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II. Introduction

The second quarter Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) report presents the status of implementation of 456 projects in the region. The project implementation updates were submitted to NEDA MIMAROPA as the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) secretariat by the following 22 government agencies: Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA, Department of Health - Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD), Department Energy (DOE), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) MIMAROPA, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) MIMAROPA, Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA, Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA) MIMAROPA, National Power Corporation (NPC), Philippine Ports Authority – Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Mindoro, Philippine Ports Authority – Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Palawan, Population Commission (POPCOM) MIMAROPA, Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, Provincial Government of Occidental Palawan, Provincial Government of Occidental Romblon, Marinduque State College (MSC), Mindoro State University (MinSU), Palawan State University (PSU), Romblon State University (RSU), and Western Philippines University (WPU).

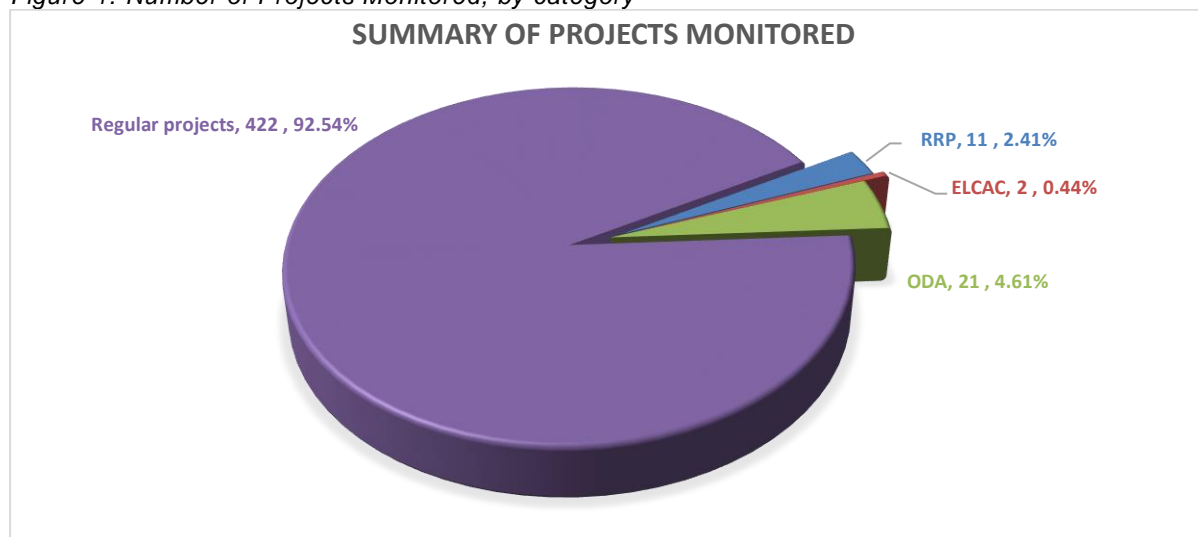
A total of 456 projects amounting to ₱25,138.91 million were implemented by 22 government agencies, SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs. A total of 19,481 were employed of which 12,177 (62.5 percent) were men and 7,304 (37.5 percent) were women.

Of the reported 456 projects, 173 projects (37.94 percent) encountered problems in implementation. These were as follows: DA – 36 projects, DOH-CHD – four projects, DOST - three projects, DOTr – two projects, DPWH – 82 projects, DSWD – three projects, LWUA – one project, NPC – ten projects, PPA-PMO Palawan – two projects, POPCOM - two projects, Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro – nine projects, Provincial Government of Palawan – four projects, Provincial Government of Romblon – one project, MSC – three projects, MinSU – two projects, and PSU – nine projects.

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

Of the reported 456 projects, 422 projects (92.54 percent) were regular projects, 21 projects (4.61 percent) were ODA projects, 11 projects (2.41 percent) were RRP projects, and two projects (0.44 percent) were ELCAC projects (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Number of Projects Monitored, by category



Sources: Agency Reports

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

This RPMES report also includes updates on the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) meeting for the second quarter of CY 2021 that was held on June 8, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

The RPMC also conducted field validation visits in Puerto Galera on June 16 and 18.

III. Project Monitoring

A. Status of Priority Projects in MIMAROPA Region

Priority infrastructure projects contributed to the attainment of the regional development outcome of the majority of the population. These projects have high impact to social and economic growth of the region.

1. Philippine Rural Development Project

The Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) is a six-year project designed to establish the government platform for a modern, climate-smart and market-oriented agri-fishery sector. PRDP partners with the local government units (LGUs) and the private sector in providing key infrastructure, facilities, technology, and information that will raise incomes, productivity, and competitiveness in the countryside.

a) PRDP - Intensified Building up of Infrastructure and Logistics for Development (I-BUILD) Projects

For the second quarter of CY 2021 the 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 to enhance the efficiency of transporting agricultural products.

Table 1 below shows the status of I-BUILD subprojects.

Table 1. Status of PRDP – I-BUILD in MIMAROPA

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, Palawan	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 June 30, 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

Note: LP – Loan Proceeds; GOP – Government of the Philippines

Source: DA MIMAROPA

b) PRDP - Intensified Rural Agri-Fishery Enterprise and Productivity Enhancement (I-REAP)

For the second quarter of CY 2021 the 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 2. Status of PRDP-IREAP in MIMAROPA

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	Gasan	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

Project Title	Location	Subproject Cost					Remarks
		LP	GEF	GOP	LGU Equity	Total	
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

2. ELCAC PAPs Implementation

To attain sustainable peace and development amid the coronavirus disease (COVID)-19 pandemic, the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) continues to monitor the implementation of approved projects under 2021 GAA.

a) Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

As of June 30, 2021, DOLE reported implementing two ELCAC projects amounting to ₱8.5 million (Table 3).

Table 3. Status of DOLE implemented ELCAC projects

Project Name	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	Status
1. 2021 DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) - Oriental Mindoro	Province of Oriental Mindoro	2.96	98.66% physical progress as of June 30, 2021
2. 2021 DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) - Occidental Mindoro	Province of Occidental Mindoro	2.21	40.18% physical progress as of June 30, 2021

Source: DOLE

3. RRP PAPs Implementation

To ensure full recovery and rehabilitation of calamity-stricken areas, the implementation of RRP projects were monitored.

a) Department of Agriculture (DA)

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

Table 4. Status of DA implemented RRP projects

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

Source: DA

4. BP2 Implementation

The Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) program is institutionalized to ensure balanced regional development and equitable distribution of wealth, resources, and opportunities through policies and programs that boost countryside development and inclusive growth, provide adequate social services, and promote full employment, industrialization, and an improved quality of life in rural areas.

No BP2 projects implemented for the first Quarter of 2021 was reported.

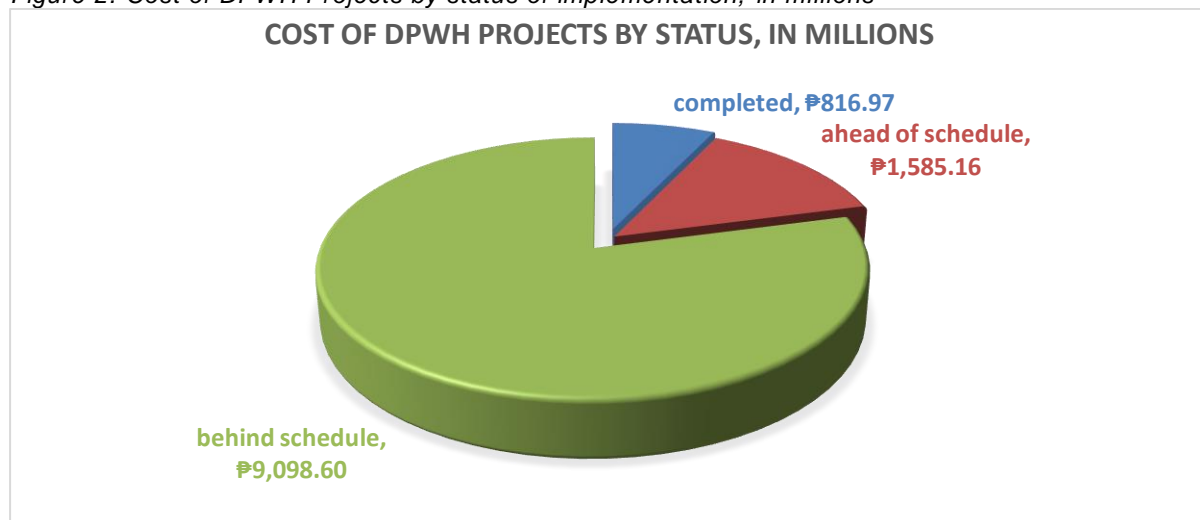
B. Status of Programs, Projects and Activities (PAPs)

1. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) MIMAROPA

As of June 30, 2021, DPWH MIMAROPA reported implementing 103 projects funded under GAA 2020-2021 amounting to ₱11,500.73 million

(Figure 2). 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.

Figure 2. Cost of DPWH Projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: DPWH MIMAROPA

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

2. Department of Transportation (DOTr)

The 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.

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

3. Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Mindoro

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

The project details were in the attached RPMES output form 5 for reference.

4. Philippine Ports Authority-Port Management Office (PPA-PMO) Palawan

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

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

5. Department of Energy (DOE)

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

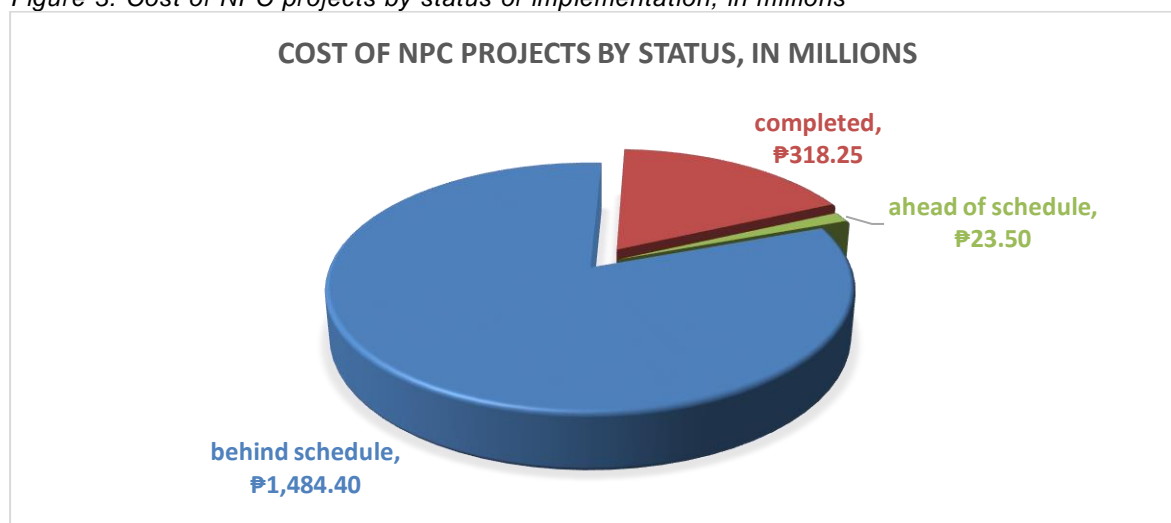
The project details were in the attached RPMES output form 5 for reference.

6. National Power Corporation (NPC)

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 (Figure 3).

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.

Figure 3. Cost of NPC projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: National Power Corporation

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

7. Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)

The 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

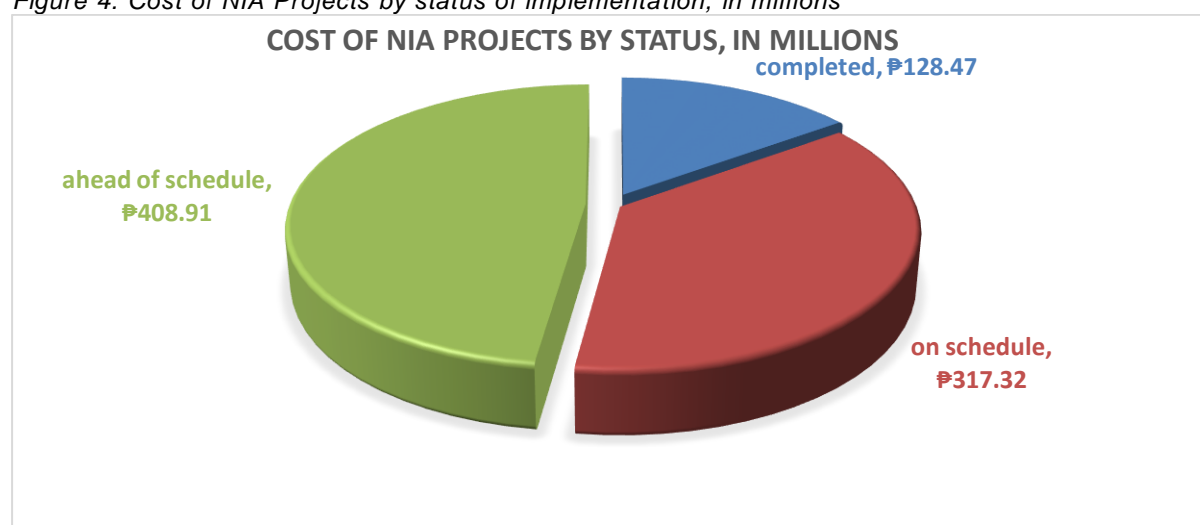
₱9.40 million. As of June 30, 2021, the project has a physical accomplishment of 7.21 percent with a slippage of negative 30.39 percent.

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

8. National Irrigation Administration (NIA) MIMAROPA

As of June 30, 2021, NIA MIMAROPA reported implementing 56 projects amounting to ₱854.70 million. A total of 11 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 (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Cost of NIA Projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: NIA MIMAROPA

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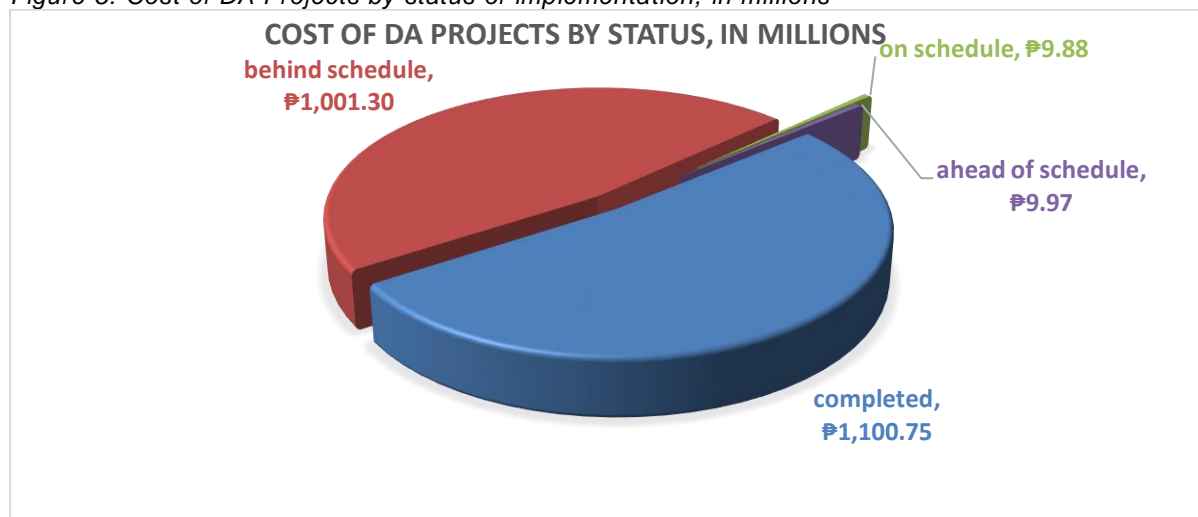
9. Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA

The Department of Agriculture submitted the status reports on 143 projects amounting to ₱2,121.90 million. A total of 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 (Figure 5).

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 QRF funded projects amounting to ₱81.31 million. Details of the QRF projects were discussed in the section on RRP.

Figure 5. Cost of DA Projects by status of implementation, in millions



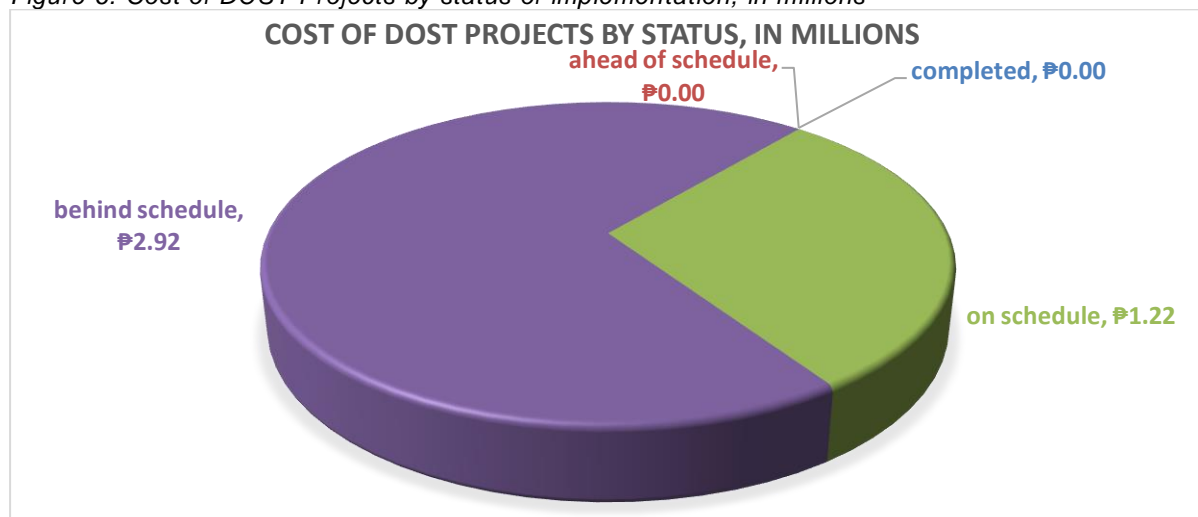
Source: DA MIMAROPA

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

10. Department of Science and Technology (DOST) MIMAROPA

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 (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Cost of DOST Projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: DOST MIMAROPA

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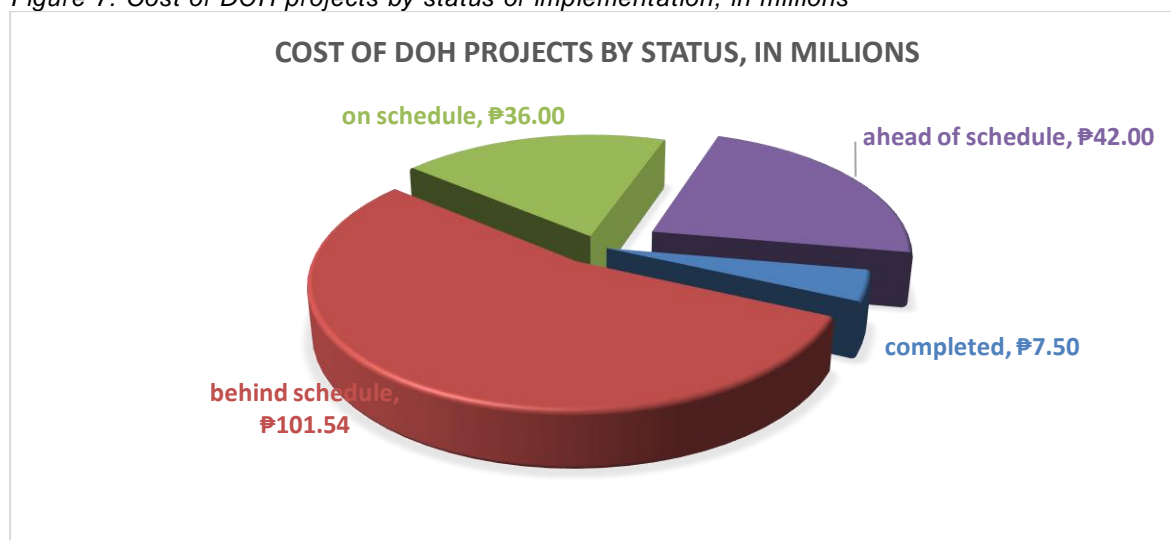
11. Department of Health (DOH) MIMAROPA

DOH MIMAROPA 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 (Figure 7).

Figure 7. Cost of DOH projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: Department of Health MIMAROPA

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

12. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) MIMAROPA

DOLE MIMAROPA 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.

13. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA

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

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

14. Population Commission (POPCOM)

POPCOM MIMAROPA submitted status report of three projects amounting to ₱1.25 million. The average physical accomplishment of

POPCOM projects was 99.82 percent with an average slippage of negative 0.18 percent.

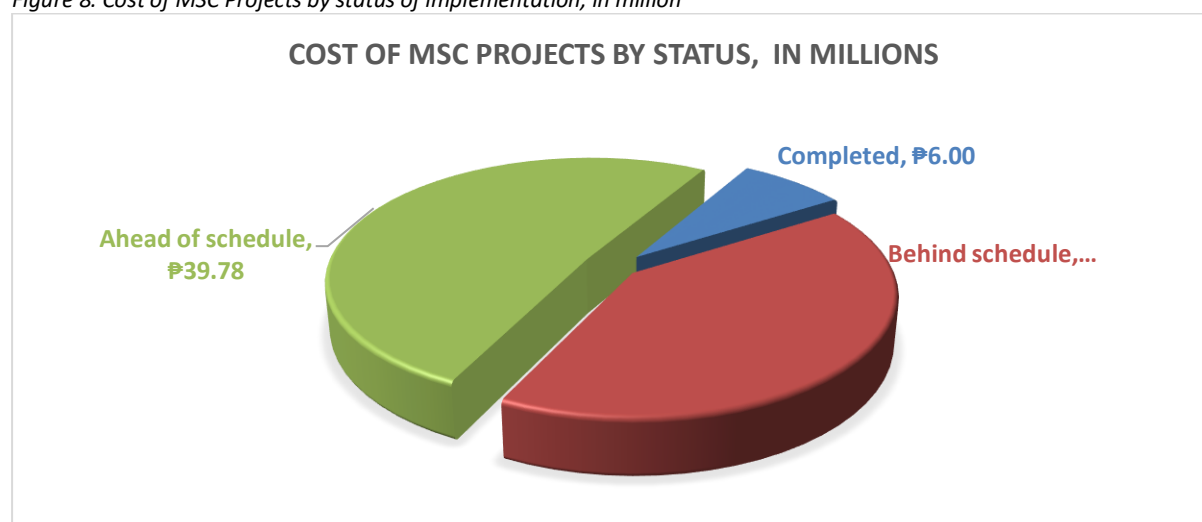
The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

15. Marinduque State College (MSC)

MSC submitted status reports 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 (Figure 8).

Figure 8. Cost of MSC Projects by status of implementation, in million



Source: MSC

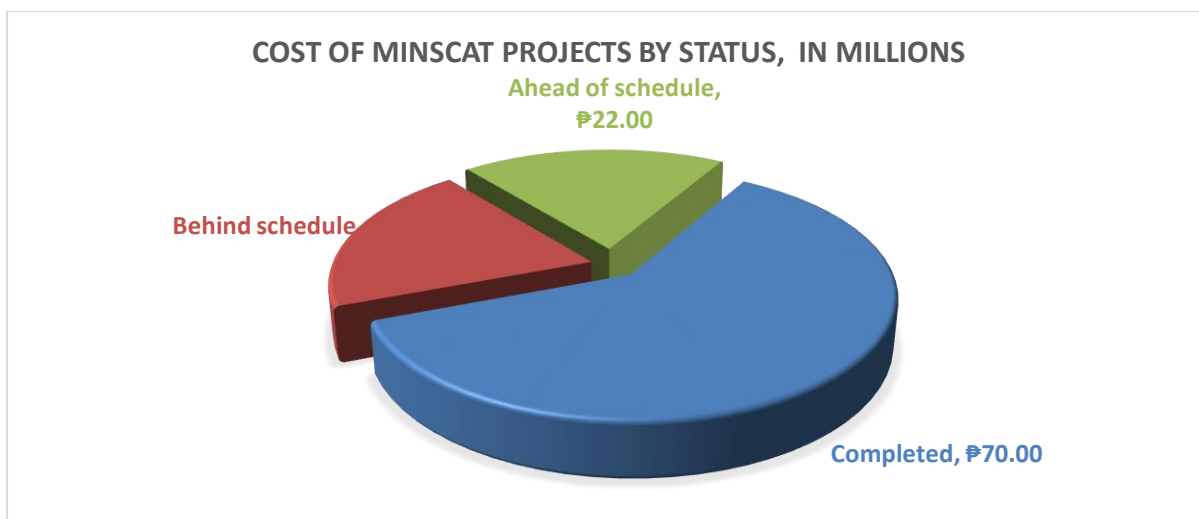
The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

16. Mindoro State University (MinSU)

MinSU submitted status reports 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 (Figure 9).

Figure 9. Cost of MinSU Projects by status of implementation, in million



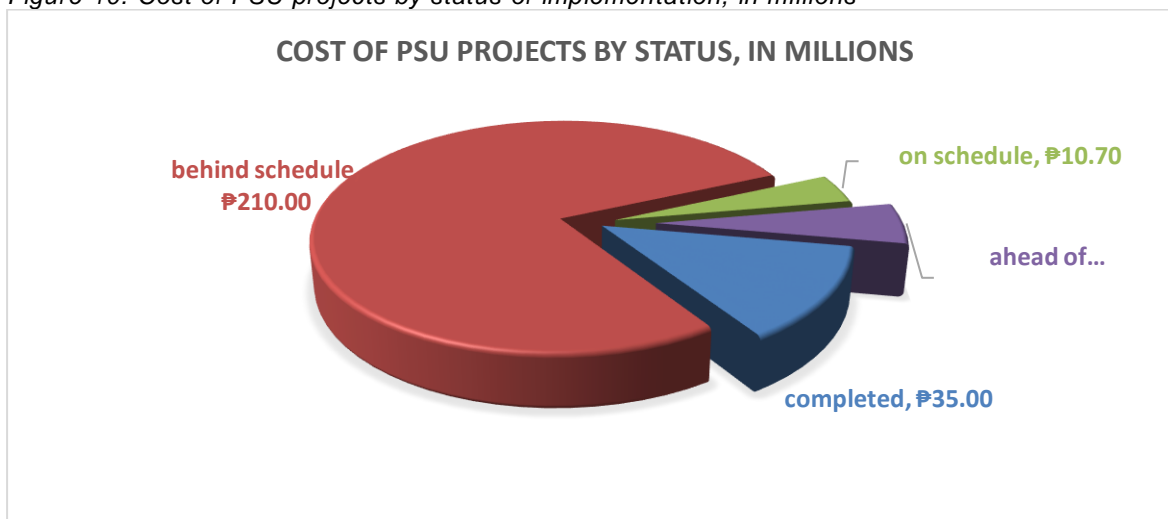
Source: MinSU

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

17. Palawan State University (PSU)

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 (Figure 10).

Figure 10. Cost of PSU projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: PSU

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

18. Romblon State University (RSU)

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.

The project details were in the attached RPMES output form 5 for reference.

19. Western Philippines University (WPU)

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

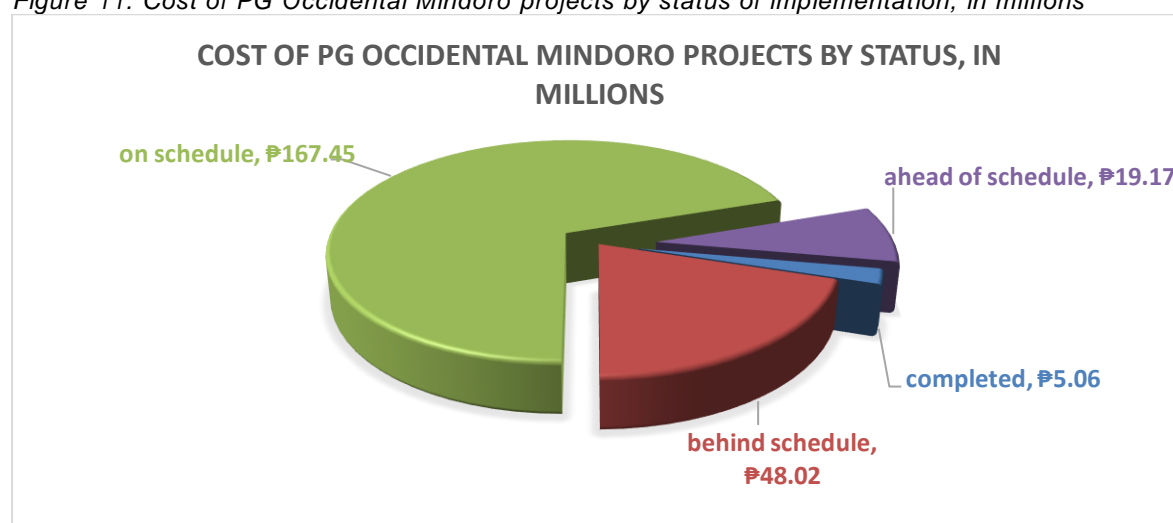
The project details were in the attached RPMES output form 5 for reference.

20. Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro

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 were 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 (Figure 11).

Figure 11. Cost of PG Occidental Mindoro projects by status of implementation, in millions



Source: PG Occidental Mindoro

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and

6 for reference.

21. Provincial Government of Palawan

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.

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

22. Provincial Government of Romblon

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.

The project details were in the attached RPMES output forms 5 and 6 for reference.

IV. RPMC Meeting

The new Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza presided over the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) meeting via Zoom videoconference last 8 June 2021.

In his message, Director Mendoza expressed his support in continuing the capability building of the Local Project Monitoring Committees and the conduct of impact evaluation of the programs and projects in the MIMAROPA region. He also underscored the urgent need to facilitate the completion of all infrastructure projects implemented by major agencies, identify the gaps that would require additional investments, and enhance decision making through the use of existing technologies such as the Geographic Information System.

DPWH MIMAROPA reported that the Victoria-Sablayan Mindoro Cross Island Road and Puerto Galera-Abra De Ilog Mindoro Island Circumferential Road projects were all ongoing and nearing its completion. They also reported that the construction of the Coron-Culion Inter-Island Bridges was suspended until all the required clearances from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development and other requirements have been complied and approved.

Meanwhile, the National Irrigation Administration MIMAROPA reported that they conducted a meeting with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples for the finalization of the memorandum of agreement

for the Ibato-Iraan Small Reservoir Irrigation System in Aborlan, Palawan.

The National Housing Authority (NHA) Regional Office 4 presented the updates on the status of their remaining projects in the province of Palawan under the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program (YPHP). The NHA Board has approved the mutual termination of the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between NHA and the Provincial Government of Palawan (PGP) pursuant to NHA Board Resolution No. 6569 dated 28 August 2019. NHA 4 also decided to implement the remaining projects under the “Design & Build” Scheme.

The Department of Agriculture MIMAROPA presented the status of the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) in the region, particularly the status of the I-PLAN - Support to commodities, I-BUILD Subprojects, MIMAROPA Pipelined Subprojects, I-REAP subprojects, and the Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Roxas, Palawan.

The secretariat also presented the first quarter RPMES report and the updates on “ProyekTanglaw” with 219 projects reported by different MIMAROPA government offices in the region. Of the reported 291 projects, 114 projects (39.18%) were completed, 102 projects (35.05 %) encountered problems in implementation, 39 projects (13.40 %) were on schedule, while 36 projects (12.37%) were ahead of schedule.

In closing, RPMC Chair Director Mendoza rallied all agencies in attendance to regularly submit RPMES reports through the ProyekTanglaw system online.

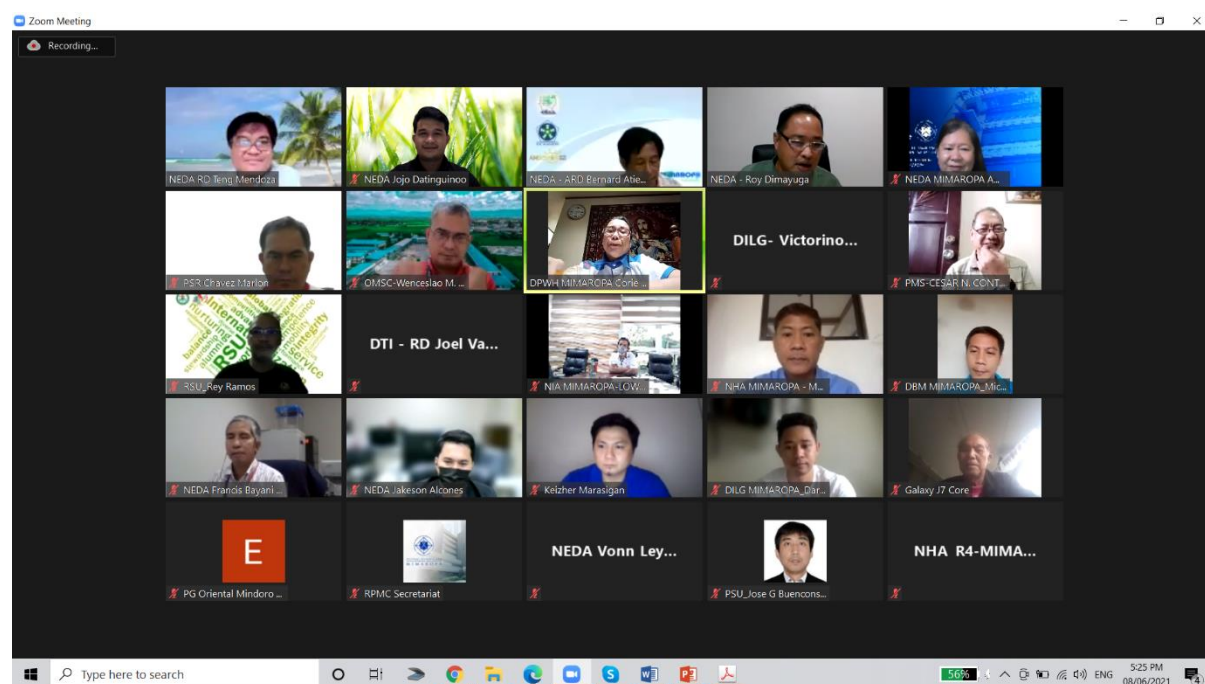


Figure 12. RPMC Meeting via Zoom on June 8, 2021.

V. ProyekTanglaw (eRPMES)

A. ProyekTanglaw User's Training

The NEDA Regional Office (NRO) MIMAROPA for the third time, conducted a two-day user's training on the "ProyekTanglaw" system or the Electronic Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (eRPMES) of NEDA MIMAROPA on April 20 and 21 through Zoom video conference.

Regional Director Susan A. Sumbeling welcomed the participants on the opening day of the training, expressing gratitude for taking time to attend the "ProyekTanglaw" User's training despite the busy schedule and amidst challenges they are facing due to COVID-19 pandemic. She emphasized that RPMES focal persons play the vital link in ensuring accountability and proper project implementation, through timely project monitoring that produce quality information to ensure effective decision-making for the government leaders and managers to do corrective actions when needed, and safeguards the timely achievement of target project results.

RD Sumbeling also underscored that the ProyekTanglaw Users' training is not just to report on new features of the system, but also as a venue to solicit inputs on the system for the preparation of the 2021 first quarter RPMES report to be submitted to the National Project Monitoring Committee (NPMC).

The first Users' Training was conducted on November 10-11, 2020, which introduced the "ProyekTanglaw" to the intended users. The second ProyekTanglaw Users' Training conducted on January 18-19, 2021 focused on the features and capabilities of the system, and a review of how to use the system. The third Users' Training is to refresh the users and to provide updates on the enhancement made on the system based on the user's inputs and experiences in using the system.

The participants were given ample time for hands-on practice to explore and test the online project monitoring portal. Additional comments and feedback from participants were collected to further develop and enhance the system's capability for future use.

In his closing remarks, NEDA MIMAROPA OIC Assistant Regional Director Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. highlighted three points to the participants: to celebrate achievements, to commit to the work ahead, and to keep ourselves accountable.

He said that the ProyekTanglaw system is up and running, which was made possible through the support of all RPMES focal persons, who he identified were NEDA's hands-on consultants in developing this system. He rallied everyone to continue to utilize the ProyekTanglaw system with an open mind, and urged them to lobby for the utilization of

the reports we generated from it to inform decision-makers and planners in their respective agencies.

Finally, ARD Atienza wished to have a sustained good working relationship with everyone as we continue to collaborate towards the development of the MIMAROPA region.

A total of 60 participants from various regional line agencies, GOCCs, LGUs, SUCs and select NEDA MIMAROPA staff attended the online training.

B. ProyekTanglaw Briefing and Demo

NEDA MIMAROPA on May 7, 2021 conducted a ProyekTanglaw system briefing to NEDA Cagayan Valley, marking the second time the web-based RPMES system was showcased to other NROs.

The objective of the briefing was to introduce the ProyekTanglaw online platform to NRO II. The topics discussed include the brief history and timeline of the ProyekTanglaw development, the salient features and capabilities of the system, and a short demonstration of how the system works.

The NRO MIMAROPA “ProyekTanglaw” system was developed in partnership with the NEDA Information and Communications Technology Staff – Information System Development Division (ICTS-ISDD) with the goal that other NRO’s may use and customize the system according to their needs.

The “ProyekTanglaw” system caught the interest of other NROs because it is operational and free. In partnership with NEDA ICTS-ISDD, NRO MIMAROPA is very much willing to share the system with other regions as well. Thus, Regional Director (RD) Dionisio C. Ledres, Jr. of NRO II, through a memorandum dated April 29, 2021, requested NRO MIMAROPA for a short briefing/orientation on the “ProyekTanglaw” system.

ProyekTanglaw is a combination of two Tagalog words “Proyekto” (project) and “Tanglaw” (torch) that is widely spoken in the MIMAROPA region. It is primarily aimed at reducing the processing time for gathering and processing RPMES reports, as well as, to strengthen development planning, investment programming, and project monitoring linkages in the region.

RD Susan A. Sumbeling of NRO MIMAROPA, in her opening remarks, shared some practical advantages that can be leveraged by using the system: first, is the faster to access data anytime and anywhere, as the information stored can be instantly retrieved and obtained as long as one has an internet connection; second, the system does away with paper-based submission so it is environment friendly; third, with a few clicks, one can autogenerate reports through the system

(like if one wants to know how much has been allocated for ELCAC projects, for BP2, etc); and fourth, it can reduce costs, as once the system is developed and implemented, it can minimize the cost of managing data over time.

RD Ledres in his message, commended MIMAROPA for making the system available for deployment to other NROs. He also expressed appreciation for the prompt response in allowing them to see the capabilities, functionality, and interface of the ProyekTanglaw.

According to Roy Dimayuga, Chief EDS of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Division, the success of online databases, such as the ProyekTanglaw, depends on the buy-ins of its intended users. For this reason, several policies issuances have been passed at the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee and Regional Development Council levels to ensure that implementing agencies such as regional line agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, and local government units will support and use the system consistently. These implementing agencies identified their respective RPMES focal persons who were eventually trained by NRO MIMAROPA through a series of user's training. The automated generation of reports and the appearance of projects in physical maps have generated overwhelming support from implementing agencies. In compliance with the requirements of BP2, the ProyekTanglaw Dashboard has been embedded in the NRO MIMAROPA website.

Engr. Francis de Guzman of NRO MIMAROPA, the system administrator, discussed and demonstrated the salient features and capabilities of the system. He provided the actual online demonstration on the input and output capability of the system.

During the open forum, NRO II participants inquired on the financial and institutional requirements of the system and how they can tailor-fit the system to suit their emerging needs in Cagayan Valley. OIC Assistant RD Bernardino A. Atienza of NRO MIMAROPA, in his closing remarks, stressed that "ProyekTanglaw" had already shown its capability to speed up the process of the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System report generation. He emphasized that NRO II can further customize the system based on their needs in coordination with NEDA-ICTS-ISDD.

VI. Engineering for Non-Engineers Webinar Series

The NEDA Regional Office MIMAROPA conducted a two-day Engineering for non-Engineers Webinar Series with the topic on Building Construction on April 26-27, 2021 through zoom video conference. The capacity-building activity is the second of a series of trainings on Engineering for non-Engineers Webinar Series intended for the Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC) members.

NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Susan A. Sumbeling welcomed the participants to the webinar series, and expressed her

profound gratitude for their dedication and effort in attending the training despite the multiple tasks they are doing in their respective offices.

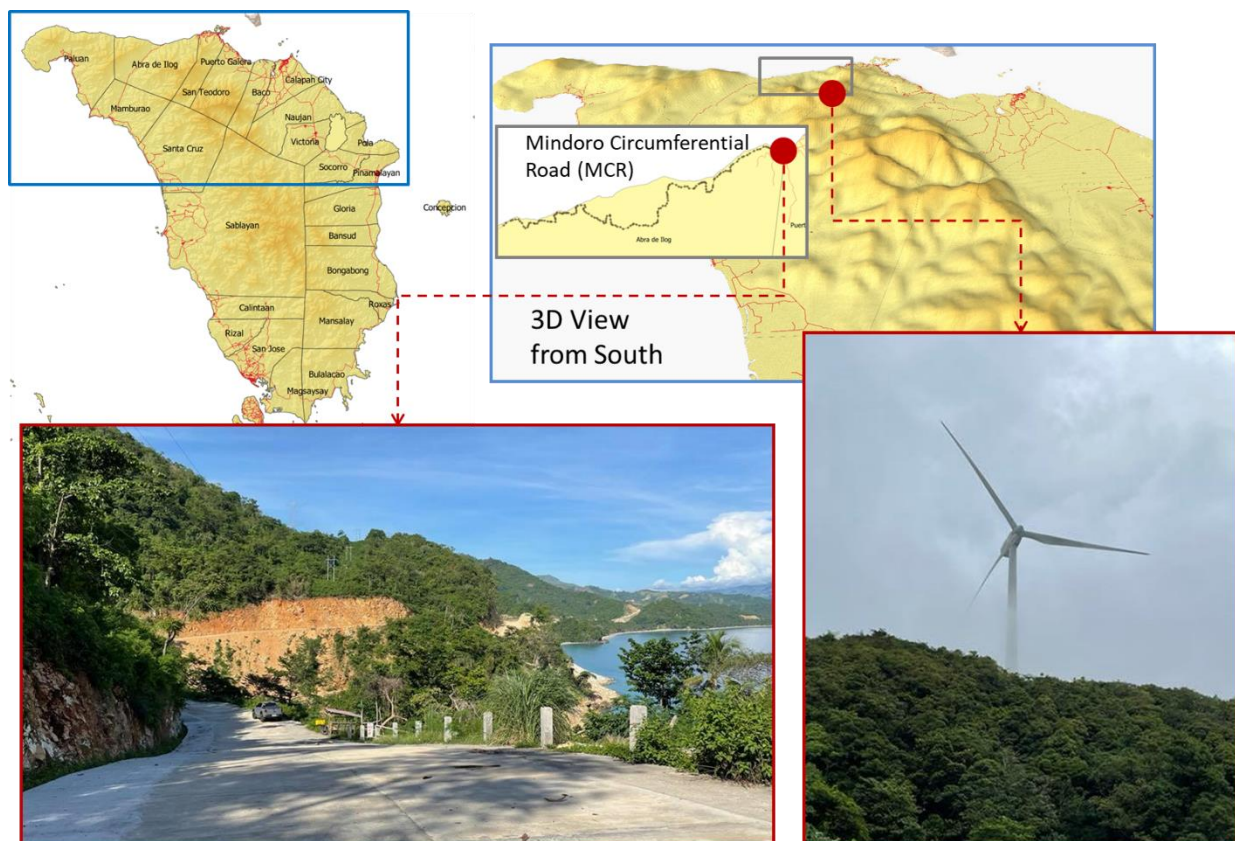
Director Sumbeling underscored the overall goal of the training, which is to provide the participants with additional knowledge on the basic concepts and terminologies related to monitoring infrastructure projects with special focus on building construction, including gender mainstreaming efforts, relevant laws and applicable codes, appropriate materials, equipment used, construction safety, and to identify erroneous practices in building construction.

Participants were also provided with the know-how on the stages, requirements, and methods of constructing a building.

VII. Field Validation Visit

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) Secretariat visited a renewable energy and several connectivity infrastructure projects in Oriental Mindoro particularly those located in the municipality of Puerto Galera on June 16 and 18, 2021.

The Wind Power Energy System in Puerto Galera is a 48.0MW wind power project operated by the Philippines Hybrid Energy Systems Inc. (PHESI). Its first stage of development was approved in June 2011 by the Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jose Almendras. Eight units of 2.0MW Gamesa G90 turbines (with a combined 16.0MW generating capacity), an access road, a substation, a 7.5-kilometer long 69kV transmission line, and a metering station comprise the first phase of the project implementation. This was completed at the end of the second quarter of 2019. Commercial operations commenced in the third quarter of the same year.



(Above) Location Maps of the inspected power and connectivity infrastructure projects in Puerto Galera; (Below left) Paved section (foreground) and unpaved section (background) of the Abra de Ilog-Puerto Galera Mindoro Island Circumferential Road (MICR); and (below right) One of the wind turbines of the Puerto Galera Wind Power Energy System (WEPS).

The wind farm project aims to provide a substantial renewable energy source to the island grid as diesel-based electricity supply is predominant presently. To realize its goal, a hybrid expansion of the project is underway. A 6.0MW/6.0MWh Battery Energy Storage System is under construction to complement the operating plant. An additional 10.0MW of wind power will also be constructed within this year in order to reach its target to provide a stable power supply in Mindoro.

Power generation through renewable energy resources supports in achieving a sustainable economy. It is expected to provide electric power at a lower cost which will be beneficial for its consumers in terms of savings. Advancing the clean energy initiatives in the province also entails the possibility of attracting investments. Adopting renewable energy increases macroeconomic efficiency through possible business expansions and increase in employment prospects. It also veers away from the accumulating economic costs from environmental degradation and health risks brought about by traditional energy technologies.

On connectivity, the 19.565-kilometer Mindoro Island Circumferential Road (MICR) in Abra de Ilog and Puerto Galera is being constructed to develop the interconnection of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro. The project is intended to optimize positive network impacts on the economies of both provinces and improve access to basic social services.

Estimated travel time for inter-province travel between Abra de Ilog and Puerto Galera was forecasted to be only two hours after the project completion, a far cry from the 10-hour long trip currently via Mindoro Oriental/Occidental East Coastal Road in Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro.

Aside from travel time savings, the expansion of the inter-provincial transportation network is envisioned to result to efficient linking of major market economies. The quick access can prompt a development ripple effect in neighboring areas of concern. Urban agglomeration is also anticipated to sprung from the influence and economic concentration of the integrated local growth centers.

Efficient transport and distribution system backstopped by the MICR can also lead to the increase and modernization of agricultural productivity and tourism development for both provinces. From the stimulated

demand, local products can expand its market base. The reduction in operating costs also promotes efficiency in transport of agri-fishery products. Emergence of new tourism products and services will also be stimulated by the project. Moreover, the connecting road can also lead to other economic potentials of existing resources along its new route and in the Strong Republic Nautical Highway (SRNH).

The RPMC secretariat noted that three sections of the road project with a total length of 7.603 kilometers were already completed, seven sections with a total length of 9.376 kilometers are under construction, while a 1.20-kilometer section and three bridges are still unfunded.

One of the challenges encountered during construction of the MICR is the misclassification of rocks along the construction site in Oriental Mindoro. This led to the contractor's unforeseen encounter with solid rocks. Implementation was delayed because it lasted a year to secure the rock reclassification approved by the Bureau of Resource Sciences (BRS) and blasting permit from the Philippine National Police (PNP).

In the Occidental Mindoro part of the project, another cause of delay during implementation was the breeding ground of pawikan (green turtle and olive ridley species) located near the project area. Destruction of active nests is prohibited as per Republic Act 9147, also known as the "Wildlife Act". This issue was already resolved through identification of new road alignment that avoids the sea turtle nesting grounds.

The third project inspected by the team was the Balatero Port. It was developed by the local government of Puerto Galera and was acquired through donation from the family of Architect Andy Locsin. A single port of entry system for Puerto Galera started in 2011 wherein full operation and management of the port was lodged to the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). In September 2016, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council (RDC) endorsed the Port Zone Delineation of the Balatero Port.

The Balatero Port now serves as one of the potential drivers for the development of Puerto Galera that facilitates the movement of people and goods. The municipality's aggregate revenues are catalyzed by faster commodity flow, passenger mobility, and accelerated local development.

The power and connectivity infrastructure projects visited in Puerto Galera, while in progress, are considered instrumental in achieving sustainable development for the whole province. The RPMC is at the forefront to track the implementation and conduct impact evaluation for these projects.