,072,630.17 will be allocated to implement the FishCoRe project in the MIMAROPA region;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 3rd quarter meeting held on August 05, 2021 reviewed the compliance of the project with the documentary requirements of the RDC and recommended RDC endorsement of the MIMAROPA Region component of the FishCoRe Project subject to inclusion of the comments/suggestion of the committee and submission of additional documentary requirements by BFAR MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, BFAR MIMAROPA complied and incorporated the EDC's comments in the proposal which include local endorsements, project sustainability and commodity plans, and project cost components for the municipalities of Lubang and Looc;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse the MIMAROPA Region component of the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) Project to the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee and the World Bank.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Rehabilitation and Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road (FMR)
 in Barangay San Roque in Corcuera, Romblon

1. The RDC prepares and regularly updates the regional development investment program (RDIP) to reflect changing financing conditions and to include new projects proposals of local government units (LGUs), regional line agencies (RLAs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs).
2. The Municipal Government of Corcuera in Romblon submitted a proposal for the Rehabilitation and Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) in Barangay San Roque for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and for inclusion of the Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA in its FY 2022 agency investment program.
3. The Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 3rd quarter meeting held on August 05, 2021, reviewed and deliberated the proposed project in terms of its compliance to the RDC documentary requirements, revised guidelines in the implementation of DA FMR, and the project's relevance to the regional development goals and objectives. The proposed project was found to be compliant with the documentary requirements stipulated in the Comprehensive Investment Programming Guidelines such as project profile, letter of endorsement, and local endorsement.
4. The EDC recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed farm-to-market roads subject to revision of project details based on the Administrative Order No. 16 s. 2020 titled Revised General Guidelines on the Implementation of the Department of Agriculture Farm-to-Market Roads Development Program.
5. Action requested: For RDC endorsement.

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ENDORISING THE PROPOSED REHABILITATION AND CONCRETING
OF FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORCUERA,
ROMBLON FOR INCLUSION IN THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP) 2017-2022 AND
INCLUSION IN THE AGENCY INVESTMENT PROGRAM OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA)

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) is mandated under Executive Order No. 325 (S.1996) to review and endorse proposed programs, projects, and activities of local government units requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies, among others;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Corcuera in Romblon submitted the proposed Rehabilitation and Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road in Barangay San Roque amounting to ₱25 million, for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and for consideration in the Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA's FY 2022 agency investment program (AIP);

WHEREAS, the proposed project is compliant with the documentary requirements stipulated in the Comprehensive Investment Programming Guidelines such as project profile, letter of endorsement, and local endorsement;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 3rd quarter meeting held on August 05, 2021, recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed farm-to-market road subject to revision of project details based on the Administrative Order No. 16 s. 2020 titled Revised General Guidelines on the Implementation of the Department of Agriculture Farm-to-Market Roads Development Program;

WHEREAS, the municipality of Corcuera in Romblon complied with the recommendations and submitted its revised project briefs based on the comments of the committee and the Secretariat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse the proposed rehabilitation and concreting of Farm-To-Market Road in the Municipality of Corcuera, Romblon for inclusion in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022 and inclusion in the agency investment program of the Department of Agriculture (DA)

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the road influence area of the said FMR be included in the protected area of the municipality in its comprehensive land use plan and zoning ordinance to deter illegal or premature land conversion.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing Liquid Fuels

1. Republic Act (RA) 8479, otherwise known as the “Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998”, mandates the Department of Energy (DOE) to promote fair trade practices, monitor the marketing process and quality of liquid fuels, and stop the business operations of those involved in the sale of liquid fuels not complying with the national standards.
2. Under the DOE Circular No. 2017-11-0011 or the “Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing Liquid Fuels”, the retailing of liquid fuels is allowed subject to acquisition of pertinent permits and licenses issued by government authorities including but not limited to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the Local Government Units (LGUs).
3. Rule IV of the said circular cites other types of retail outlets such as the Technology-Solution Retail Outlet (TSRO) with its own specific requirements for operation. The fuel vending machine (FVM) is one of the retail outlets under TSRO which aims to provide solution to address the use of illegal and unsafe sale of liquid fuels (i.e., gasoline, diesel) in recycled bottles that is rampant in remote areas.
4. The DOE-Oil Industry Management Bureau, during the Economic Development Committee (EDC) special meeting held on July 05, 2021, presented the documentary requirements for the establishment and operation of TSROs such as the certifications from the concerned LGU, affidavit of undertaking, Certificate of Compliance, Environmental Compliance Certificate or Certificate of Non-Coverage, Local Zoning Ordinance, Fire Safety Inspection Certificate, Business and Building Permits, among others. The safety concerns, issues, challenges, and status of TSRO applications in the region were also presented during the meeting.
5. The committee recognized the need to safeguard the welfare of the operators, consumers, and communities as well as to avoid accidents and disasters related to FVM operations. Thus, the EDC recommended RDC approval of a resolution enjoining the LGUs, the Department of Energy and other concerned agencies to strictly enforce the compliance with the existing rules, regulations, and required permits in the establishment and operation of TSROs or FVMs. The EDC also requested the Department of Science and Technology to recommend innovations on the FVM design for safety considerations and for the Department of Trade and Industry and DOE to provide funding support to MSMEs interested to venture in these types of business.
6. Action requested: For RDC approval.

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ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), AND OTHER CONCERNED
AGENCIES TO STRICTLY ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THE
REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE BUSINESS
OF RETAILING LIQUID FUELS IN THE MIMAROPA REGION

WHEREAS, the Republic Act (RA) 8479, otherwise known as the “Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998”, mandates the DOE to promote fair trade practices, monitor the marketing process and quality of liquid fuels, and stop the business operations of those involved in the sale of liquid fuels not complying with the national standards;

WHEREAS, under the DOE Circular No. 2017-11-0011 or the “Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing Liquid Fuels”, retailing of liquid fuels is allowed subject to acquisition of pertinent permits and licenses issued by government authorities including but not limited to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the LGUs;

WHEREAS, Rule IV of the said Circular cites other types of retail outlets such as the technology solution retail outlet (TSRO) with its own specific requirements for operation;

WHEREAS, the fuel vending machine (FVM) is one of the retail outlets under TSRO which aims to provide solution to address the use of illegal and unsafe sale of liquid fuels (i.e., gasoline, diesel) in recycled bottles that is rampant in remote areas;

WHEREAS, the DOE-Oil Industry Management Bureau, during the Economic Development Committee (EDC) special meeting held on July 05, 2021, presented the documentary requirements for the establishment and operation of TSROs;

WHEREAS, the EDC recommended RDC approval of a resolution enjoining the concerned agencies to strictly enforce compliance with the existing rules and regulations governing the business of retailing liquid fuels;

WHEREAS, the RDC recognizes the importance of strict enforcement of the existing laws, policies, and required permits in the establishment and operation of TSROs or FVMs to avoid accidents and to safeguard the welfare of consumers and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to enjoin the local government units (LGUs), the DOE and other concerned agencies to strictly enforce compliance with the revised rules and regulations governing the business of retailing liquid fuels in the MIMAROPA region;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Department of Science and Technology recommends innovations on the FVM design for safety considerations and for the Department of Trade and Industry and DOE to provide funding support to MSMEs interested to venture in these types of business.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Support to Institutionalization of the Revitalized Barangay Police Program through the Passage of House Bill No. 7348 filed in the 18th Congress of the Philippines

1. Philippine National Police (PNP) Addendum to Letter of Instructions (LOI) 22/09 “BAYANIHAN” provides guidelines in the designation of one police personnel in every barangay to serve as a conduit between the PNP and the community, which was referred to as “*Pulis Niyo Po sa Barangay.*”
2. Executive Order No. 70, s. 2018 was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte institutionalizing the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creating the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF ELCAC), and directing the adoption of a National Peace Framework.
3. The Revitalized Barangay Police Program or the Revitalized *Pulis sa Barangay* (R-PSB) is a flagship program of the PNP Regional Office XI that established an effective police-community partnership at the grassroots level and strengthened barangay-based institutions (BBIs) and barangay-based peace keeping institutions (BPKIs) in Davao Region.
4. House Bill No. 7348 entitled “An Act Institutionalizing the Revitalized Barangay Police Program of the Philippine National Police and Appropriating Funds Therefore” was introduced in the 18th Congress of the Philippines by Davao Oriental 2nd District Representative Joel Mayo Z. Almario.
5. The said house bill is deemed responsive to the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace in the country.
6. RDC XI, during its 4th Quarter Full Council Meeting held on December 07, 2020, passed RDC XI Resolution No. 145, s. 2020 entitled “Supporting the Passage of House Bill No. 7348, entitled “An Act Institutionalizing the Revitalized Barangay Police Program of the Philippine National Police and Appropriating Funds Therefore” and sought support from other RDCs.
7. The Secretariat requested the position of Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA and Philippine National Police (PNP) MIMAROPA regarding the proposed institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program.

8. DILG MIMAROPA supports the institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program and submitted the following comments and recommendations: a) supportive of the towards the attainment of peace and security at barangay level; and b) peace and order plays an important role in development, thus the more pressing need of more law enforcement measures geared towards promoting peace is desired.

9. PNP MIMAROPA supports the institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program and submitted the following comments and recommendations: a) conforms with the advocacy in bringing the police close to the community; b) will lessen gap between police force and barangay; c) some conflicts in the barangay needs police intervention; d) more venues to address complaints of civilians; and e) easier for the PNP to receive community feedback.

10. Development Administration Committee, during its 3rd quarter meeting on August 05, 2021 virtually through Zoom video conference, reviewed the comments and recommendations of the concerned agencies regarding institutionalization of barangay police program and recommended RDC support to RDC XI Resolution No. 145, s. 2020.

11. The highlights of the proposed institutionalization of barangay police program will be presented for review.

12. Action requested: RDC support.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

SUPPORTING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE REVITALIZED
BARANGAY POLICE PROGRAM THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF
HOUSE BILL NO. 7348 FILED IN THE 18TH CONGRESS
OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Philippine National Police (PNP) Addendum to Letter of Instructions (LOI) 22/09 “BAYANIHAN” provides guidelines in the designation of one police personnel in every barangay to serve as a conduit between the PNP and the community, which was referred to as “*Pulis Niyo Po sa Barangay*”;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 70, s. 2018 was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte institutionalizing the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creating the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF ELCAC), and directing the adoption of a National Peace Framework;

WHEREAS, the Revitalized Barangay Police Program or the Revitalized *Pulis sa Barangay* (R-PSB) is a flagship program of the PNP Regional Office XI that established an effective police-community partnership at the grassroots level and strengthened barangay-based institutions (BBIs) and barangay-based peace keeping institutions (BPKIs) in Davao Region;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 7348 entitled “An Act Institutionalizing the Revitalized Barangay Police Program of the Philippine National Police and Appropriating Funds Therefore” was introduced in the 18th Congress of the Philippines by Davao Oriental 2nd District Representative Joel Mayo Z. Almario;

WHEREAS, the said house bill is deemed responsive to the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace in the country;

WHEREAS, RDC XI, during its 4th Quarter Full Council Meeting held on December 07, 2020, passed RDC XI Resolution No. 145, s. 2020 entitled “Supporting the Passage of House Bill No. 7348, entitled “An Act Institutionalizing the Revitalized Barangay Police Program of the Philippine National Police and Appropriating Funds Therefore” and sought support from other RDCs;

WHEREAS, the Secretariat requested the position of Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA and PNP MIMAROPA regarding the proposed institutionalization of revitalized barangay police program;

WHEREAS, DILG MIMAROPA supports the institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program and submitted the following comments and recommendations: a) supportive of the towards the attainment of peace and security at barangay level; and b) peace and order plays an important role in development, thus the more pressing need of more law enforcement measures geared towards promoting peace is desired;

WHEREAS, PNP MIMAROPA supports the institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program and submitted the following comments and recommendations: a) conforms with the advocacy in bringing the police close to the community; b) will lessen gap between police force and barangay; c) some conflicts in the barangay needs police intervention; d) more venues to address complaints of civilians; and e) easier for the PNP to receive community feedback;

WHEREAS, Development Administration Committee (DAC), during its 3rd quarter meeting on August 05 virtually through Zoom, reviewed the comments and recommendations of the concerned agencies regarding the institutionalization of Revitalized Barangay Police Program and recommended RDC support to RDC XI Resolution No. 145, s. 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support the institutionalization of the Revitalized Barangay Police Program through the passage of House Bill No. 7348 filed in the 18th Congress of the Philippines.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to establish Barangay Police Development Fund under House Bill No. 7348, with an initial amount of ₱1,000,000,000.00, accordingly replenished annually through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) to ensure sustainable implementation of Revitalized Barangay Police Program.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Support to the Proposed Discontinuance of Allocating Centrally Managed Items in the Preparation of the National Expenditure Program

1. Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 mandates Regional Development Councils (RDC) to review and endorse to the national government the proposed budgets of agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and special development authorities.
2. The Bicol Regional Development Council (RDC V) conducted a Technical Budget Review on January 20-22 and identified that the centrally managed items (CMIs) are one of the hindering factors in the approval and implementation of the budget of most regional line agencies.
3. The CMIs and lump sum appropriations are items in the agency budget which the implementing units and the specific amounts allocated are not indicated in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) or the General Appropriations Act (GAA).
4. Section 2.4.4 of the National Budget Memorandum No. 138, s. 2021 mandates the disaggregation of lump sum amounts within the agency specific budgets to reflect the program, activity or project, implementing agencies, and/or regional or local level.
5. The Supreme Court (SC) Rulings and Commission on Audit Issuances discourage the use of lump-sum appropriations and recommend a line-by-line budget or amount per budget or program, activity or project, and implementing agency.
6. On March 05, the RDC V passed Resolution No. 1-09, s. 2021 strongly recommending National Government Agencies, through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), to discontinue allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP.
7. The RDC V, through a letter dated May 25, sought the support and possible interventions of the RDCs regarding their recommendation to national government agencies, through the DBM, to discontinue the practice of allocation of CMIs in the preparation of the NEP.

8. The Secretariat requested the position of DBM MIMAROPA regarding the proposed discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP.

9. The DBM MIMAROPA supports the discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP based on the following concurring opinion of Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe and SC Rulings:

- a. lump sum funds may still be considered for singular appropriation purpose
- b. unprogrammed fund was constitutional as it may be used and contained singular corresponding purposes
- c. contingent fund was constitutional as it covers funding requirements of new or urgent projects

10. The Development Administration Committee (DAC), during its 3rd quarter meeting on August 5, 2021 virtually through Zoom video conference, reviewed the comments and recommendations of DBM MIMAROPA and other concerned agencies regarding the discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of NEP and recommended RDC support to RDC V Resolution No. 1-09, s. 2021 entitled “Strongly Recommending National Government Agencies (NGA), through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), to Discontinue the Practice of Allocating CMIs in the Preparation of the NEP.”

11. The highlights of the proposed discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP will be presented for review.

12. Action requested: RDC support.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF ALLOCATING
CENTRALLY MANAGED ITEMS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
NATIONAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 mandates Regional Development Councils (RDC) to review and endorse to the national government the proposed budgets of agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and special development authorities;

WHEREAS, the Bicol Regional Development Council (RDC V) conducted a Technical Budget Review on January 20-22 and identified that the centrally managed items (CMIs) are one of the hindering factors in the approval and implementation of the budget of most regional line agencies;

WHEREAS, the CMIs and lump sum appropriations are items in the agency budget for which the implementing units and the specific amounts allocated are not indicated in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) or the General Appropriations Act (GAA);

WHEREAS, Section 2.4.4 of the National Budget Memorandum No. 138, s. 2021 mandates the disaggregation of lump sum amounts within the agency specific budgets to reflect the program, activity or project, implementing agencies and/or regional or local level;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court (SC) Rulings and Commission on Audit Issuances discourage the use of lump-sum appropriations and recommend a line-by-line budget or amount per budget or program, activity or project, and implementing agency;

WHEREAS, on March 05, the RDC V passed Resolution No. 1-09, s. 2021 strongly recommending National Government Agencies, through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), to discontinue allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP;

WHEREAS, the RDC V, through a letter dated May 25, sought the support and possible interventions of the RDCs regarding their recommendation to national government agencies, through the DBM, to discontinue the practice of allocation of CMIs in the preparation of the NEP;

WHEREAS, the Secretariat requested the position of DBM MIMAROPA regarding the proposed discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP;

WHEREAS, DBM MIMAROPA supports the discontinuance of allocating CMIIs in the preparation of the NEP based on the following concurring opinion of Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe and SC Rulings:

- a. lump sum funds may still be considered for as long as the lump-sum amount is meant as a funding source for multiple programs, projects, activities that may all be clearly classified as falling under one singular appropriation purpose. In this sense, the “lump-sum” effectively functions as a “line-item” that is compliant with the doctrine of singular correspondence... - meaning, an allocation of a specified singular amount for a specified singular purpose;
- b. unprogrammed fund was constitutional as it specifically identified the public purposes for which the fund may be used and contained singularly corresponding purposes;
- c. contingent fund was also constitutional because its purpose was to cover the funding requirement of new or urgent projects that need to be implemented during the year;

WHEREAS, the Development Administration Committee, during its 3rd quarter meeting on August 5, 2021 virtually through Zoom video conference, reviewed the comments and recommendations of DBM MIMAROPA and other the concerned agencies regarding the discontinuance of allocating CMIIs in the preparation of NEP and recommended RDC support to RDC V Resolution No. 1-09, s. 2021 entitled “Strongly Recommending National Government Agencies (NGA), through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), to Discontinue the Practice of Allocating CMIIs in the Preparation of the NEP”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support the proposed discontinuance of allocating centrally managed items in the preparation of the National Expenditure Program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to urge concerned implementing agencies to provide disaggregation of lump sum amounts within the agency specific budgets to reflect the program, activity or project, implementing agencies and/or regional or local level.

RESOLVE FINALLY, to include this proposal in the DBM Budget Call.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: RPEB Resolution No. 3, s. 2021, "Strongly Endorsing House Bill No. 4689: Local Population Development Act of 2016 Now Pending at the House of Representatives to Address Various Population and Development-Related Issues and Concerns"

1. The Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) laid down its agenda which is integrated in the Strategic Plan for 2017-2022 to ensure inclusiveness and responsiveness of the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP) agenda to each of the critical population and development issues and concerns at the national, regional, and local level.
2. House Bill No. 4689, otherwise known as Local Population Development Act of 2016, mandates for the establishment and operation of Local Population and Development Offices (LPDOs) to ensure effective population management strategies and measures at the local level.
3. The LPDOs shall be primarily responsible in addressing population development issues in the locality to include increasing teenage pregnancy, high unintended pregnancies, rapid urbanization in cities and declining quantity of human resource in out-migration areas, unmanaged human settlements especially in environmentally hazardous areas, and gender inequality and discrimination. The operation of the LPDOs can contribute to accelerate socio-economic development in the locality.
4. The Regional Population Executive Board of MIMAROPA, on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021, via Zoom video conference, passed a resolution requesting the Regional Development Council MIMAROPA, through the Social Development Committee, to strongly endorse House Bill No. 2689: Local Population Development Act of 2016, which is now pending at the House of Representatives, to address various population and development-related issues and concerns.
5. The Social Development Committee, on its third quarter meeting held on August 6, 2021, via Zoom video conference, recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 3, s. 2021, strongly endorsing House Bill No. 2689: Local Population Development Act of 2016, which is now pending at the House of Representatives, to address various population and development-related issues and concerns.
6. Action requested: RDC support.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

ENDORISING TO THE MIMAROPA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
FOR SUPPORT AND POSSIBLE CO-AUTHORSHIP OF THE HOUSE
BILL NO. 4689: LOCAL POPULATION DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
2016 NOW PENDING AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO
ADDRESS VARIOUS POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT-RELATED
ISSUES AND CONCERNS

WHEREAS, the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) laid down its agenda which is integrated in the Strategic Plan for 2017-2022 to ensure inclusiveness and responsiveness of the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP) agenda to each of the critical population and development issues and concerns at the national, regional, and local level;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 4689, otherwise known as Local Population Development Act of 2016, mandates for the establishment and operation of Local Population and Development Offices (LPDOs) to ensure effective population management strategies and measures at the local level;

WHEREAS, LPDOs shall be primarily responsible in addressing population development issues in the locality to include increasing teenage pregnancy, high unintended pregnancies, rapid urbanization in cities and declining quantity of human resource in out-migration areas, unmanaged human settlements especially in environmentally hazardous areas, and gender inequality and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the operation of the LPDOs can contribute to accelerate socio-economic development in the locality;

WHEREAS, Regional Population Executive Board (RPEB) of MIMAROPA, on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021, via Zoom video conference, passed RPEB Resolution No. 3, s. 2021, requesting the Regional Development Council MIMAROPA, through the Social Development Committee, to strongly endorse House Bill No. 2689: Local Population Development Act of 2016, which is now pending at the House of Representatives, to address various population and development-related issues and concerns;

WHEREAS, the Social Development Committee, on its third quarter meeting held on August 6, 2021, via Zoom video conference, recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 3, s. 2021, strongly endorsing House Bill No. 2689: Local Population Development Act of 2016, which is now pending at the House of Representatives, to address various population and development-related issues and concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse to the MIMAROPA district representatives for support and possible co-authorship of the House Bill No. 4689: Local Population Development Act of 2016 now pending at the House of Representatives, to address various population and development-related issues and concerns.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021, “Endorsing to the Regional Development Council (RDC) through the Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) POPCOM’s Demographic Vulnerability Tool on Population Density to Mitigate the Continued Impact of the Pandemic and in Aid of Policy Development by LGU in Planning for Recovery Programs

1. Fifty-eight percent of all barangay in MIMAROPA region recorded COVID-19 cases between September 2020 and April 2021. The pattern by which COVID-19 virus transmission has been spreading may have some relationship with population density.

2. Based on the operational definition of density, 1,370 (or 98.84 percent) barangays in the region fall under low-density classification. Barangays which were greatly affected by COVID-19 in MIMAROPA fall under the said classification.

3. The Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) forwarded another tool for demographic vulnerabilities assessment of communities to COVID-19 which is based on population density at the barangay level. This is to assist local government units (LGUs) in crafting plans and programs in response to the current and future health emergencies and economic recovery.

4. POPCOM MIMAROPA urges all LGUs to consider barangay population density classification in assessing and addressing the demographic vulnerabilities of communities vis-à-vis the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths recorded in low, medium, and very high population density barangays in the region.

5. The Regional Population Executive Board of MIMAROPA, on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021, via Zoom video conference, passed a resolution endorsing to the RDC MIMAROPA, through the SDC, the POPCOM’s demographic vulnerability tool on population density to mitigate the continued impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy formulation among LGUs in preparing recovery programs.

6. The Social Development Committee, on its third quarter meeting held on August 6, 2021, via Zoom video conference, recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021, endorsing POPCOM’s demographic vulnerability tool on population density to mitigate the continued impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy formulation among the LGUs in preparing recovery programs.

7. Action requested: RDC support.

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MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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RDC Resolution No. _____

ENDORISING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) THE
UTILIZATION OF POPCOM'S DEMOGRAPHIC VULNERABILITY
TOOL ON POPULATION DENSITY TO MITIGATE THE CONTINUED
IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AND IN AID OF POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AMONG LGUs IN PLANNING FOR RECOVERY
PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, fifty-eight percent of all barangay in MIMAROPA region recorded COVID-19 cases between September 2020 and April 2021, the pattern by which COVID-19 virus transmission has been spreading may have some relationship with population density;

WHEREAS, based on the operational definition of density, 1,370 (or 98.84 percent) barangays in the region fall under low-density classification and barangays which were greatly affected by COVID-19 in MIMAROPA fall under the said classification;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) forwarded another tool for demographic vulnerability assessment of the communities to COVID-19 which is based on population density at the barangay level to assist local government units (LGUs) in crafting plans and programs in response to the current and future health emergencies and economic recovery;

WHEREAS, POPCOM MIMAROPA urges all LGUs to consider barangay population density classification in assessing and addressing the demographic vulnerabilities of communities vis-à-vis the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths recorded in low, medium, and very high population density barangays in the region;

WHEREAS, the Regional Population Executive Board of MIMAROPA, on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021, via Zoom video conference, passed RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021 recommending to RDC MIMAROPA, through the SDC, the POPCOM's demographic vulnerability tool on population density to mitigate the continued impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs;

WHEREAS, the Social Development Committee, on its third quarter meeting held on August 6, 2021, via Zoom video conference, recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 7, s. 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse to the local government units the utilization of POPCOM's demographic vulnerability tool on population density to mitigate the continued impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Support to House Bill (HB) 3885, or the Provincial Science Technology Office (PSTO) Bill, and HB 4581, or the Science for Change Program (S4CP) Bill

1. The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is mandated to provide central direction, leadership, and coordination of scientific and technological efforts and ensure that the results therefrom are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the people.
2. The DOST through its Department Legislative Liaison Office (DLLO) is currently soliciting endorsement from both governmental and non-governmental entities to support the priority legislation bills particularly the PSTO Bill and S4CP Bill and to fast-track its approval in the Congress.
3. The two bills seek to catalyze the transfer mechanism of relevant and appropriate technologies and services both in rural and urban areas particularly in the enhancement and development of technology-based livelihood in the countryside that would strengthen the linkage between the highly urbanized cities and provinces.
4. The PSTO Bill seeks to upgrade the existing Provincial Science and Technology Centers (PSTCs) of the DOST, which are the principal instruments of technology transfers and development of technology-based enterprises of the government in the rural areas. The passage of this bill will accelerate the progress in the provinces to become competitive and be at par with the highly urbanized cities in the country.
5. The S4CP Bill is created to accelerate the science, technology and innovation (STI) in the country to keep up with the developments in our time wherein technology and innovation are game changers. Through this program, DOST can significantly accelerate STI in the country and create a massive increase in investment on S&T Human Resource Development and R&D.
6. The RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, agreed to support the two bills and resolved to present them during the third quarter RDC Full Council meeting for endorsement.
7. Action Requested: RDC endorsement.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

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VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL (HB) 3885 OR THE
PROVINCIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICE BILL AND HB
4581 OR THE SCIENCE FOR CHANGE PROGRAM BILL

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is mandated to provide central direction, leadership, and coordination of scientific and technological efforts and ensure that the results therefrom are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the people;

WHEREAS, the DOST through its Department Legislative Liaison Office (DLLO) is currently soliciting endorsement from both governmental and non-governmental entities to support the priority legislation bills particularly the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Bill and the Science for Change Program (S4CP) Bill to fast-track its approval in the Congress;

WHEREAS, the two bills seek to catalyze the transfer mechanism of relevant and appropriate technologies and services both in rural and urban areas particularly in the enhancement and development of technology-based livelihood in the countryside that would strengthen the linkage between the highly urbanized cities and provinces;

WHEREAS, the PSTO Bill seeks to upgrade the existing Provincial Science and Technology Centers (PSTCs) of the DOST, which are the principal instruments of technology transfers and development of technology-based enterprises of the government in the rural areas. The passage of this bill will accelerate the progress in the provinces to become competitive and be at par with the highly urbanized cities in the country;

WHEREAS, the S4CP Bill is created to accelerate the science, technology, and innovation (STI) in the country to keep up with the developments in our time wherein technology and innovation are game changers and through this program, DOST can significantly accelerate STI in the country and create a massive increase in investment on science and technology, human resource development, and research and development;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, agreed to support the two bills and resolved to present them during the third quarter RDC Full Council meeting for endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support the passage of HB 3885 or the Provincial Science and Technology Office Bill and HB 4581 or the Science for Change Program Bill.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Creation, Strengthening, and Institutionalization of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee in the Local Government Units in MIMAROPA

1. The MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC), a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC), aims to bridge the gap and challenges of regional socio-economic development by ensuring researches, innovations, and other science and technology-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to regional development thrusts.

2. Based on the assessment indicated in the updated Philippine Development Plan (PDP), the country is facing several challenges as regards to STI, which include limited linkages among the players in the STI ecosystem, slow commercialization, underutilization of outputs of STI activities, inadequate research and development (R&D) infrastructure, and low level of awareness on the results of R&D activities.

3. The proposed policy on the creation of science, technology, and innovation (STI) committee in the local government units (LGUs) will institutionalize the engagement, commitment, and active participation of LGUs in STI-related R&D programs and projects in the region and ensure the attainment of STI targets in accordance with the Regional Development Plan, the PDP, the MIMAROPA Regional R&D Agenda, the Harmonized National R&D Agenda, and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

4. The STI committee will also pave the way to empower the communities to articulate their needs as they participate in the decision-making process, program planning, implementation, and monitoring at the local level, which could enhance the responsiveness and efficiency of local governments in delivering STI services.

5. The RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, approved the proposed policy including its guidelines (refer to attached guidelines) and resolved to recommend RDC approval and adoption during its third quarter RDC Full Council meeting on September 03, 2021.

6. Action Requested: For approval.

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Development Council
REGIONAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE
Region 4-B (MIMAROPA) I Taguig City, Philippines

“Policy on the Creation, Strengthening, and Institutionalization of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee in the Local Government Units in MIMAROPA Region”

I. BACKGROUND/ RATIONALE

Pursuant to its mandate to oversee and set direction and develop pertinent policies in all physical, economic, and development efforts in the region, the MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC) approved the creation of the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee in the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the MIMAROPA region, during its 2nd Quarter RRDIC Regular Meeting on May 04, 2021.

Based on the assessment indicated in the Philippine Development Plan, the country is facing several challenges as regards to STI. These include limited linkages among the players in the STI ecosystem; slow commercialization and underutilization of outputs of STI activities; inadequate research and development (R&D) infrastructure especially in the regions; low level of awareness on the results of R&D activities and on the government's support mechanisms to help firms become more innovative; and inadequate and fragmented information dissemination campaigns, particularly on available technologies. Also, many LGUs are not deeply involved in the identification and implementation of appropriate programs, projects, services, and activities in the city/ municipal levels as partners in economic development through STI.

The creation of STI Committee in the LGUs will help address these challenges in the region. It will institutionalize the engagement, commitment, and active participation of LGUs in STI-related R&D programs and projects in the region and ensure the attainment of STI targets in accordance with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022, Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022, Harmonized National R&D Agenda (HNRDA) 2017-2022, MIMAROPA Regional R&D Agenda (2018-2022), and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The committee will also pave the way to empower the communities to articulate their needs as they participate in the decision-making process, program planning, implementation and monitoring at the local level which could enhance the responsiveness and efficiency of local governments in delivering science, technology, and innovation (STI) services

II. PURPOSE

- A. The creation of STI Committee in the LGUs and designation of STI focal person will institutionalize the engagement, commitment, and active participation of LGUs in STI-related programs, activities, and projects in the region.
- B. It will define the roles and responsibilities, composition, and structure of STI committee to enable it to function as a mechanism for catalyzing STI initiatives in the local government.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply, unless otherwise stated:

- A. *RRDIC*- refers to the “Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee” a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC) that aims to address the challenges of socio-economic development by ensuring research, innovations, and other S&T-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to the regional development thrusts.
- B. *STI Committee*- refers to a committee that will facilitate the implementation of the STI related efforts in the local government setting.
- C. *Local Government Units (LGUs)*- refers to institutional units whose fiscal, legislative, and executive authority extends over the smallest geographical areas distinguished for administrative and political purposes. These include the provincial, city and municipal government units.
- D. *STI Committee Chair*-refers to a person who serves as a parliamentary head of the committee.
- E. *Provincial S&T Centers*- refers to the provincial centers of DOST regional office that primarily implement the DOST program and projects on technology promotion and transfer, S&T human resource development, S&T promotion and information dissemination, delivery of technical and consultancy services, and such other areas of concern that will benefit the people in the provinces.
- F. *STI Focal Person*- refers to any authorized person who will man the committee, plans, coordinates, and facilitates all STI-related efforts in LGUs. Critically maintains the smooth working relations with community leaders and other stakeholders.
- G. *Agency Head*- refers to the local chief executive or administrative officer of an agency or any member of the board or commission who exercises supervision over the agency.

IV. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This policy covers the Local Government Units (Provincial, Municipal, and City Government Units) in the MIMAROPA region:

- A. It provides guidelines for the institutionalization of STI committee and STI focal person in the LGUs.
- B. It further defines the functions and responsibilities of the LGUs, STI Committee, and other government and private stakeholders (e.g., DOST, SUC, other HEIs).
- C. All concerned parties including the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) are encouraged to adopt these guidelines subject for implementation beginning FY 2022.

V. LEGAL BASIS

A. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of United Nations

A.1. Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.

- Develop quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all.
- Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending
- Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.

A.2. Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

- Ensure that national policies and laws on accessible housing public infrastructure, transport, and services are in place and implemented.
- Develop national policies and laws that guarantee access to adequate and affordable housing for persons with disabilities.
- Raise awareness on disability among communities and decision makers and create the enabling environment where persons with disabilities are included without discrimination and can participate equally in their communities.
- Share knowledge and best practices and build capacity to implement measures promoting accessibility and inclusion.
- Improve research and data to monitor, evaluate, and strengthen urban development to be more accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities.
- Increase digital broadband or smart cities capability and its potential to support intra- and inter-community interaction to enhance competitiveness, local prosperity, and social inclusion in both rural and urban context.

A.3. Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

- Promote the development, transfer, dissemination, and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favorable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed.
- Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology, and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries.
- Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

B. Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022

B.1. Chapter 14: Vigorously Advancing Science, Technology, and Innovation.

- **Promote commercialization and utilization of technologies from publicly funded R&D.** The government will promote and accelerate the dissemination, transfer, commercialization, and utilization of knowledge, technologies, information, and processes derived from publicly funded S&T activities without prejudice to intellectual property rights.
- **Provide support mechanisms for startups and MSMEs in the regions.** The government will strengthen the policy and regulatory environment, and introduce new mechanisms to support technopreneurs, startups, spin-off companies and MSMEs.
- **Support research and development agenda.** The government will invest in building an efficient system of knowledge creation and technology generation. Among others, this will include basic research that needs revitalization, promotion, and development through a more rational share in the STI ecosystem budget and infrastructure.
- **Foster an STI Culture.** The culture of inventiveness and creativity will be promoted in all sectors and as early as possible. Programs to boost the interest of young students to pursue STEM courses and the creative arts as viable career options will be pursued. Communicating STI through various media and in partnership with different stakeholders will be carried out to increase public awareness and interest on the importance of STI in daily life.
- **Strengthen tripartite collaboration.** In preparation for the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling scenario, collaboration in R&D based on the triple helix model which

involves the coordination and cooperation of university, industry, and government, will be strengthened. It will be facilitated through the elimination of institutional bottlenecks for joint research activities, such as burdensome processes and administrative procedures, particularly in public higher education and research institutions. The government will also leverage public R&D grants, tax, and other incentives to increase productivity.

C. *Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 Midterm Update*

C.1. Chapter 14: Vigorously Advancing Science, Technology, and Innovation.

- Developing highly skilled and globally competitive S&T human resources in support of the national S&T programs.
- Set-up state-of-the-art facilities and capabilities that enable local industries to move up the value chain and attain global competitiveness.
- Strategic clustering of industries to identify core projects where an S&T intervention can have wider spill-over effect to the entire value chain.
- Value addition by converting a raw material or its by-products to an end/finished product thru S&T application.

D. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and Supreme Court (SC) Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling*

D.1. Internal Revenue Allotment, LGUs shall have just share, as determined by law, in the national taxes which shall be automatically released to them. Forty percent (40%) of the share in the national internal revenue taxes (NIRT) based on the collection of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year will be given to LGUs.

D.2. Supreme Court Ruling, the SC ruled that the just share of LGUs from the national taxes is not limited to “***national internal revenues taxes***” collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) but includes the collections (customs duties) by the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

E. *Philippine Innovation Act of 2019 (RA 11293)*

E.1. Rule 2. Declaration of Policy

- The State shall place innovation at the center of its development policies, guided by a clear and long-term set of goals that shall take into consideration the key advantages of the country and the opportunities in the regional and global economic arena. As such, it shall harness innovation efforts to help the poor and the marginalized, enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to be a part of the domestic and global supply chain, and catalyze the growth of Philippine industries and local economies.
- Investments in education, science, technology, and innovation shall be guided by a strategic direction towards strengthening the country’s knowledge-based

economic development that benefits all. Innovation starts with a robust pool of skilled, talented, and creative people. Educational institutions, private organizations, businesses, government agencies and local government units (LGUs) are key drivers of programs that stimulate innovation literacy and skills development for the Filipino workforce and entrepreneurs, including women and the youth.

- The State recognizes the importance of an effective and efficient innovation ecosystem that addresses and delivers action in various policy areas, including MSME development, education, trade, investment, finance, and agriculture, sustainable energy, climate change, among others. This requires the various departments and agencies of government to implement a “whole of government” approach that shall ensure policy coherence, alignment of priorities, and effective coordination in program delivery.

E.2. Rule 14. Regional Innovation and Cluster Policy

The National Innovation Council (NIC) shall integrate in the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document (NIASD) strategies to promote regional innovation that shall harness the competitive advantages, as well as existing and potential strengths of regions and provinces. Such strategies shall promote regional development through sound science, technology, and innovation programs. For this purpose, the RDCs shall help coordinate and monitor the implementation of the NIASDs in their respective regions.

E.3. Rule 20. Advocacy and Community Education

LGUs, in coordination with the DILG, are also hereby mandated to create innovation programs through collaboration with other government agencies, nongovernment organizations, academic institutions and private companies consistent with the provisions of the Act and the NIASD. LGUs may provide incentives for the implementation of various innovation instruments, including the provisions of Section 16 of the Act.

F. Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for other Purposes

F.1. Section 2. Guiding Principles

The National Government in close collaboration with the LGUs through their respective Leagues, shall formulate and pursue an institutional development program to support the LGUs to strengthen their capacities and capabilities to fully assume the devolved functions based on RA No. 7160 and other relevant laws.

F.2. Section 4. Functions, Services and Facilities for Full Devolution

Consistent with Section 17(e) of RA No. 7160, and for purposes of the order, devolution shall pertain to the act by which National Government, as may be allowed by existing laws, confers power and authority to the various LGUs to perform specific functions and responsibilities.

F.3. Section 5. Devolution Transition Plans

The national government agencies (NGAs) concerned and all LGUs shall prepare their respective devolution transition plans (DTPs) which conform to the guidelines to be jointly issue by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

F.4. Section 11. Strengthening Planning, Investment Programming and Budgeting Linkages and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Systems

The vertical and horizontal linkages across different levels of government in development planning, investment programming and budgeting shall be strengthened to align NG, regional and local priorities. The Regional Development Councils shall set the strategic direction for the faster development of the regions, especially in the lagging areas, and facilitate the alignment of the local development and the land use plans with the goals, objectives, and targets in the Updated Philippine Development Plan and the respective regional development plans.

G. *Revised Guidelines for the Grants-In-Aid Program of the Department of Science and Technology and Its Agencies (AO No. 009 S.2017 and 017. S.2018)*

While DOST is primarily mandated to be the lead government arm in promoting S&T innovation and strengthen the participation of S&T sectors in the country, it will devolve its basic services and provide STI interventions to the local government units according to the identified priorities and thrusts.

G.1. *Research and Development (Generation of Knowledge and Technologies)*

Research and development (R&D) comprise creative work undertaken on a systematic basis to increase the stock of knowledge of man, culture, and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

G.2. *Research and Development Results Utilization-Diffusion of Knowledge and Technologies*

The technology utilization and dissemination of knowledge and innovation generated from R&D to reach the end-users, such as the LGUs, policy makers, farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, extension workers, industries, and students.

G.3. *Development of Human Resources and R&D Institutions for the S&T Sectors*

- Involves a wide range of intervention from the provision of high-quality formal education at all levels specialized training with focus on young scientist and engineers, and the development, attraction, and retention of country's S&T talents.

- These include specialized science secondary school program, undergraduate scholarship program, teacher upgrading program, graduate scholarship programs, program for tapping overseas Filipino S&T services, awards and recognition program and other human resource development programs.

G.4. Provision of Quality S&T Services

The DOST provides other services that strengthen the S&T infrastructure to develop and upgrade national, regional, and local S&T capabilities of institutions and centers of excellence. These include:

- Improving/upgrading the testing, measurement and calibration services of government laboratories and facilities.
- S&T policy development including services and management that support to S&T programs and projects.
- Other S&T linkages development/promotion activities to include, among others, organization and strengthening S&T networks, and bilateral agreements, S&T programs for women and tri-media.
- Testing and calibration services for R&D institutes and other offices
- S&T regulatory and licensing work, and licensing policy, such as those made by DOST.

VI. POLICY ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

- The Local Chief Executive or Sangguniang Panlalawigan/ Panlungsod/ Pambayan shall issue appropriate directives through Executive Order or resolution to institutionalize the creation of STI committee in their respective agencies/offices;
- The tasks and functions of the STI Committee Chair and STI Focal Person shall form part of their regular key result areas and workplan;
- LGU shall develop STI capacity development programs that support the committee core objectives, which may include planning, budgeting, among others;
- LGU shall conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation and shall undertake measures to address possible issues hindering the performance of the Committee;
- Funds shall be allocated for human resources, programs, activities, and projects to support the organization, management, and operations of the Committee, to be charged to the agency's budget.

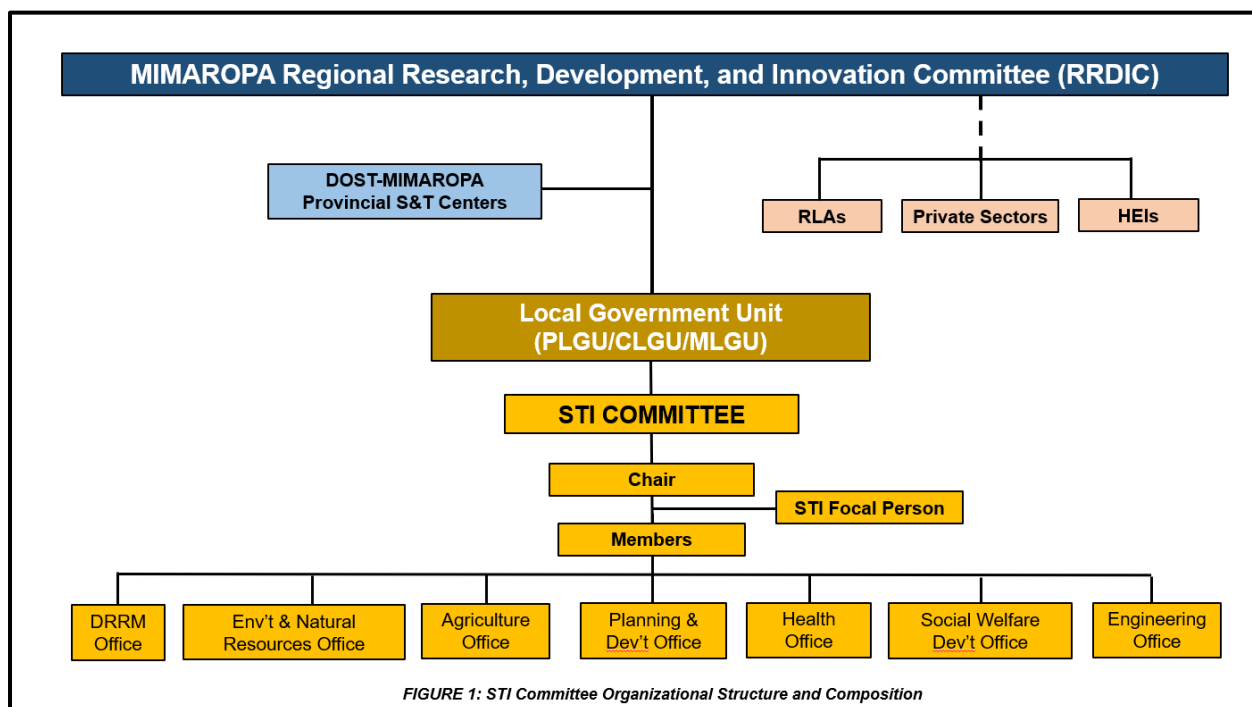
VII. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

A. Structure and Composition of the STI Committee

- The STI Committee shall be composed of the department heads/representatives from different offices of province/city/municipality, .e.g. Planning and Development Office, Agriculture Office, Environment and

Natural Resources Office, Health Office, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Social Welfare and Development, Engineering, etc.

- The local chief executive (LCE) shall designate a chair and a focal person for the STI committee.
- The structure and composition of the STI Committee may be modified based on the organizational structure of the agency or office. When necessary, the committee may be reconstituted in the interim.



B. Functions and Responsibilities of STI Committee and Other Key Players

1. Local Government Units (LGUs)

- Create an STI Committee to be headed by an STI chair, and appoint an STI Focal Person.
- Through the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod/Panlalawigan, shall enact an ordinance establishing a system of partnership between and among the LGU, RLAs and SUCs to legitimize their involvement in the various local government programs, projects, and activities.
- Provide the appropriate funding support for the personnel and operation services necessary to carry out the functions of STI Committee in their respective area of jurisdiction.
- Provide direction and serve as the over-all monitoring body ensuring efficient and effective implementation of STI committee.

2. STI Committee, STI Chair and focal person/s, shall perform the following:

STI Committee:

- Develop an STI plan for the LGU.
- Endorse to LCE and SB/SP the STI-related PPAs for adoption and implementation.
- Participate in STI-related PPAs of the LGUs and other related activities of provincial and national government agencies, NGOs, and private sector.
- Monitor and evaluate the STI PPAs of the LGUs.

STI Committee Chair:

- Lead in mainstreaming STI-based perspective in agency/department policies, plans and programs. In the process, he/she shall ensure the assessment of the STI-responsiveness of programs and projects of the agency based on the priority needs and concerns in accordance with HNRDA/MRDA, PDP/RDP and SUC R&D Agenda.
- Strengthen the external links with other agencies or organizations to harmonize and synchronize STI efforts at various levels of governance.
- Mobilize and ensure participation of concerned LGU units/departments in the various processes and activities of the national government, particularly in science, technology, and innovation (STI) services and programs

STI Focal Person:

- The designated focal person must have a prior knowledge and level of familiarity to the STI concepts, policies, and tools to provide appropriate direction to support and strengthen the STI mainstreaming activities.
- Coordinate efforts of different divisions, offices, units of the agency and advocate for the integration of STI perspectives in all applicable systems and processes
- Monitor the committee participation in the STI-related programs, projects, and activities of the local government.
- Collaborate and submit reports on matters relating to the programs, projects, and activities of the STI Committee; and
- Perform STI-related functions as may be required from time to time

3. Other Concerned Governmental and Non-governmental Agencies

a) Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Regional Office through its Provincial S&T Centers (PSTCs) shall:

- Serve as coordinating and overseeing body to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the STI committee;

- Provide technical assistance in the formation of STI Committee in the local government units;
- Identify and coordinate with the LGUs and government agencies, the capacity building needs of STI committee, e.g., project monitoring, local development planning, etc.
- Provide STI interventions to PPAs and capability enhancement or upskilling of STI Committee, among others.

b) **Public and Private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** shall:

- Support capacity development of STI Committee through trainings and technical assistance;
- Provide necessary services for STI-related projects and programs of the local government units.

c) **Regional Line Agencies (RLAs)** shall:

- Provide assistance articulating RDI-related concerns or pressing issues in agri-aqua, health, industry, and emerging technologies, and the overall perspective on municipal/provincial development level
- Participate and provide insights on municipal/provincial development planning, investment programming, monitoring, and evaluation programs and projects.

d) **Private Sector/s** shall:

- Provide assistance articulating RDI-related concerns or pressing issues in agri-aqua, health, industry, and emerging technologies, and the overall perspective on municipal/provincial development level
- Participate and provide insights on municipal/provincial development planning, investment programming, monitoring, and evaluation programs and projects.

VIII. REFERENCES

- 1987 Philippine Constitution
- 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines
- Executive Order No. 128 of 1987- Reorganizing the National Science and Technology Authority
- Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRA) and Supreme Court (SC) Ruling on the Mandanas Case
- DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-012
- Guidelines on the Preparation of the 2019 MIMAROPA Regional Development Report of NEDA-MIMAROPA

- Guidelines on the Certification of the Regional Pool of Gender and Development (GAD) Resource Person (RPGRP)
- Guidelines on the Review of Agency Priority Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) for FY 2021 Budget of RDC-NEDA MIMAROPA

IX. EFFECTIVITY DATE

This Policy Guidelines shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its approval by the Local Government Units for adoption.

X. FEEDBACK

Inquiries and other concerns may be addressed to the RRDIC Secretariat through telephone number: (02) 8837-3755 or email address: nimu@mimaropa.dost.gov.ph.

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTER RDC FULL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

ENDORISING TO AND ENJOINING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS IN MIMAROPA TO ADOPT THE POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE
CREATION, STRENGTHENING, AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF
LOCAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, based on the assessment indicated in the updated Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022, the country is facing several challenges on science, technology, and innovation (STI), which include limited linkages among the players in the STI ecosystem, slow commercialization, underutilization of outputs of STI activities, inadequate research and development (R&D) infrastructure, and low level of awareness on the results of R&D activities;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC), a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC), which aims to bridge the gap and challenges of regional socio-economic development by ensuring researches, innovations, and other science and technology-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to regional development thrusts proposed a policy guidelines on the creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of an STI Committee in the local government units (LGUs) in MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, the proposed policy guidelines (attached and shall form part of this resolution) will institutionalize the engagement, commitment, and active participation of LGUs in STI-related R&D programs and activities in the region and ensure the attainment of STI targets in accordance with the Regional Development Plan, the PDP, the MIMAROPA Regional R&D Agenda, the Harmonized National R&D Agenda, and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals;

WHEREAS, the local STI committee will also pave the way to empower the communities to articulate their needs as they participate in the decision-making process, program planning, implementation, and monitoring at the local level, which could enhance the responsiveness and efficiency of local governments in delivering STI services;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, approved the proposed policy guidelines and recommend RDC endorse to and enjoin the local government units to adopt the proposed policy guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse to and enjoin the local government units in MIMAROPA to adopt the policy guidelines on the creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of local science, technology, and innovation committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the copy of this resolution be provided to DILG MIMAROPA to assist in the creation of local STI committee.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Submission of list of research and development (R&D) programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) of research and development institutions and certificate of compliance and conformity to respective R&D agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, and SDG

1. The MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC), a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC), aims to bridge the gap and challenges of regional socio-economic development by ensuring researches, innovations, and other S&T-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to regional development thrusts.
2. The RRDIC has formulated a policy urging MIMAROPA state universities and colleges (SUCs) and research and development institutions (RDIs) to submit their respective R&D PPAs and certification of compliance and conformity to their respective R&D Agenda, MIMAROPA R&D Agenda (MRDA), Harmonized National R&D Agenda (HNRDA), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
3. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the R&D PPAs of SUCs and RDIs are consistent with their respective R&D Agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, and SDG, and supportive of the development thrusts and priorities of the region and the current administration as a whole.
4. The R&D agenda of the RDIs will be periodically reviewed based on the changes on the medium-term development plans, or in case there are changes in priorities of the new administration.
5. A unified database system will be developed or the existing database, the Research and Development Unified Information System will be expanded to serve as a repository of the R&D Agenda and PPAs of all MIMAROPA SUCs and RDIs of which submission shall be certified by their respective agency heads.
6. The RRDIC, upon review of the submitted R&D PPAs, confirmed its alignment with the RDP, MRDA, HNRDA, and SDG and recommends RDC approval and adoption.
7. The RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, resolved to present this policy during the RDC third quarter full council meeting on September 03, 2021, for approval and adoption.
8. Action Requested: For RDC approval and adoption.

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RDC Resolution No. _____

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF LIST OF RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT (R&D) PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES
(PPAs) OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF
COMPLIANCE AND CONFORMITY WITH THE RESPECTIVE R&D
AGENDA, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, AND SDG TO THE MIMAROPA
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RRDIC), a special committee under the Regional Development Council (RDC), aims to bridge the gap and challenges of regional socio-economic development by ensuring researches, innovations, and other science and technology-based projects are relevant, responsive, and aligned to regional development thrusts;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC urges MIMAROPA state universities and colleges (SUCs) and research and development institutions (RDIs) to submit their respective R&D programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) and certification of compliance and conformity to their respective R&D Agenda, MIMAROPA R&D Agenda (MRDA), Harmonized National R&D Agenda (HNRDA), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to ensure that the R&D PPAs of SUCs and RDIs are consistent with their respective R&D Agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, and SDG, and supportive of the development thrusts and priorities of the region and the current administration as a whole;

WHEREAS, a unified database system will be developed or the existing database, the Research and Development Unified Information System will be expanded to serve as a repository of the R&D Agenda and PPAs of all MIMAROPA SUCs and RDIs of which submission shall be certified by their respective agency heads;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, upon review of the submitted R&D PPAs, shall confirm its alignment with the RDP, MRDA, HNRDA, and SDG and shall recommend RDC approval and adoption;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, during its third quarter virtual regular meeting on August 04, 2021, resolved to present this policy during the RDC third quarter full council meeting for approval and adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the submission of the list of research and development (R&D) programs, projects, and activities of state universities and colleges and research and development institutions and certification of compliance and conformity with the respective R&D agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, and SDG to the MIMAROPA Research, Development, and Innovation Committee.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Creation of the Screening Committee for the Certification of MIMAROPA Regional Pool of Gender and Development Resource Persons (RPGRP) and Confirmation of the Chairperson and Members of the Screening Committee

1. The Regional Development Council (RDC) during its first quarter meeting on March 5, 2021, through video conference, passed RDC Resolution No. 2021-074-987, approving and adopting the guidelines on the certification of the RPGRP.
2. The certification of the MIMAROPA RPGRP is one of the activities specified in the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 of the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) MIMAROPA to address the issue on the limited number of GAD experts in the region.
3. The guidelines specify the processes of application, shortlisting, and certification of GAD resource persons, which also include the terms of reference, GAD technical assistance referral process, and the roles of the RGADC and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) in the certification of the GAD pools of experts.
4. Based on the approved certification guidelines, the RGADC shall create the RPGRP Screening Committee that shall be composed of a Chairperson and at least two (2) members of the RGADC. A representative from the PCW may also be invited to serve as adviser or technical assistant during the profiling and selection process.
5. The RPGRP Screening Committee shall lead the process of application, shortlisting, and leveling session of applicants to the RPGRP.
6. During the RGADC third quarter meeting on August 17, 2021, through Zoom video conference, the Committee approved the creation of a screening committee for the certification of MIMAROPA RPGRP.
7. Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina of the Western Philippines University (WPU) was elected as the Chairperson of the Screening Committee for the certification of MIMAROPA RPGRP.
8. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) MIMAROPA, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA, Economic Development Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha, Social Development Committee Chairperson Marvi R. Trudeau, and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA were elected as members and were also confirmed by the Committee.
9. Action requested: For RDC approval and confirmation.

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RDC Resolution No. _____

APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR
THE CERTIFICATION OF MIMAROPA REGIONAL POOL OF GENDER
AND DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE PERSONS (RPGRP) AND
CONFIRMING THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE
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WHEREAS, the RPGRP Screening Committee shall lead the process of application, shortlisting, and leveling session of applicants to the RPGRP;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina of the Western Philippines University (WPU) was elected as the Chairperson of the Screening Committee for the certification of the MIMAROPA RPGRP;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) MIMAROPA, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) MIMAROPA, Economic Development Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha, Social Development Committee Chairperson Marvi R. Trudeau, and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA were elected as members and were also confirmed by the Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the creation of the screening committee for the certification of MIMAROPA RPGRP and to confirm the Chairperson and members of the Screening Committee.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOVERNOR JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Confirmation of Regional Gender and Development (RGADC) Members

1. The MIMAROPA Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) during its second quarter meeting on May 14, 2021, passed RGADC Resolution No. 06, s, 2021, approving the full implementation of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2016-01 in the selection of members of the MIMAROPA RGADC.

2. The NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 provides for the guidelines and procedures for the establishment, strengthening, and institutionalization of the RGADC under Regional Development Committee (RDC) and the composition, structure, and functions of the RGADC in order to accelerate gender mainstreaming at the regional and local levels.

3. Based on the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01, the RGADC members shall include a) chairpersons or representatives of RDC sectoral committees; b) directors of the regional offices of the NEDA, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and Commission on Human Rights (CHR); c) head of the CHED-recognized Regional GAD Center, if present in the region; d) representatives from local government units (LGUs); and e) civil society/private sector organization/s representing the women sector who received the highest number of nominations among the regular members, provided, that the number of civil society/private sector representatives shall not be more than one-fourth of the total number of members of the committee;

4. The JMC also states that representatives from other agencies or sectors may also be added as members of the Committee depending on the gender issues and concerns of the region and that the members of the committee shall, at all times, be odd in number to prevent ties in cases of decision-making;

5. The regional directors of DBM MIMAROPA, PSA MIMAROPA, and CHR MIMAROPA and the chairpersons of the RDC sectoral committees were invited to the third quarter committee meeting to discuss their membership in the committee.

6. The current RGADC members except NEDA, DILG, CHED, LGU representatives and private sector representatives (PSRs) were also provided with official communication regarding their concurrence to their continued membership in the RGADC MIMAROPA.

7. The concurrence of the current members to their continued membership in the RGADC membership and concurrence of the regional directors of the DBM MIMAROPA, PSA MIMAROPA, and CHR MIMAROPA and the sectoral committees' chairpersons on their membership in RGADC MIMAROPA based on the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 were confirmed during the third quarter meeting of the committee on August 17, 2021.

8. The expanded membership of MIMAROPA RGADC with 33 members including the additional members as prescribed in the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 was approved by the committee for RDC confirmation during the MIMAROPA RGADC 3rd quarter meeting on August 17, 2021.

9. Action requested: For RDC confirmation.

List of members of the RGADC MIMAROPA

No.	Name	Agency/Office/Organization
RGADC Officers		
1	Dir. Fernando R. De Villa Jr.	DSWD MIMAROPA, RGADC Chairperson
2	Juvelyn V. Gumali-in	PMUI, RGADC Co-Chairperson
Regional Line Agencies		
3	Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza	NEDA MIMAROPA
4	Dir. Wilhelm Suyko	DILG MIMAROPA
5	Dir. Joselito C. Alisuag	CHED MIMAROPA
6	Dir. Mario S. Baquilod	DOH MIMAROPA
7	Atty. Joffrey M. Suyao	DOLE MIMAROPA
8	Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay	DOST MIMAROPA
9	Dir. Nicolas T. Capulong	DepED MIMAROPA
10	Acting Director Joel M. Pilotin	TESDA MIMAROPA
11	NPC Ma. Eileen B. Blanco	NNC MIMAROPA
12	Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua	NCIP MIMAROPA
13	Dir. Reynaldo O. Wong	POPCOM MIMAROPA
14	Mr. Julius Ervin O. Enciso	DHSUD MIMAROPA
15	Usec. Ryan R. Enriquez	NYC MIMAROPA
16	Dir. Ruben L. Carandang	OCD MIMAROPA
17	Dir. Maria Angelita C. Cells	DBM MIMAROPA
18	Dir. Leni R. Rioflorido	PSA MIMAROPA
19	Atty. Dennis F. Mosquera	CHR MIMAROPA
C/PPDCs		
20	EnP. Lydia Muneca S. Melgar	PPDO Oriental Mindoro
21	Mr. Anthony A. Dantis	PPDO Occidental Mindoro
22	EnP. Marian M. Cunanan	PPDO Marinduque
23	Engr. Aireen Marcaida	PPDO Palawan
24	EnP. Willard B. Mortos	PPDO Romblon
25	Engr. Jovenee C. Sagun	CPDO Puerto Princesa
26	EnP. Amormio CJ S. Benter	CPDo Calapan
SUC		
27	Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina	WPU
Private Sector Representatives		
28	Joanna J. Elideros	TKCI
29	Maria Milagros G. Quieng	PAI
SecCom Chairpersons		
30	PSR Marvi R. Trudeau	SDC Chairperson, PSFI
31	Rodne R. Galicha	EDC Chairperson, Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc.
32	Darius M. Guerrero	DAC Chairperson, PTGWO
33	Gov. Presbitero Velasco Jr.	IDC Chairperson, PGOM

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VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

CONFIRMATION OF THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL GENDER AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RGADC) MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA RGADC, during its second quarter meeting on May 14, 2021 passed RGADC Resolution No. 006, s. 2021, approving the full implementation of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) No. 2016-01 in the selection of members of the MIMAROPA RGADC;

WHEREAS, the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 provides for the guidelines and procedures for the establishment, strengthening, and institutionalization of the RGADC under Regional Development Committee (RDC) and the composition, structure, and functions of the RGADC in order to accelerate gender mainstreaming at the regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, based on the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01, the RGADC members shall include a) chairpersons or representatives of RDC sectoral committees; b) directors of the regional offices of the NEDA, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and Commission on Human Rights (CHR); c) head of the CHED-recognized Regional GAD Center, if present in the region; d) representatives from local government units (LGUs); and e) civil society/private sector organization/s representing the women sector who received the highest number of nominations among the regular members, provided, that the number of civil society/private sector representatives shall not be more than one-fourth of the total number of members of the committee;

WHEREAS, the JMC also states that representatives from other agencies or sectors may also be added as members of the Committee depending on the gender issues and concerns of the region and that the members of the committee shall, at all times, be odd in number to prevent ties in cases of decision-making;

WHEREAS, the regional directors of DBM MIMAROPA, PSA MIMAROPA, and CHR MIMAROPA and the chairpersons of the RDC sectoral committees were invited to the third quarter committee meeting to confirm their membership in the committee;

WHEREAS, the current RGADC members except NEDA, DILG, CHED, LGU representatives and private sector representatives (PSRs) were also provided with official communication regarding their concurrence to their continued membership in the RGADC MIMAROPA;

WHEREAS, the concurrence of the current members to their continued membership in the RGADC membership and concurrence of the regional directors of the DBM MIMAROPA, PSA MIMAROPA, and CHR MIMAROPA and the sectoral committees' chairpersons on their membership in RGADC MIMAROPA based on the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 were confirmed during the third quarter meeting of the committee on August 17, 2021.

WHEREAS, the expanded membership of MIMAROPA RGADC with 33 members (attached and shall form part of this resolution) including the additional members as prescribed in the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 was approved by the committee for RDC confirmation during the MIMAROPA RGADC 3rd quarter meeting on August 17, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to confirm the MIMAROPA Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) members.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Confirmation of the membership of National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) MIMAROPA to the Economic Development Committee (EDC)

1. Executive Order (EO) No. 325, s.1996 states that socio-economic development programs and activities of government must be undertaken with the extensive and active participation and support from, and coordination of, various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions at the national, regional, and local levels.
2. EO 325 further states that the RDC shall create sectoral committees to handle the social, economic, infrastructure, and development administration concerns whose composition shall be determined by the Council.
3. The NCIP was created through the Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997. It is the primary government agency responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, and programs to recognize, protect, and promote the rights of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs). The NCIP is also mandated to protect and promote the interest and well-being of the ICCs/IPs with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions, and institutions.
4. During the 3rd quarter EDC meeting held on August 5, 2021 via Zoom, EDC Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha proposed the inclusion of the NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular member of the EDC. The EDC recognized the importance of the membership of the NCIP in providing inputs and recommendations in deliberating economic development projects' compliance to the free prior and informed consent process. Thus, the EDC recommended RDC approval of the inclusion of the NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular member of the EDC during the said meeting.
5. The membership of the NCIP MIMAROPA in the EDC is expected to strengthen the formulation of policies and government interventions to ensure that programs, activities, and projects are culturally sensitive and responsive, protect and promote the rights of the ICCs/IPs, and to ensure the sustainable development of the ancestral lands and indigenous communities in the region.
6. Action requested: RDC confirmation of the inclusion of the NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular member of the EDC.

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RDC Resolution No. _____

**CONFIRMING THE INCLUSION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) MIMAROPA AS A REGULAR MEMBER
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 325, s.1996 states that the Regional Development Council (RDC) shall create sectoral committees to handle the social, economic, infrastructure, and development administration concerns whose composition shall be determined by the Council;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is responsible in providing the RDC with appropriate information and recommendations on matters concerning the following areas: agriculture and fisheries; environment and natural resources, science and technology, and trade, industry, and services;

WHEREAS, the NCIP, which was created through Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997, is the primary government agency responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, and programs to recognize, protect, and promote the rights, beliefs, customs, and traditions of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs);

WHEREAS, the EDC members, during its 3rd quarter meeting held on August 5, 2021, deliberated and concurred to the proposed inclusion of the NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular member of the EDC;

WHEREAS, the RDC recognizes that the membership of the NCIP MIMAROPA in the EDC will strengthen the formulation of policies and government interventions to ensure that programs, projects, and activities are culturally sensitive and responsive, protect and promote the rights of the ICCs/IPs, and to ensure the sustainable development of the ancestral lands and indigenous communities in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to confirm the inclusion of NCIP as regular member of the Economic Development Committee.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Third Quarter Full Council Meeting
September 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: RDC ExeCom Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021, Endorsing the
MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan

1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act mandates the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to prepare the CFIDP that shall be submitted to the President for approval in July 2021.
2. The CFIDP shall include a national program for: a) community-based enterprises; b) social protection; c) coconut farmers organization and development; d) innovative research projects and their practical application; and e) integrated processing of coconut and downstream products.
3. PCA IV conducted an interagency workshop on May 31 for the crafting of the MIMAROPA CFIDP and a five year investment program.
4. The PCA IV requested RDC endorsement of the MIMAROPA CFIDP for integration into the national CFIDP.
5. The EDC, during a special meeting conducted on July 05, recommended RDC endorsement of the CFIDP subject to preparation of a detailed action plan.
6. The RDC recognizes the importance of the CFIDP in increasing farm productivity and farmers' income, promoting inclusive growth, and contributing to the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 and AmBisyon Natin 2040.
7. On July 28, the MIMAROPA RDC ExeCom passed Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021, through ad referendum, endorsing the MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan to the national interagency cluster for inclusion in the National CFIDP.
8. As prescribed in the RDC Manual of Operations, all resolutions of the RDC Executive Committee shall be presented to the RDC Full Council for confirmation during its regular meeting.
9. RDC action requested: For confirmation.

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VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. _____

CONFIRMING MIMAROPA RDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 4-38, S. 2021: ENDORSING THE MIMAROPA
COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP)
TO THE NATIONAL INTERAGENCY CLUSTER FOR INCLUSION IN
THE NATIONAL COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act mandates the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to prepare the CFIDP that shall be submitted to the President for approval in July 2021;

WHEREAS, the CFIDP shall include a national program for: a) community-based enterprises; b) social protection; c) coconut farmers organization and development; d) innovative research projects and their practical application; and e) integrated processing of coconut and downstream products;

WHEREAS, PCA IV conducted an interagency workshop on May 31 for the crafting of the MIMAROPA CFIDP and a five year investment program;

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WHEREAS, the RDC recognizes the importance of the CFIDP in increasing farm productivity and farmers' income, promoting inclusive growth, and contributing to the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 and AmBisyon Natin 2040;

WHEREAS, on July 28, the MIMAROPA RDC ExeCom passed the Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021, through an ad referendum, endorsing the MIMAROPA CFIDP to the national interagency cluster for inclusion in the National CFIDP;

WHEREAS, as prescribed in the RDC Manual of Operations, all resolutions of the RDC Executive Committee shall be presented to the RDC Full Council for confirmation during its regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to confirm RDC Executive Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021 endorsing the MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan to the National Interagency Cluster for inclusion in the National Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.
Acting RDC Secretary

GOV. JOSE R. RIANO
RDC Chairperson

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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 138, s. 2021

1. Section 3 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) provides the operative principles of decentralization that shall guide the formulation of policies and measure on local autonomy.
2. On July 03, 2018, the Supreme Court (SC) *En Banc* Decision on “Congressman Hermilando I. Mandanas, et al. vs. Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa, Jr., et al.”, G.R. Nos. 199802 and 208488 declared that all collections of national taxes, except those accruing to special purpose funds and special allotments for the utilization and development of the national wealth, should be included in the computation of the base of the just share of the LGUs starting FY 2022 based on the FY 2019 national tax collections.
3. The SC decision presents the national government an opportunity to devolve fully to local government units (LGUs) the basic services and facilities enumerated under Section 17 of the LGC.
4. In June 01, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order (EO) No. 138, s. 2021 entitled, “Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for Other Purposes.”
5. In July 02, the Committee on Devolution issued the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the EO No. 138, s. 2021. The IRR mandates all LGUs and provide guidance on the preparation of their respective Devolution Transition Plans in close coordination with the national government agencies (NGAs) concerned to guide them towards the full assumption of devolved functions and services that come with additional financial resources.
6. The IRR of the EO No. 138 consists of guidelines on the following: a) full devolution of functions, services, and facilities; b) composition and functions of national and regional committee on devolution; c) formulation of devolution transition plan; d) functional, organizational, and staffing actions; e) personnel options and policies; f) capacity building of LGUs; g) and others.
7. The DBM MIMAROPA will present the salient features of the IRR of Executive Order No. 138, s. 2021.
8. Action requested: For information.

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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: MIMAROPA Provincial Energy Plans

1. The 2018-2040 Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) was formulated in support of the government's long term vision, the "**Ambisyon Natin 2040**". The plan seeks to uplift the well-being of all Filipinos by securing access to reliable and affordable energy services and technologies.
2. The PEP likewise embodies the laws and policies that support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of affordable and clean energy, such as Renewable Energy Act, Energy Efficiency Act, and the policy on Resiliency of Energy System and Infrastructure.
3. The PEP recognizes the critical role of energy as it powers economic growth, poverty reduction and climate actions. It also seeks to enhance stakeholder's understanding to the DOE's key policies, programs and developments with the goal of engaging them in building stronger energy system for the country.
4. In 2015, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council through Resolution No. 2015-053-438, requested the Department of Energy (DOE) to provide assistance in the preparation of Island Power Development Plans in the region.
5. In response to the MIMAROPA RDC Resolution, DOE provided technical assistance to the MIMAROPA LGUs in the preparation and completion of the Island Power Development Plans for the region.
6. The completion of Island Power Development Plan is necessary to ensure reliable and efficient power supply across the region.
7. The DOE presented the following highlights on the status of the technical assistance provided to the MIMAROPA provinces on the formulation of Island (Province) Power Development Plan during the third quarter MIMAROPA Infrastructure Development Committee meeting last August 6:
 - a. The Palawan Island Power Development Plan 2014-2035 was officially adopted in July 2015 by the Provincial Government of Palawan, DOE, and the City Government of Puerto Princesa – Joint Energy Development Advisory Group Steering Committee during the Palawan Power Summit held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan;

- b. The Mindoro Island Power Development Plan 2014-2035 (as a whole) was not completed because of cooperation and support issues from the Oriental Mindoro Technical Working Group members;
 - c. The draft Occidental Mindoro Power Development Plan 2014-2045 was formulated, however, its completion was constrained by the unfeasible geothermal resource which is the main source of electricity supply reflected in the power supply plan;
 - d. Romblon and Marinduque Energy Plans covered the entire energy system of the province (both power and non-power components such as oil, etc.);
 - e. The publication of both energy plans is now ongoing. Target dissemination and transmittal of the published Energy Plans to the Provincial Government is on the 4th Quarter of 2021.
8. The DOE will present the details of the report on the assistance provided to the MIMAROPA provinces on the formulation of Island (Province) Power Development Plan to the RDC.
9. Action requested: For information.

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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: MIMAROPA COVID-19 Situational and Vaccine Rollout Report

1. President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a state of public health emergency throughout the entire Philippines and prompting a whole-of-government approach in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the President, upon the recommendation by the IATF, raised the code alert level for COVID-19 to Code Red Sublevel 2 and directed the imposition of stringent social and physical distancing and enhanced response measures.
2. The Department of Health–Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) MIMAROPA conducts surveillance, infection prevention and control, risk communication, contingency planning, and laboratory capacity building.
3. As of August 10, 2021, MIMAROPA has recorded a total of 16,991 cumulative number of COVID-19 cases, with 1,072 total active cases. Romblon recorded the highest number of total active cases, with 302. This was followed by Palawan with 239 cases, Oriental Mindoro with 195 cases, Marinduque with 157 cases, and Occidental Mindoro with 105 cases. Puerto Princesa City recorded the lowest number of active cases recorded at 74.
4. The government has been implementing vaccination program to ensure equal access to vaccines and to implement quality vaccination services.
5. As of August 7, 2021, based on the National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center Bulletin No. 158, all the 46,120 persons in the master list from Priority Group A1 (health workers) were partially vaccinated, while there were 38,852 fully vaccinated persons.
6. Under Priority Group A2 (senior citizens), there were 62,167 partially vaccinated persons in the region and 62,901 fully vaccinated, out of the 261,592 master-listed population under Group 2.
7. Under Priority Group A3 (individuals with comorbidity), there were 60,118 partially vaccinated persons and 75,438 fully vaccinated persons in the region. Under Priority Group A4 (frontline personnel in essential sectors), there were 22,449 partially vaccinated persons and 7,950 fully vaccinated persons in MIMAROPA.
8. DOH MIMAROPA will present the full COVID-19 situation including the Delta variant cases and vaccine rollout report.
9. Action requested: For information.

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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Enjoining DOTR, OCD, PPA, Concerned LGUs, Agencies and Private Sector to Collaborate and Converge Initiatives to Facilitate Issuance of S-PASS of Travelers Plying the Batangas-Oriental Mindoro Route of the SRNH

1. The Department of Science of Technology (DOST) Region VI developed a mobile application called Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage or S-PaSS to improve the efficiency of movement and monitoring in the country.
2. The S-PaSS is a Local Mobility Management System where travelers could register to LGUs, submit the required travel documents, and secure travel approval using their personal mobile numbers or computers.
3. The system aids local governments in monitoring travelers within their jurisdiction and verify the authenticity of presented travel documents.
4. On March 26, 2021, the online communication and coordination platform was launched to manage travels of Filipino local workers, Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), Authorized Persons Outside Residences (APOR), local tourists, and others who need to transport for official business from one province to another.
5. The S-PaSS was adopted by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro to monitor travelers entering the province.
6. During the First Semester Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) Committee Meeting held online on June 8, 2020, the Oriental Mindoro Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office reported their experience in the implementation of S-PaSS as a requirement for incoming travellers.
7. Issues raised regarding the S-PaSS implementation included the following: 1) inability to access the platform for travellers with no smartphones or internet connection, 2) presence of fixers and enablers in PPA Batangas who are falsifying S-PaSS and related documents, and 3) LGUs' slow processing of pending S-PaSS applications.

8. The Province of Oriental Mindoro established a help desk outside the gate of the Batangas pier to assist passengers bound to Oriental Mindoro with S-PaSS registration.

9. The SRNH Committee passed SRNH Resolution No. 02-2021 highly commending the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro for establishing a help desk in Batangas Port to assist the inbound passengers in registering and securing approved S-PaSS.

10. The SRNH Committee likewise passed SRNH Resolution No. 01-2021 to enjoin DOTr, OCD, PPA, concerned LGUs, agencies, and other private sector to collaborate and converge initiatives to facilitate the issuance of S-PaSS of travelers plying the Batangas-Oriental Mindoro route of the SRNH.

11. DOTr requested PPA to act on the said resolution which was promptly responded by the Philippine Ports Authority - Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Batangas. PPA-PMO Batangas reported that they now strictly implementing the verification of authenticity of travel credentials of passengers and renders assistance regarding registration and securing of valid S-PaSS of travelers.

12. The Philippine National Police (PNP) also conducted an operation to raid a computer shop in Brgy. Sta. Clara in Batangas City that facilitated the fake S-PaSS and RT-PCR negative results to passengers.

13. Likewise, OCD MIMAROPA Regional Director and MIMAROPA RTF COVID 19 Chairperson MGen. Ruben L. Carandang informed the Secretariat on the issuance of RTF Memorandum No. 129 series 2021 dated Aug 10, 2021 on the strict utilization and implementation of S-PaSS.

14. Copies of the SRNH Resolutions No. 01-2021 and 02-2021, as well as, a copy of MIMAROPA RTF Memorandum No. 129 series 2021 are attached.

15. Action requested: For information.

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1st SEMESTER SRNH INTER-REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08 JUNE 2021 THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCING

SRNH Resolution No. 01-2021

ENJOINING DOTR, OCD, PPA, CONCERNED LGUS, AGENCIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO COLLABORATE AND CONVERGE INITIATIVES TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF S-PASS OF TRAVELERS PLYING THE BATANGAS-ORIENTAL MINDORO ROUTE OF THE SRNH

WHEREAS, the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System was developed by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to efficiently manage travels of Filipino Local Workers, Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), tourists and others;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases through Resolution No. 101 series of 2021 mandated local government units to utilize S-PaSS as the one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers;

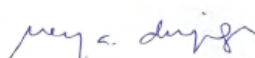
WHEREAS, the S-Pass is a challenge for travelers with no smartphones or internet access;

WHEREAS, there are fixers in PPA Batangas victimizing travellers with fake S-PaSS for a hefty fee;

WHEREAS, the SRNH Inter-Regional Committee during its first semester meeting on June 8 recommended further collaboration and convergence of initiatives to facilitate issuance of S-PaSS of travellers plying the Batangas-Oriental Mindoro route of the SRNH;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to enjoin DOTr, OCD, PPA, concerned LGUs, agencies and private sector to collaborate and converge initiatives to facilitate issuance of S-PaSS of travelers plying the Batangas-Oriental Mindoro route of the SRNH.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ROY A. DIMAYUGA
SRNH Secretary

ATTESTED:


AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
SRNH Chairperson

Republic of the Philippines
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MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1st SEMESTER SRNH INTER-REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08 JUNE 2021 THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCING

SRNH Resolution No. 02-2021

HIGH COMMENDATION ON THE INITIATIVES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO (PGORM) IN ENSURING SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF RETURNING MINDOREÑOS AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 had prompted the National Government and Local Government Units to impose various health and quarantine protocols, and travel restrictions to curb the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the health and quarantine protocols, and travel restrictions have exacted heavy financial, physical, and emotional toll on the lives of Mindoreños and Filipinos in general;

WHEREAS, the burning desire of Mindoreños and Filipinos to return home and be reunited with loved ones in these trying times cannot be quelled by the challenges and difficulties amidst the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro (PGOrM) have fielded buses to provide free transportation services to Mindoreños from Metro Manila and nearby areas going to Batangas Port;

WHEREAS, PGOrM established a help desk outside the Batangas Port and fielded personnel who braved danger and unfavorable conditions just to provide necessary assistance, including securing S-PaSS to returning Mindoreños;

WHEREAS, the initiatives of PGOrM in ensuring safety and convenience of returning Mindoreños amidst the COVID-19 pandemic are highly commendable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to highly commend the initiatives of PGOrM in ensuring the safety and convenience of returning Mindoreños amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

ROY A. DIMAYUGA
SRNH Secretary


AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
SRNH Chairperson



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11 August 2021

DIR. AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA
Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA
Vice Chairperson, RDC MIMAROPA

Dear **DIR. MENDOZA:**

Greetings!


This is in reference to your letter dated August 5, 2021 regarding Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH) Resolution No 01-2021: Enjoining DOTr, OCD, PPA, Concerned LGUs, Agencies and Private Sector to collaborate and converge initiatives to facilitate issuance of S-PASS of travelers plying the Batangas- Oriental Mindoro Route of the SRNH.

In this regard, we are pleased to inform you that the RTF MIMAROPA against COVID-19 has issued RTF Memorandum No. 129, series 2021 dated August 10, 2021 re Strict Implementation and Utilization of S-PASS.

For your information and reference.

Thank you and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,



MGEN RUBEN L. CARANDANG, PAF (RET)
Chairperson, MIMAROPA RTF COVID19
Regional Director, OCD MIMAROPA
Chairperson, RDRRMC MIMAROPA

Encl: As stated



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MEMORANDUM

No. 129, s. 2021

FOR : Chairpersons, P/C/MDRRMCs /LTGs vs covid19
PIA MIMAROPA

THRU : Local DRRM Officers of MIMAROPA, and
Mr Lyndon Plantilla
OCD MIMAROPA Field Officers

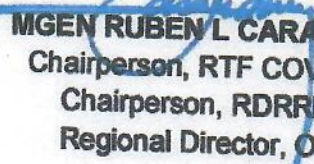
SUBJECT : Strict Implementation and Utilization of S-PASS

DATE : 10 August 2021

In reference to the agreements made during the Joint RTF COVID-19 MIMAROPA and CALABARZON Meeting (VTC) on 10 August 2021, this is to respectfully remind the Local Government Units of MIMAROPA to strictly enforce the implementation of **S-PASS** Travel Management System, as the one-stop-shop application for persons travelling to and from MIMAROPA. Persons who fail to present the confirmation from S-PASS should not be allowed to travel or pass through the seaports and airports in all the Provinces of MIMAROPA.

Further, all Local Government Units are also reminded to continuously update and inform their residents of the respective necessary requirements to be submitted for them to be allowed to enter their respective point of destinations (please see attached list of requirements for the issuance of Travel Coordination Permit and Travel Pass Permit by **S-PASS**). In this regard, all Provincial / City DRRMOs are requested to submit to the RTF COVID-19 MIMAROPA (through the Office of Civil Defense MIMAROPA) their latest protocols / requirements for incoming travelers to their respective AORs, through our email address: ocd4_mimaropa@yahoo.com.

Anticipating your usual support and cooperation.


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Requirements for the Issuance of TCP / TPP in the Provinces of MIMAROPA

Province	Requirements
Oriental Mindoro	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel order and ID for government employees 2. For private employees, work order and company ID 3. Other APORs, business permit, certificate of registration, notice of appointment and valid ID 4. For medical emergencies, referral from physician and/or chief of hospital 5. Humanitarian consideration for deceased relatives, death certificate and certificate of acceptance from local health officers. 6. Barangay Acceptance Certificate (for returning residents)
Occidental Mindoro	<p>FOR RETURNING RESIDENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>For not fully vaccinated individuals, Negative RT-PCR Test Result</i> 2. <i>For fully vaccinated individuals, Vaccination Card and Certification of fully vaccinated from MHO/CHO/establishment authority.</i> <p>FOR GOVERNMENT APORs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Valid or government-issued identification card</i> 2. <i>Travel order & Travel Itinerary</i> <p>FOR NON-GOVERNMENT APORs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>For fully vaccinated individuals, Vaccination Card and Certification of fully vaccinated from MHO/CHO/establishment authority.</i> 2. <i>For not fully vaccinated individuals, Negative RT-PCR Test Result.</i> <p>FOR ROFs and OFWs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>For fully vaccinated individuals, Vaccination Card and Certification of fully vaccinated from MHO/CHO/establishment authority.</i> 2. <i>For not fully vaccinated individuals, Negative RT-PCR Test Result</i> 3. <i>Quarantine Clearance issued by the Bureau of Quarantine</i>
Marinduque	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barangay coordination certificate 2. Recent negative RT-PCR / Antigen Result 3. Government-issued ID
Romblon	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE (APORs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification Card - Travel Order from their respective agency - Travel Itinerary - Pass symptom screening at the ports - All APORs need to undergo RT PCR prior to travel so as not to subject them to quarantine health protocols or antigen testing at the



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	<p>port of destination and their movements will be restricted to the itinerary submitted to the receiving municipality and shall be subject to the monitoring of BHERTS for five (5) days.</p> <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-APORS/PRIVATE APORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative RT-PCR Test result. (NOTE: SWAB TESTING MUST BE DONE ONLY FROM THE ACCREDITED DOH WITH RITM CERTIFICATION LABORATORIES AND/OR FROM PHILIPPINE RED CROSS) - Negative RT-PCR Test result issued within 24 hours prior to travel. - Coordination to the receiving Barangay (online or text message) <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR INTRAZONAL MOVEMENTS (WITHIN ROMBLON):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travelers coming from Barangays/Sitios declared as HIGH TO CRITICAL RISK are required to undergo Rapid Antigen Test prior to travel.
Palawan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create an account/Log in to S-Pass.ph and secure a Travel Coordination Permit (TCP). To be able to secure a TCP, please <u>DO NOT CHOOSE APOR</u> as your classification. 2. Secure Negative RT-PCR Test Result from DOH-Accredited testing laboratory/facility 3. Sample collection should be taken at least <u>48 hours</u> prior to your departure date 4. Inform testing laboratory/facility to e-mail it directly to imtpccovidresult@gmail.com (You may also <u>FORWARD</u> the email of the testing laboratory/facility of your test result to us) 5. Upon arrival, individuals shall be subjected to <u>ARRIVAL VALIDATION</u> to determine who will be managed and monitored by the Local Government Unit of Puerto Princesa City or the Province of Palawan. Travelers bound for PUERTO PRINCESA CITY (PPC) shall present the following to the health team for validation and registration purposes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For LSIs, ROFs, APOR/Returning Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Valid government-issued ID bearing your PPC address (to confirm that you have residence in the City) • For ROFs, Certificate from Bureau of Quarantine b. For APORs from National Government Agencies and their attached agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid ID issued by your respective government agency



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original or certified true copy of travel authority/order issued by the Department Secretary or his/her designated official• Travel itinerary <p>c. For other APORS (private employees, etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) Valid government-issued ID• Prepare travel itinerary (<i>for disease surveillance and monitoring purposes</i>) <p>d. For Tourists (<i>Tourism Management Protocols apply, no walk-in tourists in Puerto Princesa City, <u>confirmed tour itinerary</u> required</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) Valid government-issued ID• Approved Tour Itinerary from duly accredited hotel/travel and tour agency <p>6. Upon validation, those who are confirmed inbound travelers of Puerto Princesa City shall undergo HEALTH ASSESSMENT by our medical team for clearance.</p> <p>7. Download StaySafe Application in your devices and generate your personal QR Code. Scanning of your personal QR Code is mandatory at all points of entry and exit in PPC, including all government and private establishments. Uploading the QR Code is also mandatory to secure a TCP.</p> <p>8. As part of disease surveillance and monitoring strategy of the City, individuals with history of travel will undergo Antigen Testing on the 5th or 6th day of their stay in PPC. <u>Testing Fees</u> for APORs, including Tourists, shall be shouldered by them.</p> <p>9. REMINDERS: Flight Schedule for PPC Inbound Travelers remains every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Travelers outside of MWF schedule may coordinate with the IMT in order to arrange arrival validation and health assessment process.</p>
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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: 2nd Quarter Regional Economic Situationer (QRES) 2021

1. QRES provides a preliminary and indicative assessment of the economic performance of the region using proxy indicators. It does not replace the assessment of the regional economy based on the complete statistical data from official sources.
2. MIMAROPA's average inflation rate increased to 5.1% in April to June 2021 from the previous year's 3.1% of the same period. This is lower than the previous quarter's 5.3%. All provinces registered higher inflation rates.
3. The region's working age population increased by 1.17% from 2,049,000 in April 2020 to 2,073,000 in April 2021. Labor force participation rate increased by 15.7 percentage points from 53.4% in April 2020 to 69.1% in April 2021. Employment rate also increased by 6.6 percentage points from 87.5% in April 2020 to 87.5% in April 2021.
4. Some indicators that show the region's positive economic performance in the second quarter of 2021 are reflected in the production of the agricultural commodities such as palay, banana, coconut, onion, livestock, commercial fishery, municipal marine/inland fishery, and aquaculture.
5. The number of registered business names, assisted micro, small, medium enterprises (MSMEs), and registered vehicles increased. The value of mineral production, exports, and imports also increased.
6. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, tourist arrivals, movement of aircrafts and sea vessels including ROROs, passengers and cargoes in air and water transport services all increased.
7. The region remains peaceful, as the volume of crimes decreased compared to previous year's second quarter data.
8. The 2nd Quarter Regional Economic Situationer 2021 will be distributed to the members for review and validation of data.
9. Action requested: For comments and validation.

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BRIEF FROM THE RPMC SECRETARIAT

Subject: RPME Second Quarter Report

1. The RPMC secretariat tracked the status of the implementation of on-going priority projects in the region through the submission of reports from various government agencies to the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) using the “ProyekTanglaw” system.
2. For the second quarter of CY 2021, there were 456 projects reported by different MIMAROPA government offices, government owned and controlled corporations, local government units, and state universities and colleges, such as: Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Health - Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), National Power Corporation (NPC), Philippine Ports Authority – Port Management Offices (PPA-PMO) of Mindoro and Palawan, Population Commission (POPCOM), Provincial Governments of Occidental Mindoro, Palawan, and Occidental Romblon, Marinduque State College (MSC), Mindoro State University (MinSU), Palawan State University (PSU), Romblon State University (RSU), and Western Philippines University (WPU).
3. Of the reported 456 projects, 173 projects (37.64 percent) encountered problems in implementation as follows

Table 1. List of Implementing Agencies with Implementation Problems

Implementing Agency	Number of projects encountering problems
DA MIMAROPA	36
DOH MIMAROPA	4
DOST MIMAROPA	3
DOTr	2
DPWH MIMAROPA	82
DSWD MIMAROPA	3
LWUA	1
NPC	10
PPA PMO Palawan	2
POPCOM	2
PG of Occidental Mindoro	9
PG of Palawan	4
PG of Romblon	1

Implementing Agency	Number of projects encountering problems
MSC	3
MinSU	2
PSU	9

Source: *Proyektanglaw*

4. A total of 148 projects or 32.46 percent were reportedly completed, 53 projects or 11.62 percent were on schedule, while 82 projects or 17.98 percent were ahead of schedule.

5. The 449 projects generated a total of 19,462 employment opportunities, of which 12,162 (69.49 percent) employed were men, and 7,300 (37.51 percent) employed were women.

6. Of the reported 456 projects, 422 (92.54 percent) were regular projects, 21 (4.61 percent) were funded under the Official Development Assistance (ODA), 11 (2.41 percent) were under the Rehabilitation and Recovery Program (RRP) projects, and two (0.44 percent) were End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) projects

7. No National Action Plan Against COVID-19 (NAP) projects, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) projects were reported by implementing agencies for the second quarter of 2021.

8. DA reported the implementation status of six PRDP I-BUILD subprojects amounting to ₱744.11 million. These subprojects aim to improve the links from production areas to markets, and to enhance the efficiency of transporting agricultural products.

Table 2. Status of I-Build SubProjects

Project Title	Location	Project Cost				Remarks
		LP	GOP	LGU Equity	Total	
1. Upgrading/Concreting of Brgy. Poblacion Farm-To-Market Road	Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro	76,504,421.89	9,563,052.74	9,563,052.74	95,630,527.37	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
2. Construction and Upgrading of Junction Salban-Culasian-Magsaysay Farm-to-Market Road	Dumaran	157,767,307.74	19,720,913.47	19,720,913.47	197,209,134.68	50.56% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
3. Construction of Brgy. Pato-o Proper- Sitio Aurora, Odiongan, Romblon Farm to Market Road with Two Bridges	Odiongan, Romblon	134,490,271.61	16,811,283.95	16,811,283.95	168,112,839.51	45.06% physical progress as of March 31, 2021
4. Construction of Maruyugon to Buenavista Farm to Market Road	Puerto Princesa City	94,396,166.87	11,799,520.86	11,799,520.86	117,995,208.59	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
5. Improvement/Upgrading of Pantayin-Jolo-Napo Farm-to-Market Road	Santa Cruz, Marinduque	38,173,812.46	4,771,726.56	4,771,726.56	47,717,265.58	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
6. Construction and Upgrading of Nicanor Zabala San Miguel -Jolo FMR	Roxas, Palawan	93,950,387.65	11,743,798.46	11,743,798.46	117,437,984.56	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021

LP – Loan Proceeds; GOP – Government of the Philippines

Source: <http://www.daprdp.net>, PRDP monthly Progress Report as of July 30, 2020

9. Also DA MIMAROPA reported the implementation status of nine PRDP I-REAP subprojects amounting to ₱38.15 million. These subprojects aim to engage broad sections of the sector in the production of marketable surplus through investments in strategic segments of the priority commodity value chains and strengthening collaboration between DA and the LGUs. Table 2 below shows the status of I-REAP subprojects.

Table 3. Status of I-REAP Sub-Projects

Project Title	Location	Subproject Cost					Remarks
		LP	GEF	GOP	LGU Equity	Total	
1. Oriental Mindoro Calamansi Processing and Marketing	Pola	6,467,475.31	0	2,155,825.10	2,155,825.10	10,779,125.51	79.99% physical progress and 83.87% financial progress as of June 30, 2021
2. Arrowroot Production and Processing	Gasán	3,972,975.28	0	1,324,325.09	1,324,325.09	6,621,625.46	96.69% physical progress and financial progress as of June 30, 2021
3. Turmeric and Ginger Processing	Pola	571,032.00	0	190,344.00	190,344.00	951,720.00	100% (physical & financial) progress as of June 30, 2021
4. Malbog Arrowroot Production and Processing	Buenavista	583,200.00	0	194,400.00	194,400.00	972,000.00	100% (physical & financial) progress as of June 30, 2021
5. Veggie Canton Noodles and Veggie Snacks Production and Marketing	Pinamalayan	426,295.20	0	142,098.40	142,098.40	710,492.00	86.77% physical progress and 100% financial progress as of June 30, 2021
6. Seaweeds Production and Marketing	Puerto Princesa City	7,673,896.63	0	2,557,965.54	2,557,965.54	12,789,827.71	100% (physical & financial) progress as of June 30, 2021
7. Improvement of Community Factory for Nipa Vinegar and Nipa Sugar Production	Calapan City	600,000.00	0	200,000.00	200,000.00	1,000,000.00	100% physical progress and 100% financial progress as of June 30, 2021
8. Oriental Mindoro Nata de Coco Production and Marketing	Naujan	600,000.00	0	200,000.00	200,000.00	1,000,000.00	49.75% physical progress and 100% financial as of June 30, 2021
9. Marinduque Coco Geonet Production and Trading	Boac, Marinduque	2,002,800.00	0	667,600.00	667,600.00	3,338,000.00	100% (physical & financial) progress as of June 30, 2021

Note: LP – Loan Proceeds; GOP – Government of the Philippines; GEF – Global Environment Fund

Source: DA MIMAROPA

10. As of June 30, 2021, DA reported implementing 11 RRP projects amounting to ₱81.31 million (Table 4).

11. DPWH reported the implementation of 103 projects funded under GAA 2020-2021 amounting to ₱11,500.73 million. A total of nine projects amounting to ₱816.97 million were already completed, 82 projects amounting to ₱9,098.60 million encountered delays in implementation, and 12 projects amounting to ₱1,585.16 million were ahead of schedule.

Table 4. Status of DA implemented RRP Projects

Project Title	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	RRP	Status
1. Upgrading/Concreting of Brgy. Poblacion Farm-To-Market Road	Not Specified	2.588	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
2. Supply and delivery of lot 2: 600 bags gm hybrid corn seeds (2021 QRF-Rehab)	Not Specified	6.69	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
3. S/D of lot 1: 4,000 palay certified seeds (2021 QRF-Rehab)	Not Specified	7.28	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
4. S/D of 6,900 bags granular NPK fertilizer (13-11-21) -2021 QRF-Rehab	Not Specified	10.3	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
5. Supply and Delivery of 117,065 packets Organic Microbial Inoculant (QRF)	Not Specified	5.25	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
6. Supply and Delivery of 7,500 packets Micronutrient Foliar fertilizer (QRF)	Not Specified	4.5	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
7. Supply and Delivery of 100 heads of Cattle (Heifer) - QRF	Not Specified	21.2	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
8. Supply and Delivery of 440,000 Assorted Fruit Planting Materials (QRF)	Not Specified	9.07	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
9. Supply and Delivery of 8,557 bags Complete Fertilizer 14-14-14 (QRF-2020)	Not Specified	2.14	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
10. Supply and Delivery of 5,800 liters of Micronutrient Foliar/Soil Fertilizer (QRF-2020)	Not Specified	7.91	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
11. Supply and Delivery of 4,885 bags of Palay Certified Seed (QRF-2020)	Not Specified	4.09	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
12. Supply and Delivery of 147,710 packs of vegetable seeds (QRF-2020)	Not Specified	2.588	Not Specified	100% physical progress as of June 30, 2021

Source: DA MIMAROPA

12. DOTr reported implementing four projects amounting to ₱162.01 million. As of June 30, 2021, the project has a physical accomplishment of 83.69 percent with a slippage of negative 14.28 percent.

13. PPA-PMO Mindoro reported three projects amounting to ₱377.97 million for the second quarter of 2021. Its average physical accomplishment was 26.90 percent and positive slippage of 10.31 percent.

14. PPA-PMO Palawan reported three projects amounting to ₱77.07 million for the second quarter of 2021 with average physical accomplishment of 82.35 percent and negative slippage of 3.29 percent.

15. The Department of Energy (DOE) reported three projects amounting to ₱18.21 million for the second quarter of 2021 with average physical accomplishment of 32.90 percent.

16. NPC reported 12 projects amounting to ₱1,826.15 million for the second quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of NPC projects was 74.46 percent with an average slippage of negative 5.15 percent. Of the 12 reported projects, one project amounting to ₱318.25 million was completed, ten projects amounting to ₱1,484.40 million were behind schedule, while one project amounting to ₱23.50 million was ahead of schedule.

17. LWUA submitted status report on the improvement and expansion of existing water supply system of Sablayan (Occidental Mindoro) Water District. Allocated budget for the projects was recorded at ₱9.40 million. As of June 30, 2021, the project has a physical accomplishment of 7.21 percent with a slippage of negative 30.39 percent.

18. NIA reported implementing 56 projects amounting to ₱854.70 million. Eleven projects amounting to ₱128.47 million were already completed, three projects amounting to ₱317.32 million were on schedule, and 42 projects amounting to ₱408.91 million were ahead of schedule.

19. The DA submitted the status reports on 143 projects amounting to ₱2,121.90 million. 102 projects amounting to ₱1,100.75 million were already completed, 36 projects amounting to ₱1,001.30 million were behind schedule, three projects amounting to ₱9.88 million were on schedule, and two projects amounting to ₱9.97 million were ahead of schedule. Included in the report were 15 PRDP sub-projects amounting to ₱782.26 million. Details of the PRDP sub-projects were discussed in the section on Status of Priority Projects in MIMAROPA. Also included in the report were 11 Calamity Quick Response Fund (QRF) projects amounting to ₱81.31 million.

20. DOST submitted the status report on ten projects amounting to ₱4.14 million. Two projects were already completed, three projects amounting to ₱2.92 million encountered delays in implementation, four projects amounting to ₱1.22 million were on schedule, and one project was ahead of schedule.

21. DOH reported 11 projects amounting to ₱187.04 million for the second quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DOH projects was 74.19 percent with an average slippage of negative 8.87 percent. Of the 11 reported projects, one project amounting to ₱7.50 million was completed, four projects amounting to ₱101.54 million were behind schedule, four projects amounting to ₱36.00 million were on schedule, while two projects amounting to ₱42 million were ahead of schedule.

22. DOLE reported nine projects amounting to ₱390.54 million for the second quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DOH projects was 16.64 percent with no slippage.

23. DSWD reported 11 projects amounting to ₱6,610.61 million for the second quarter of 2021 with average physical accomplishment of 84.42 percent and an average slippage of negative 5.62 percent.

24. POPCOM submitted status report of three projects amounting to ₱1.25 million and average physical accomplishment of 99.82 percent and average slippage of negative 0.18 percent.

25. MSC submitted status report on seven projects amounting to ₱77.84 million. The average physical accomplishment of MSC projects was 75.61 percent. Out of the seven projects, one project amounting to ₱6.00 million was completed, three projects amounting to ₱32.06 million were behind schedule, while three projects amounting to ₱39.78 million were ahead of schedule.

26. MinSU submitted status report on eight projects amounting to ₱115.00 million. The average physical accomplishment of MinSU projects was 92.30 percent. Out of the eight projects, five projects amounting to ₱70.00 million were completed, two projects amounting to ₱23.00 million were behind schedule, while one project amounting to ₱22.00 million was on schedule

27. PSU reported the status of 13 projects amounting to ₱270.70 million for the second quarter of 2021. Of the 13 reported projects, one project amounting to ₱35.00 million was completed, nine projects amounting to ₱210 million were behind schedule, two projects amounting to ₱10.70 million were on schedule, and one project amounting to ₱15 million was ahead of schedule.

28. RSU reported the status of three projects amounting to ₱44.09 million for the second quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of RSU projects was 48.08 percent.

29. WPU reported the status of three projects amounting to ₱270.70 million for the second quarter of 2021 with average physical accomplishment of 3.22 percent and positive slippage of 0.84 percent.

30. The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro reported the status of 38 projects amounting to ₱ 240.10 million for the second quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of PG Occidental Mindoro projects was 1.90 percent with an average slippage of negative 1.19 percent. Of the 38 reported projects, two projects amounting to ₱5.06 million was completed, nine projects amounting to ₱48.42 million were behind schedule, 22 projects amounting to ₱167.45 million were on schedule, while five projects amounting to ₱19.17 million were ahead of schedule

31. The Provincial Government of Palawan reported the status of four projects amounting to ₱26.78 million for the second quarter of 2021. All four projects were behind schedule.

32. The Provincial Government of Romblon reported the status of eight projects amounting to ₱142.25 million for the second quarter of 2021. Of the eight projects, four projects amounting to ₱15.50 million were completed, one project amounting to ₱15.00 million was behind schedule while three projects amounting to ₱111.75 million were ahead of schedule.

33. Action requested: For information.

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BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: 2021 RDC Week Celebration

1. The Regional Development Councils (RDCs) were created in September 1972 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1 and formally organized in December 1972 pursuant to Letter of Implementation No. 22 as the key structure for regional development planning. The 1987 Constitution, Article X, Section 14, provides that the President shall create regional development councils (RDCs) and 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. Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 is the latest legal basis that strengthened and reorganized the composition and functions of the RDC.
2. The Regional Development Council (RDC) is the highest policy-making body in the region and serves as the counterpart of the national Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board at the subnational level.
3. RDC MIMAROPA was organized on June 24, 2002 in Manila Polo Club, Makati City after Region IV was divided into IV-A (CALABARZON) and IV-B (MIMAROPA) through Executive Order No. 103, s. 2002 on July 17, 2002.
4. Presidential Proclamation No. 1164, s. 1998, proclaimed the fourth week of September of every year as Regional Development Councils Week in commemoration of the birth of the RDCs as the key structure for regional planning and for integrated local planning and programming.
5. This year, the MIMAROPA RDC shall celebrate the RDC Week on September 20-24, 2021, which carries the theme “MIMAROPA RDC Through the Years: Providing Service Excellence for a More Participative, Sustainable, and Resilient Future.”
6. The theme calls for the recognition of the valuable contribution of the Council to regional development and to continue to provide exemplary service to MIMAROPA to achieve its vision as the destination of choice.
7. NEDA MIMAROPA will present the proposed activities relative to the celebration of RDC Week 2021.
8. Action Requested: For information.