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**76<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting**  
(via Virtual Conference)  
September 3, 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	Engr. Aireen Marcaida
5. Gov. Humerto A. Dolor	Oriental Mindoro	EnP Monique Melgar
6. Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr.	Marinduque	

**City Mayor**

7. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron	Puerto Princesa City	Engr. Jovenee Sagun
8. Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan	Calapan City	EnP Joey Benter

**Mayors of Capital Towns**

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

**Regional Directors of National Government Agencies**

11. Dir. Wilburn L. Tan	PMS	Mr. Cesar N. Contreras
12. Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay	DOST	
13. Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag	CHED	
14. Atty. Marvin V. Bernal	DAR	ARD Lilibeth Lee
15. Dir. Carina P. Del Rosario	BSP 4	Ms. Karel Saskia Odiver
16. Dir. Maria Angelita C. Cells	DBM	
17. Atty. Joffrey M. Suyao	DOLE	ARD Erwin N. Aquino
18. Dir. Arthur D. Pascual, Jr.	DPWH	ARD Melquiades Sto. Domingo
19. Dir. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer	DENR	
20. USec. Ruben S. Reinoso	DOTr	Mr. Christopher Querijero
21. Dir. Wilhelm M. Suyko	DILG	
22. Dir. Mario S. Baquilod	DOH	
23. Dir. Fernando R. De Villa, Jr.	DSWD	ARD Joel Mijares
24. RED Antonio G. Gerundio	DA	RTD Louella Lorenzana
25. Dir. Joel B. Valera	DTI	
26. Dir. Julius Ervin O. Enciso	DHSUD	Mr. Louis Alconcel
27. Dir. Jesus T. Tamang	DOE	Mr. Dwane Cayonte

52	28. Dir. Consolacion Q. Agcaoili	BLGF	Mr. Dennis T. Cunag
53	29. Dir. Cheryl C. Ortega	DICT Luzon Cluster 3	
54	30. OIC Lolita B. Tolentino	DFA	Mr. Jethro Tull Dela Cruz
55	31. Dir. Angelito V. Sacro	CDA	ARD Abet Sabarias
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57	<b>Private Sector Representatives</b>		
58	32. Mr. Luis S. Caraan	KKPF, Inc.	
59	33. Ms. Joanna J. Elideros	Taw Kabui for a Child, Inc.	
60	34. Ms. Marie Grace Cristina G. Faylona	MBCFI	
61	35. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	Bayay Sibuyanon, Inc.	
62	36. Mr. Darius M. Guerrero	Labor Representative	
63	37. Ms. Juvelyn V. Gumal-in	PMUI	
64	38. Rev. Fr. Arvin Anthony J. Madla	MACEC	
65	39. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.	PRRM	
66	40. Ms. Maria Milagros G. Quieng	PAI	
67	41. Ms. Marvi R. Trudeau	PSFI	
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69	<b>Special Non-Voting Members</b>		
70	42. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua	NCIP	
71	43. Mngr. Ana Rosa D. Papa	NEA	Mr. James Panado
72	44. Dir. Ruben L. Carandang	OCD	
73	45. Engr. Glenn Marcelo C. Noble	MGB	Mr. Markus Peter Mantubig
74	46. Dir. Elizer S. Salilig	BFAR	
75	47. Atty. Michael P. Matias	EMB	Ms. Siena De Luna
76	48. Dir. Ramon L. Rivera	PCA	Ms. Marilyn Ramos
77	49. Atty. Jay Daniel R. Santiago	PPA	Mr. Elizalde M. Ulson
78	50. PBGen Nelson B. Bondoc	PNP	PCol Jonathan Paguio
79	51. Dir. Emmanuel B. Carpio	MARINA	Atty. Gel Divino
80	52. Dir. Leni R. Rioflorido	PSA	Mr. Raymund Lapus
81	53. Dir. William P. Ragodon	NIA	
82	54. NPC Ma. Eileen B. Blanco	NNC	
83	55. Dir. Reynaldo O. Wong	POPCOM	
84	56. Chairperson Arsenio J. Lizaso	NCCA	Ms. Maricel Diaz
85	57. Dir. Rufino C. Mendoza	NICA	
86	58. MGen Rowen S. Tolentino	AFP-PA 2ID	
87	59. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta	PCSD	
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89	<b><u>Absent</u></b>		
90	60. Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Occidental Mindoro	
91	61. Mayor Gerard S. Montojo	Romblon, Romblon	
92	62. Mayor Amy Roa Alvarez	San Vicente, Palawan	
93	63. Mayor Maria Fe V. Brondial	Socorro, Oriental Mindoro	
94	64. Mayor Carl Michael M. Pangilinan	Paluan, Occidental Mindoro	
95	65. Mayor Lorna Q. Velasco	Torrijos, Marinduque	
96	66. PSR Carmelita E. Cruz	Mangyan Mission, Inc.	
97	67. PSR Oscar Ricaflanca	FSCAP	
98	68. Dir. Manuel B. Wong	TESDA	
99	69. Dir. Christopher V. Morales	DOT	
100	70. Dir. Nicolas T. Capulong	DepED	
101	71. Dir. Jose Reuben Q. Alagaran	PIA	
102	72. Dir. Laurefel P. Gabales	PDEA	

103	73. Dir. Hilarion E. Ulep	DOTr-RMC
104	74. Sec. Emmanuel M. De Guzman	CCC
105		
106	<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
107	75. Gen. Rodolfo Y. Magtibay	CORDS-TWG
108	76. Dir. Din A. Mabanta	CORDS-TWG
109	77. Mr. Efren K. Echavia	OPAST
110	78. Ms. Leah A. Salvador	OPAST
111	79. Ms. Michelle G. Tabuno	OPAST
112	80. Ms. Ma. Shiela P. Mansalapuz	MinSU
113	81. Dr. Diosdado P. Zulueta	MSC
114	82. Dr. Marlyn G. Nielo	OMSC
115	83. Dr. Merian C. Mani	RSU
116	84. Dr. Ramon M. Docto	PSU
117	85. Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina	WPU
118	86. Mayor Elmer Fruelda	Corcuera, Romblon
119	87. EnP Marian Cunanan	PPDO - Marinduque
120	88. EnP Willard B. Mortos	PPDO - Romblon
121	89. Ms. Victoria Calabio	PPDO - Occidental Mindoro
122	90. Mr. Ronald Matibag	PPA-PMO Mindoro
123	91. Mr. Jaypee Nardo	PMS
124	92. Mr. Karl Vernon G. Tamban	DOST
125	93. Ms. Josefina M. Lopez	DAR
126	94. ARD Alexander Calma	DBM
127	95. Mr. Michael M. Lacsamana	DBM
128	96. Ms. Eunice Delos Santos	DBM
129	97. Dr. Matthew Medrano	DOH
130	98. Mr. Michael Sinocruz	DOE
131	99. Ms. Evangeline Nova	DOTr
132	100. Mr. Rene Parreño	BFAR
133	101. Mr. Jose Nelson Sobrevega	MARINA 4
134	102. BGen Gernale	WESCOM
135	103. Mr. Mark Anton	SOLCOM
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137	<b><u>RDC Secretariat</u></b>	
138	104. Ms. Sheryll B. Sarabia	NEDA
139	105. Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado	NEDA
140	106. Mr. Roy A. Dimayuga	NEDA
141	107. Mr. Emerson Kim J. Lineses	NEDA
142	108. Mr. Ryan O. Manrique	NEDA
143	109. Joel M. Paule	NEDA
144	110. Ms. Amalia S. Tuppil	NEDA
145	111. Ms. Mirabelle B. Lanuza	NEDA
146	112. Ms. Marissa M. Morales	NEDA
147	113. Mr. Angelo Paolo Aboboto	NEDA
148	114. Mr. Julius Carlo F. Hilado	NEDA
149	115. Mr. Jakeson Alcones	NEDA
150	116. Ms. Maria Victoria S. Marcos	NEDA
151	117. Ms. Kenneth Joy T. Arteza	NEDA
152	118. Mr. Dean M. Baja	NEDA
153	119. Mr. Wilson D. Garcia	NEDA

154 **I. PRELIMINARIES**

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156 Governor Jose R. Riano, RDC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with the  
157 singing of the Philippine National Anthem, an invocation, and singing of the MIMAROPA  
158 Hymn.

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160 **II. BUSINESS PROPER**

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162 **A. Declaration of Quorum**

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164 RDC Secretary and NEDA MIMAROPA OIC-Assistant Regional Director Bernardino A.  
165 Atienza, Jr., called the roll, acknowledged the guests, and declared a quorum. Of the 51 regular  
166 members, 27 were present and 13 were represented, constituting 78 percent attendance.  
167 Among the 22 special non-voting members, nine were present and nine were represented,  
168 registering 82 percent attendance.

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170 **B. Welcome Remarks and Messages**

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172 The RDC Chairperson and Romblon Governor Jose R. Riano welcomed and thanked all the  
173 members and guests present. In his message Governor Riano emphasized the importance of  
174 working in solidarity and cooperation in tackling the current challenges and threat of COVID-  
175 19 pandemic, natural calamities and disasters. He enjoined all member agencies to remain  
176 resilient and continue exploring opportunities for regional development, particularly in health  
177 and economic sectors to contribute to the realization of MIMAROPA's development vision.

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179 He also enumerated several major agenda to discuss during the meeting and encouraged  
180 everyone to actively participate and continuously committed to innovative solutions in  
181 addressing development challenges. He hoped that with renewed courage and strength  
182 coupled with collective initiatives and efforts, the remaining months of the year will offer better  
183 prospects for all the MIMAROPAns.

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185 Likewise, MIMAROPA CORDS Representative, Ret. Gen. Rodolfo Y. Magtibay delivered the  
186 message of CORDS MIMAROPA and DOE Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi. He discussed the  
187 importance of having hope despite the many challenges amidst the global pandemic towards  
188 sustainable development. While hope alone does not take to realize Ambition 2040 for a  
189 *Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay*, the pursuit for economic growth shall also the  
190 means to eradicate poverty and inequalities. The lack of continuity in policy making and  
191 programs and the lack of convergence among different government units will continue to  
192 hamper development. The regional development challenges should be discussed in a more  
193 integrated, convergence, inclusive and coherent approach to consider that the programs,  
194 activities and projects for the delivery of basic services, employment opportunities and  
195 livelihood, and social protection must deliberately be aimed at reducing poverty, inequalities  
196 and insecurity.

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198 Moreover, Mr. Efren K. Echavia, Head Executive Assistant of the Office of Presidential Adviser  
199 for Southern Tagalog relayed the message of PA Casimiro M. Ynares, Jr., to continuously  
200 strive to achieve the goals towards a *Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay* para sa  
201 MIMAROPA. PA Ynares' message emphasized the need to work collectively and  
202 collaboratively towards achieving a common objectives to ensure that the sustainable  
203 development plans, investment programs and other special development plans and programs  
204 of the region will be achieved. The best gifts for the MIMAROPAns are tangible outcome that

will generate more employment, livelihood opportunities, quality education, wider health services, flourishing tourism, and modern airports, seaports and roads development.

In his message, Marinduque Governor Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr. emphasized that in the advent of the implementation of Executive Order No. 138, s. 2021, the need for coordination and collaboration among national government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs) and private sectors is more prominent. To ensure smooth and progressive operationalization of full devolution of functions, services, and facilities to the LGUs, it is necessary to lay down the implementation strategies and phasing of the devolution transition in the plans of NGAs and LGUs.

### **C. Awarding of Plaque of Recognition**

The RDC MIMAROPA awarded plaque of recognition to retired RD Yolanda L. Tangco of DPWH and LtGen Antonio G. Parlade, Jr. of Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM). Meanwhile, NEDA Regional Director and RDC Vice Chairperson Agustin C. Mendoza greeted the RDC members who celebrated their birthdays during the third quarter of the year.

### **D. Proposed Agenda**

The RDC Chairperson presented the proposed agenda. On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved as presented.

### **E. Approval of the Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting**

PSR Marvi R. Trudeau 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 17 resolutions passed and four 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**

#### **• Oriental Mindoro Tourism-related Infrastructure Projects**

The EDC Chairperson PSR Rodne R. Galicha presented the two proposed tourism-related infrastructure projects of the provincial government of Oriental Mindoro, namely: 1) Naujan Lake Wetland Center; and 2) Liwasan ng Mamamayan: Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza. These are all for inclusion in the MIMAROPA Regional Development and Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022 and for consideration of the concerned agencies in their respective Agency investment Program (AIP).



257 1. Construction of Naujan Lake Wetland Center

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259 PSR Galicha reported that the proposed establishment of Naujan Lake Wetland Center at  
260 Barangay Pasi II, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro involves the construction of physical structure of  
261 the center in a 2,500 square meter area of the land to be donated by the municipal government  
262 of Socorro with an estimated project cost of ₱20 million proposed for funding by the DENR  
263 MIMAROPA and DOT-Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA). The  
264 proposed project aims to boost ecotourism in Naujan Lake National Park, generate income,  
265 and create employment opportunities for local residents.  
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267 He added that the EDC during its third quarter meeting held on August 5, 2021 through video  
268 conferencing reviewed, deliberated, and favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the  
269 proposed project, subject to the submission of necessary documents such as project's  
270 sustainability plan, environmental compliance certificate, PAMB clearance, among others.  
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272 RD Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer of DENR MIMAROPA commented that the proposed project could  
273 be included in the CY 2023 Budget of DENR MIMAROPA.  
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275 On a motion duly seconded, the inclusion of the proposed construction of Naujan Lake Wetland  
276 Center in Oriental Mindoro in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 was approved.  
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278 2. Establishment of the Liwasan ng Mamamayan: The Oriental Mindoro People's Park and  
279 Public Plaza

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281 PSR Galicha reported that the proposed establishment of the Liwasan ng Mamamayan: The  
282 Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza in Camilmil, Calapan City involves the  
283 development of a 5,000 sq.m area into a park and public plaza amounting to ₱70 million  
284 proposed for funding by the DOT MIMAROPA and the DPWH MIMAROPA. The proposed  
285 project aims to: 1) provide an alternative venue for social or special events as well as promotion  
286 and marketing of local products; and 2) provide livelihood and employment opportunities for  
287 local residents.  
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289 He further cited that the EDC during its third quarter meeting held on August 5, 2021 through  
290 video conferencing reviewed, deliberated, and favorably recommended RDC endorsement of  
291 the proposed project.  
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293 On a motion duly seconded, the inclusion of the proposed establishment of the Liwasan ng  
294 Mamamayan: The Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza in Oriental Mindoro in the  
295 MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 was approved.  
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297 • Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCore) Project

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299 The EDC Chairperson PSR Rodne R. Galicha reported that BFAR MIMAROPA requested  
300 RDC endorsement of the proposed Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCore)  
301 Project, which aims to increase fisherfolks household income through improved management  
302 of coastal fishery resources and strengthened fishery value chain in Fishery Management Area  
303 (FMA). The feasibility study of the proposal was submitted by the Department of Agriculture  
304 through Secretary William D. Dar for NEDA's technical review and evaluation, and  
305 endorsement to the World Bank.  
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307 The proposal has an estimated total project cost of ₱11 billion of which ₱9.6 billion shall be  
308 funded by the World Bank through a loan; ₱610 million shall be funded by BFAR MIMAROPA;

₱996 million shall be funded by the private sector; and ₱208 million shall be funded by beneficiary groups and cooperatives.

PSR Galicha added that the EDC during its third quarter meeting held on August 5, 2021 through video conferencing reviewed and favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the MIMAROPA region component of the FishCore Project.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement of the MIMAROPA region component of the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCore) Project of the Department of Agriculture was approved.

• **Farm-to-Market Road Project in Corcuera, Romblon**

PSR Galicha reported that the municipal government of Corcuera in Romblon is proposing for the rehabilitation and concreting of the farm-to-market road (FMR) project in barangay San Roque amounting to ₱25 million for inclusion in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and for consideration in the DA MIMAROPA FY 2022 Agency Investment Program (AIP).

The EDC during its third quarter meeting held on August 5, 2021 through video conferencing reviewed and favorably recommended RDC endorsement of the proposed project. He added that the road influence of the said FMR project must 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.

On a motion duly seconded, the endorsement to DA MIMAROPA of the proposed rehabilitation and concreting of Farm-to-Market Road Project of the Municipality of Corcuera in Romblon was approved.

• **Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing Liquid Fuels**

PSR Galicha reported that Republic Act (RA) No. 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. Under the DOE Circular No. 2017-11-0011 or the “Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing 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 (DENR), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and the Local Government Units (LGUs).

He further stated that 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 in recycled bottles that is rampant in remote areas.

PSR Galicha added that during the EDC special meeting held on July 5, 2021 through video conferencing, the DOE-Oil Industry Management Bureau presented the documentary requirements for the establishment and operations of TSROs. 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 favorably recommended RDC approval of a resolution enjoining the LGUs, DOE 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 DOST to recommend innovations on the FVM design for safety considerations and for the DTI and DOE to provide funding support to MSMEs interested to venture in these types of business.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was approved enjoining 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.

• **Support to RDC XI Resolution No. 145 s. 2020**

The DAC Chairperson PSR Darius M. Guerrero presented RDC XI Resolution No. 145, series of 2020, entitled “Supporting the Passage of House Bill No. 7348, or An Act Institutionalizing the Revitalized Barangay Police Program (RBPP) of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Appropriating Funds Therefore”, and sought support from other RDCs. He said that HB 7348 was introduced in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines by Davao Oriental 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative, Joel Mayo Z. Almario and responsive to the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace in the country.

PSR Guerrero stated that the RBPP 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 grass root level and strengthened barangay-based institutions (BBIs) and barangay-based peace keeping institutions (BPKIs) in Davao Region.

PSR Guerrero reported that the DAC secretariat reviewed RDC XI Resolution No. 145 series of 2020 and requested the position of DILG MIMAROPA and PNP MIMAROPA regarding the proposed institutionalization of revitalized barangay police program. He further cited that DILG MIMAROPA recommended and fully supported HB 7348 for the following reasons: a) supportive towards the attainment of peace and security at the barangay level; and b) peace and order plays a very important role in regional development. Likewise, PNP MIMAROPA supported the said HB and recommended the following: a) conflicts in the barangay needs police intervention; b) more venues to address complaints of civilians; c) lessen gap between police force and barangay; d) easier for the PNP to receive community feedback; and e) conforms with the advocacy in bringing the police close to the community.

He added that the DAC during its third quarter meeting on August 5 through video conferencing reviewed the comments and recommendations of the concerned agencies and favorably recommended RDC support the institutionalization of the Revitalized Barangay Police Program of the PNP through the passage of House Bill No. 7348 filed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines. He further cited that the establishment of Barangay Police Development Fund (BPDF) with an initial amount of P1 billion be replenished annually through the General Appropriation Act (GAA) to ensure sustainable implementation of Revitalized Barangay Police Program (RBPP).

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted supporting the institutionalization of the Revitalized Barangay Police Program (RBPP) of the Philippine National Police (PNP) through the passage of HB 7348 filed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines.

• **Support to RDC V Resolution No. 1-09 s. 2021**

The DAC Chairperson PSR Darius M. Guerrero presented RDC V Resolution No. 1-09 series of 2021, entitled “Strongly recommending National Government Agencies, through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to discontinue allocating Centrally Managed Items (CMIs) in the preparation of the National Expenditure Program (NEP)”, and sought support from other RDCs. 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 NEP or the General Appropriations Act (GAA). 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. He further stated that 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.

PSR Guerrero reported that the DAC secretariat reviewed RDC V Resolution No. 1-09 series of 2021 and requested the position of DBM MIMAROPA regarding the proposed discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP. He further cited that DBM MIMAROPA supported the discontinuance of allocating CMIs in the preparation of the NEP based on the following 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; and 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.

PSR Guerrero mentioned that the DAC during its third quarter meeting on August 5 through video conferencing reviewed the comments and recommendations of DBM MIMAROPA regarding the discontinuance and allocating CMIs in the preparation of NEP and favorably recommended RDC support to RDC V Resolution No. 1-09 series of 2021. He added that concerned implementing agencies are encouraged 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.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted supporting the proposed discontinuance of allocating centrally managed items (CMIs) in the preparation of the National Expenditure Program (NEP).

- **Support to RPEB Resolution No. 3 s. 2021**

The SDC Chairperson PSR Marvi R. Trudeau presented RPEB Resolution No. 3, s. 2021, entitled “Strongly Endorsing House Bill (HB) 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”.

PSR Trudeau said that HB No. 4689 or the 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. The LPDOs shall be primarily responsible for 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. She further cited that the Regional Population Executive Board (RPEB) MIMAROPA on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021 through video conferencing passed a resolution requesting RDC MIMAROPA through the Social Development Committee (SDC) to strongly endorse HB 4689.

The SDC during its third quarter meeting on August 6 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 3 s. 2021 and endorse to the MIMAROPA district representatives for support and possible co-authorship of the HB 4689.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted endorsing to the MIMAROPA District Representatives for support and possible co-authorship of the House Bill No. 4689 or the Local Population Development Act of 2016 now pending at the House of Representatives to address various population and development-related issues and concerns.

- **Support to RPEB Resolution No. 7 s. 2021**

Likewise, the SDC Chairperson presented RPEB Resolution No. 7 s. 2021, entitled “Endorsing to the Local Government Units (LGUs) the Utilization of Commission on Population (POPCOM) Demographic Vulnerability Assessment Tool on Population Density of Barangays to Help Mitigate the Impact of the Pandemic and in Aid of Policy Development among LGUs in Planning for Recovery Programs”.

PSR Trudeau reported that 58 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. 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. She added that 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 LGUs in crafting plans and programs in response to the current and future health emergencies and economic recovery.

PSR Trudeau further stated that the Regional Population Executive Board (RPEB) MIMAROPA on its second quarter meeting held on July 11, 2021 through video conferencing passed RPEB Resolution no. 7 s. 2021 requesting the RDC through the Social Development Committee (SDC) to endorse the said resolution. The SDC during its third quarter meeting on August 6 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC support to RPEB Resolution No. 7 s. 2021.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted endorsing to the LGUs the utilization of POPCOM’s demographic vulnerability assessment tool on population density of barangays to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs.

- **Support to House Bill Nos. 3885 and 4581**

Mr. Karl Vernon G. Tamban of DOST presented House Bill No. 3885 or the Provincial Science Technology Office (PSTO) Bill and House Bill No. 4581 or the Science for Change Program

(S4CP) Bill. He said that 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. 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.

He further stated that 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. Similarly, the S4CP Bill is proposed to accelerate the science, technology, and innovation (STI) in the country to keep up with the developments in our time wherein technology and innovations 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.

Mr. Tamban added that the RRDIC during its third quarter meeting on August 4, 2021 through video conferencing favorably recommended RDC support for the passage of the two bills.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was adopted supporting the passage of HB No. 3885 or the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Bill and HB No. 4581 or the Science for Change Program (S4CP) Bill.

• **Creation of Local Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee**

The RRDIC Chairperson and DOST MIMAROPA Regional Director Ma. Josefina P. Abilay presented the proposed Creation, Strengthening, and Institutionalization of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Committee in the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region. She mentioned that 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.

RD Abilay further stated that the proposed policy on the creation of STI committee in 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. She added that 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.

The RRDIC during its third quarter meeting on August 4, 2021 through video conferencing approved the proposed policy and its guidelines and favorably recommended RDC approval of the proposed creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of STI committee in the local government units in the MIMAROPA region.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was approved enjoining the local government units in MIMAROPA to adopt the policy guidelines on the creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of local Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee.

• **List of R&D Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) of SUCs and RDIs**

In the same manner, the RRDIC Chairperson briefly presented the list of R&D programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and research development institutions (RDIs) and certification of compliance and conformity with the respective R&D Agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, and SDG to the MIMAROPA RRDIC.

RD Abilay mentioned that 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). 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.

She added that 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. 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.

The RRDIC during its third quarter meeting on August 4, 2021 through video conferencing reviewed, confirmed the list of R&D programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and research development institutions and favorably recommended RDC approval and adoption of the said proposal.

On a motion duly seconded, the list of R&D programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and research development institutions (RDIs) and certification of compliance and conformity with the respective R&D Agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, and SDG to the MIMAROPA RRDIC was approved and adopted.

• **Creation of the MIMAROPA RPGRP Screening Committee and confirmation of Chairperson and Members**

The RGADC Co-Chairperson PSR Juvelyn V. Gumal-in presented the proposed creation of screening committee for the certification of MIMAROPA Regional Pool of Gender and Development Resource Persons (RPGRP) and its Chairperson and Membership. 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.

PSR Gumal-in mentioned that the RDC during its first quarter meeting on March 5, 2021 through video conferencing passed RDC Resolution No. 2021-074-987, approving and adopting the guidelines on the certification of the RPGRP. The guidelines specify the processes of application, shortlisting, and certification of GAD resource persons, including 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. She further cited that based on the approved certification guidelines, the RGADC shall create the RPGRP Screening Committee which will be composed of a Chairperson and at least two members of the RGADC and a representative from the PCW which may also be invited to serve as adviser or technical assistant during the profiling and selection process. The RPGRP Screening Committee shall lead the process of application, shortlisting, and leveling session of applicants to the RPGRP.

PSR Gumal-in added that the RGADC during its third quarter meeting on August 17, 2021 through video conferencing approved the creation of a screening committee for the certification of MIMAROPA RPGRP. Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina, President of the Western Philippines University (WPU) was elected as the Chairperson of the Screening Committee for the certification of the MIMAROPA RPGRP and 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 of the screening committee, and favorably recommended RDC approval of the proposed creation of screening committee for the certification of RPGRP as well as the confirmation of chairperson and its membership.

On a motion duly seconded, 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 screening committee was approved.

#### • **Confirmation of RGADC Members**

Likewise, RGADC Co-Chairperson PSR Juvelyn V. Gumal-in presented the confirmation of Regional Gender and Development (RGADC) members. She said that the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 provides for the guidelines and procedures for the establishment, strengthening, and institutionalization of the RGADC under the RDC and its composition, structure, and functions of the RGADC in order to accelerate gender mainstreaming at the regional and local levels.

PSR Gumal-in stated that 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. 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.

She added that 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. 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



MIMA ROPA, and CHR MIMAROPA and the sectoral committees' chairpersons on their membership in RGADC MIMAROPA were also confirmed.

The RGADC during its third quarter meeting on August 17, 2021 through video conferencing approved the expanded membership of MIMAROPA RGADC with 33 members including the additional members as prescribed in the NEDA-PCW JMC 2016-01 and favorably recommended RDC approval of the RGADC members.

On a motion duly seconded, the confirmation of MIMAROPA RGADC members was approved.

- **Confirmation of NCIP as EDC Regular Member**

The EDC Chairperson PSR Rodne R. Galicha presented the confirmation of membership of the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) MIMAROPA to the Economic Development Committee (EDC). He said that 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. 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.

PSR Galicha further cited that 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.

He added that 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 (PAPs) 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.

The EDC during its third 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. The committee 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 favorably recommended RDC approval of the inclusion of the NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular member of the EDC.

On the suggestion of DILG Regional Director, Wilhelm M. Suyko to include NCIP as a regular member of the RDC, Director Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA responded that EO 325 determine the regular membership of the full council. However, the RDC and its sectoral committees shall select other members coming both from the public and private sectors upon the concurrence of the majority of the regular members but on a non-voting capacity to immediately response to the unique needs of the region.

On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was approved confirming the inclusion of NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular voting member of the EDC.

723 • **Confirmation of RDC ExCom Resolution No. 4-38 s. 2021**  
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725 ARD Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. of NEDA MIMAROPA and RDC Secretary presented RDC  
726 Executive Committee Resolution No. 4-38 s. 2021, entitled, "Endorsing the MIMAROPA  
727 Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP)". He said that Section 4 of Republic  
728 Act No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act mandates the Philippine  
729 Coconut Authority (PCA) to prepare the CFIDP that shall be submitted to the President for  
730 approval in July 2021. The CFIDP shall include a national programs for: a) community-based  
731 enterprises; b) social protection; c) coconut farmers organization and development; d)  
732 innovative research projects and their practical application; and e) integrated processing of  
733 coconut and downstream products.

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735 ARD Atienza reported that PCA IV conducted an interagency workshop on May 31, 2021 for  
736 the crafting of the MIMAROPA CFIDP and a five-year investment program and requested RDC  
737 endorsement of the said MIMAROPA CFIDP for integration in the national CFIDP. He further  
738 cited that the EDC on July 5, 2021 conducted a special meeting and favorably recommended  
739 RDC endorsement of the CFIDP subject to the preparation of a detailed action plan.

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741 He mentioned that the RDC recognizes the importance of the CFIDP in increasing farm  
742 productivity and farmers' income, promoting inclusive growth, and contributing to the goals and  
743 objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 and Ambisyon Natin  
744 2040. On July 28, 2021 the MIMAROPA RDC ExCom passed Resolution No. 4-38, s. 2021,  
745 through ad referendum, endorsing the MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry  
746 Development Plan to the national interagency cluster for inclusion in the National CFIDP. ARD  
747 Atienza added that as prescribed in the RDC Manual of Operations, all resolutions of the RDC  
748 Executive Committee shall be presented to the RDC Full Council for confirmation during its  
749 regular meeting.

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751 Director Abilay of DOST requested for the list of programs and projects to be funded by the  
752 coco levy. Director Mendoza responded that once the CFIDP is approved, regional line  
753 agencies can proposed programs, activities and projects (PAPs) under the coco levy funds.

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755 On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was approved confirming RDC ExCom Resolution  
756 No. 4-38 s. 2021, entitled "Endorsing the MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry  
757 Development Plan (CFIDP) to the National Inter-Agency Cluster for inclusion in the National  
758 Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan".

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760 **G. Matters for Information**  
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762 • **IRR of EO 138 series of 2021**  
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764 Ms. Eunice Delos Santos of DBM MIMAROPA presented the salient features of the  
765 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 138, series 2021. The IRR  
766 mandates all LGUs and provide guidance on the preparation of their respective Devolution  
767 Transition Plans (DTPs) in close coordination with the national government agencies (NGAs)  
768 concerned to guide them towards the full assumption of devolved functions and services that  
769 come with additional financial resources. Ms. Delos Santos outlined her presentation with the  
770 following topics: a) Creation of Regional Committee on Devolution (ComDev) and its  
771 Functions; b) Preparation of DTPs; c) Possible Actions on Affected Functions, Organization,  
772 and Staffing; and d) Personnel Options and Policies. She said that the Regional ComDev shall  
773 be chaired and co-chaired by the regional directors of DBM and DILG with members from the  
774 regional directors of NEDA, BLGF, NGAs concerned, and representatives of the LGU Leagues.

775 She further stated that the preparation of full DTP shall include the following: a) programs and  
776 projects to be devolved per LGU level; b) definition of standards for the delivery of devolved  
777 services; c) strategy for capacity development of LGUs; d) strategy for and phasing of capacity  
778 development of the LGUs to enable them to absorb and manage the devolved functions and  
779 services starting FY 2022; e) framework for monitoring and performance assessment of LGUs,  
780 including imposition of sanctions provided by pertinent laws; and f) department/agency  
781 organizational effectiveness proposal. She added that the transition plans to be submitted to  
782 DBM for evaluation and approval is within 120 days from effectively of the EO and the DILG,  
783 NEDA, DOF and DAP shall provide technical assistance to departments/agencies concerned.  
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785 Ms. Delos Santos enumerated some of the possible actions on affected functions, organization  
786 and staffing based on the IRR include: a) scaling down; b) phasing out; c) abolition; d)  
787 deactivation; e) merger; f) consolidation; g) transfer; h) reclassification; i) retitling; and j)  
788 creation. She also mentioned that affected personnel with permanent appointment who would  
789 opt to retire/separate from the service shall be given the option to avail of any of the retirement  
790 benefits under existing laws if qualified.  
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792 The RDC Vice Chairperson and NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza  
793 recommended to convene a special meeting of the Development Administrative Committee  
794 (DAC) to discuss the creation and composition of the Regional Sub-Committee of the  
795 Committee on Devolution (ComDev).  
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797 Marinduque Governor Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr., President of the League of Provinces of the  
798 Philippines (LPP) and members of the ComDev also expressed his opinion particularly on  
799 Section 2.2.5.1, paragraph 5, sentence 1 of Local Budget Memorandum (LBM) no. 82 s. 2021,  
800 *“Accordingly, the LGUs that will no longer be covered by the pertinent NGAs starting FY 2022*  
801 *shall be primarily and ultimately responsible and accountable in providing funds for the*  
802 *implementation and delivery of devolved functions and services pursuant to Section 17 (b) of*  
803 *RA No. 7160”*, which is incongruent with the provisions of Sections 2 and 4 of EO No. 138 s.  
804 2021 and Section 5 of its IRR.  
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806 Governor Velasco stressed that Section 2.2.5.1, paragraph 5, sentence 1 of LBM No. 82, s.  
807 2021 are: a) ambiguous and subject to misinterpretation particularly in the cost-sharing  
808 agreement between national government agencies and LGUs; b) iniquitous with lower income  
809 class LGUs; and c) NGAs may opt not to shoulder financial obligations in implementation of  
810 programs and services. He moved for a motion and requested the DBM to review Section  
811 2.2.5.1 of LBM No. 82 for the LGUs to fully understand those functions that will be devolved  
812 and services that will be allowed.  
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814 On a motion duly seconded, a resolution was approved requesting the DBM to review Section  
815 2.2.5.1, Paragraph 5, Sentence 1, of DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 82 s. 2021 for  
816 possible amendment.  
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818 • **MIMAROPA Provincial Energy Plans**  
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820 DOE Assistant Director Michael O. Sinocruz of Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB)  
821 updated the Council on the Formulation of Energy Development Plans in the MIMAROPA  
822 region. He provided the body with a brief information on the following: a) The Role of DOE;  
823 b) Background on the Energy Planning Initiatives; c) Formulation of Provincial Energy Plans  
824 for Palawan, Mindoro, Romblon and Marinduque; and c) DOE-METI (Japan) Micro-Grid and  
825 Distributed Generation Studies.  
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AD Sinocruz reported that the Palawan Island Power Development Plan (PIPDP) 2014-2035 outlines and details the island province's response to its power supply requirements for the next 20 years based on the long-term perspective concerning of the province's energy needs. The PIPDP 2014-2035 was officially adopted in July 2015 by the Provincial Government of Palawan, DOE, and JEDAG Steering Committee during the Palawan Power Summit held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. In August 2013, the Provincial Government of Palawan together with the City Government of Puerto Princesa created the Joint Energy Development Advisory Group (JEDAG) by virtue of Joint Executive Order (EO) No. 2013-1. He mentioned that the Mindoro Island Power Development Plan (MIPDP) 2014-2035 is the replication of the PIPDP. It is an integrated plan for both Oriental and Occidental Mindoro for a wider access to power and supportive of economic development in the whole island. In 2014, E.O. No. 14-06-10 was passed by former Occidental Mindoro Gov. Mario Gene J. Mendiola and together with a similar E.O. No. 25 was passed by former Oriental Mindoro Gov. Alfonso Umali, paved the way for the creation of the Joint Mindoro Island Energy Development Advisory Group (MIEDAG). The MIPDP was not completed because of cooperation and support issues from the Oriental Mindoro Technical Working Group (TWG) members. A 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.

For the Romblon and Marinduque Energy Plans, AD Sinocruz further cited that the DOE in partnership with local stakeholders initiated the simultaneous formulation of Romblon and Marinduque Energy Plans 2018-2040. Unlike the PIPDP and MIPDP it focused only on the power sector, Romblon and Marinduque Energy Plans covered the entire energy system of the province (both power and non-power components such as oil, etc.). 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.

On the DOE-METI (JAPAN) micro-grid distributed generation studies, AD Sinocruz informed the body that the Mindoro's Power Development Master Plan is part of the technical cooperation between the DOE and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) for the improvement of power generation and electrification in Mindoro. The project aims to undertake a comprehensive study of the Mindoro grid and assess the feasibility of introducing a micro-grid system. The Tablas Island was also selected by METI as the candidate site for the study, which aims to determine the feasibility of implementing distributed energy system (DES) in off-grid areas to improve the efficiency and stability of the energy system. Results of the study will propose suitable business models, and appropriate technologies and products for the implementation of DES. The DOE is closely coordinating with NPC, TransCo, and NEA on how to proceed with the study, if to adopt the results or further proceed on the study with the assistance of METI.

DOST RD Ma. Josefina P. Abilay said that they will collaborate with DOE on the provision of solar energy for the provinces of the region. DOE responded that together with their technical staff will check on the request of Director Abilay.

RD Mario S. Baquilod of DOH also shared his concern to send their request letter to the DOE Secretary for the provision of generator sets for use in the cold storage of vaccines.

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

RD Mario S. Baquilod of DOH MIMAROPA presented the COVID-19 case tracker. He reported that as of September 1, 2021, MIMAROPA has recorded a total of 19,602 cumulative number

of COVID-19 cases with 1,644 (or 8.4 percent) total active cases. Oriental Mindoro recorded the highest number of active cases with 6,227 followed by Palawan with 3,418 active cases, Puerto Princesa City has 2,903, Occidental Mindoro has 2,570, Romblon has 2,518, and Marinduque has 1,966 active cases.

Out of the 19,602 cumulative number of cases, 17,177 (or 87.6 percent) have recovered and 582 (or 3.0 percent) died due to COVID-19. As to the cumulative positivity rate, of the total 73,801 individual tested for COVID-19, 18,821 turned positive for local cases with 28.5 percent positivity rate as of August 28, 2021.

On the classification of province/city by alert level, RD Baquilod reported that based on Risk Classification, Case Trend, Health Care Utilization Rate, and reported Local Delta Case, Occidental Mindoro is under Level 4; Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, Palawan, and Romblon are under Level 3; and Puerto Princesa City is under Level 2.

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 46 total ICU beds, 52 percent beds are available; b) out of the 699 COVID-19 beds, 55 percent beds are still available; c) out of the 2,479 total ward beds, 44 percent are occupied; d) out of the 52 total ventilators, 83 percent ventilators are available; and e) 79 percent of the temporary treatment monitoring treatment (TTMF) beds are still available.

On the vaccination update, RD Baquilod reported that of the 311,212 total allocated vaccines for the region, a total of 276,901 were vaccinated for the first dose, with the consumption rate of 89 percent. For the second dose, of the 385,762 total allocated vaccines, 279,856 were fully vaccinated.

For the eligible A1 group (workers in frontline health services), of the 46,120 target population, 42,738 were fully vaccinated; for the A2 target population of 261,556 (senior citizens), only 83,176 were fully vaccinated; for the A3 target population of 490,288 (frontline personnel in essential sectors), 20,941 were fully vaccinated; and for the A5 group 18,644 population were fully vaccinated.

• **SRHN Resolution Nos. 01 and 02 series of 2021**

The RDC Vice Chairperson, NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza presented SRHN Resolution Nos. 01 and 02 s. 2021. He said that 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. On March 26, 2021, the online communication and coordination platform was launched. The Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro is one of the provinces that adopted the S-Pass to monitor travelers entering the province.

Director Mendoza mentioned that during the SRNH Committee Meeting held on June 8, 2020, the Oriental Mindoro Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO) reported their experience in the implementation of S-PaSS as a requirement for incoming travelers. Some of the issues/concerns raised during the meeting regarding the initial week of S-PaSS implementation include: a) inability to access the platform for travelers with no smartphones or internet connection; b) presence of fixers and enablers in PPA Batangas who are falsifying S-PaSS and related documents; and c) LGUs' slow processing of pending S-PaSS applications.

He added that the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro established a help desk outside PPA Batangas near the entrance gate to assist its constituents with the issuance of S-PaSS of travelers plying the Batangas-Oriental Mindoro route of the SRNH. During the meeting, the SRNH Committee 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 and SRNH Resolution No. 02- 2021 highly commending the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro for establishing a help desk in Batangas Port and to assist the inbound passengers in registering and securing approved S-PaSS.

Director Mendoza also reported some of the feedback and actions taken on the SRNH Resolutions, which include: a) prompt action of DOTr and requested PPA to act immediately on the said resolutions; b) PPA-PMO Batangas strictly verifies the authenticity of travel credentials of passengers and renders assistance on securing valid S-PaSS of travelers; c) PNP raided a computer shop liable for issuance of fake S-PaSS and negative RT-PCR result; and d) OCD MIMAROPA RD and MIMAROPA RTF COVID 19 Chairperson MGen. Ruben L. Carandang issued RTF Memorandum No. 129 series 2021 dated Aug 10, 2021 on the strict utilization and implementation of S-PaSS.

### **Regional Economic Situationer**

Director Mendoza presented the 2nd 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.

He reported that MIMAROPA's average inflation rate increased to 5.1 percent in April to June 2021 from the previous year's 3.1 percent of the same period. This is lower than the previous quarter's 5.3 percent. All provinces registered higher inflation rates. He mentioned that the region's working age population increased by 1.17 percent 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 percent in April 2020 to 69.1 percent in April 2021. Employment rate also increased by 6.6 percentage points from 87.5 percent in April 2020 to 87.5 percent in April 2021

He further stated that 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. 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.

Director Mendoza added that 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. The region also remains peaceful, as the volume of crimes decreased compared to previous year's second quarter data.

### **• Project Monitoring Reports**

Director Mendoza stated that 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.

He reported of 456 projects, 422 or 92.54 percent were regular projects, 21 or 4.61 percent were funded under the Official Development Assistance (ODA), 11 or 2.41 percent were under the Rehabilitation and Recovery Program (RRP) projects, and two were End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) projects. There no projects under National Action Plan Against COVID-19 (NAP), Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) reported by implementing agencies for the second quarter of 2021.

Director Mendoza presented that of the 456 projects monitored, two are Flood Control sector projects amounting to ₱8 million; one Water Supply Sector project amounting to ₱9.4 million; 9 are Science and Technology Sector projects amounting to ₱4.14 million; 15 are Power and Energy Sectors projects amounting to ₱1,844.36 million; 17 are Livelihood Assistance sector projects amounting to ₱6,830.73 million; 9 are Health, Nutrition and Family Planning sector projects amounting to ₱184.43 million; 76 are Social Infrastructure sector projects amounting to ₱1,059.94 million; 78 are Irrigation sector projects amounting to ₱953.29 million; 131 are Transportation sector projects amounting to ₱12,937.96 million; 108 are Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery sector projects amounting to ₱1,246.18 million; 10 are Trade and Industry sector projects amounting to 38.15 million; and four are Education and Social Welfare sector projects amounting to 22.33 million. A total of 19,481 were employed of which 12,177 (62.5 %) were men and 7,304 (37.5 %) were women.

He added that 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) MIMAROPA, Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), 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 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 ₱25,138.9 1 million were implemented by 22 government agencies, SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs. Of the reported 456 projects, 173 projects (37.64 percent) encountered problems in implementation. 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.

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

- **RDC Week Celebration**

Director Mendoza briefly presented the rationale of the 2021 RDC Week Celebration. He said that 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.

He further cited that the 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 (EO 325, s.1996). He added that the RDC MIMAROPA was organized on June 24, 2002 in Manila Polo Club, Makati after the Region IV was divided into IV-A (CALABARZON) and IV-B (MIMAROPA) through Executive Order No. 103, s. 2002 on July 17, 2002. 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.

Director Mendoza said that the RDC MIMAROPA will celebrate the RDC Week on September 20-24, 2021 with the theme, "*MIMAROPA RDC Through the Years: Providing Service Excellence for a More Participative, Sustainable, and Resilient Future*", which calls for the recognition of the valuable contribution of the Council to the regional development and to sustain exemplary service to MIMAROPA to achieve its vision as the destination of choice. The objectives of the RDC week celebration are: a) to recognize the importance of the Council in regional development; b) to provide an opportunity for the RDC MIMAROPA members to discuss and share insights on relevant topics in/around the region; and c) to build and strengthen partnerships between and among RLAs, LGUs, private sector, and other stakeholders in the region. He also presented some of the proposed activities to be conducted during the week-long event for the information of the body.

#### **H. Adjournment**

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**

Acting Secretary

Assistant Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA

**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**

Vice Chairperson

Regional Director, NEDA MIMAROPA

APPROVED:

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**

Chairperson

Governor, Province of Romblon



76<sup>th</sup> RDC Full Council Meeting  
(via Virtual Conference)  
3 September 2021 (Friday) – 9:00 a.m.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
2021-076-1003	Approving the inclusion of the proposed construction of Naujan Lake Wetland Center in Oriental Mindoro in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022.	<p>Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of Oriental Mindoro Governor on September 22. Copy furnished DOT-TIEZA and DENR MIMAROPA. Acknowledged by DENR MIMAROPA.</p> <p>The project was included in the FY 2023 investment program of DENR MIMAROPA.</p>
2021-076-1004	Approving the inclusion of the proposed establishment of Liwasan ng Mamamayan: Oriental Mindoro People's Park and Public Plaza in the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022.	<p>Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of Oriental Mindoro Governor on September 22. Copy furnished DOT MIMAROPA and DPWH MIMAROPA.</p> <p>The project was included in the FY 2023 investment program of DOT MIMAROPA.</p>
2021-076-1005	Endorsing the MIMAROPA Region component of the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) Project of the Department of Agriculture.	<p>Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of DA Secretary on September 22. Copy furnished BFAR MIMAROPA.</p> <p>On September 20, a kick-off meeting hosted by the World Bank Task Team was conducted to: a) review and confirm the project details; b) finalize the procurement plan for the first 18-months of the project; c) confirm that all aspects of the project are consistent with all World Bank operations requirements; d) finalize public disclosure of the Environmental and Social documents for the project; e) assess the project's readiness for implementation; and f) review the main legal terms and conditions of the Bank Loan, and its disbursement arrangements.</p> <p>In a bilateral meeting conducted by NEDA and BFAR Central Offices, outstanding issues on the project such as the determination of exact sites of the livelihood under the Marlin Component that accounts for 68% of the total project cost were discussed. Issues raised should be acted upon with substantial responses and inputs. BFAR will also send an official communication on its response and compliance to the comments and issues raised.</p>

		Per updates of NEDA ANRES, the RDCs of regions 1, 9, CAR, and MIMAROPA already issued their favorable endorsement of the respective regional components of the project
2021-076-1006	Favorably endorsing the proposed rehabilitation and concreting of FMR project of the municipality of Corcuera, Romblon.	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of Mayor Elmer M. Fruelda of Corcuera, Romblon on September 22. Copy furnished DA MIMAROPA and Office of the RDC Chairperson.  The project was included in the FY 2023 investment program of DA MIMAROPA.
2021-076-1007	Enjoining the 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.	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to MIMAROPA LGUs, DOE, DENR MIMAROPA, DOST MIMAROPA and DTI MIMAROPA on September 23.  Acknowledged by the Office of Governor Alvarez and DENR MIMAROPA.  The DOE conducted consultation with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) of the Department of Trade and Industry on September 21, 2021 for the review of technical, facility standards, permits, and health and safety policies for the emerging types of retail outlets such as the technology solution retail outlet (TSRO). The department is on the process of amending the rules and guidelines for TSROs stipulated in the DOE Circular No. 2017-11-0011 or the "Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Business of Retailing Liquid Fuels".
2021-076-1008	Supporting the institutionalization of the Revitalized Barangay Police Program (RBPP) of the Philippine National Police through the passage of HB 7348 filed in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to MIMAROPA Representatives, RDC XI, and PNP MIMAROPA on September 23.  Acknowledged by RDC XI and the Office of House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco.
2021-076-1009	Supporting the proposed discontinuance of allocating centrally managed items (CMIs) in the preparation of the National Expenditure Program (NEP)	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to the MIMAROPA Representatives, RDC V, and DBM MIMAROPA on September 23.  Acknowledged by RDC V and the Office of House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco.
2021-076-1010	Endorsing to the MIMAROPA District Representatives for support and possible co-authorship of the HB 4689 or Local Population Development Act of 2016 now pending at the House of Representatives to address various population and development related issues and concerns	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to the MIMAROPA Representatives on September 21. Copy furnished POPCOM MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by the Office of House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco on September 22.

		The Office of the House Speaker through the Office of his Deputy Secretary General, Atty. Jocelia Bighani C. Sipin transmitted the said resolution to other members of the MIMAROPA representatives on September 29 for their support and co-authorship of the proposed HB 4689 or the Local Population Development Act.
2021-076-1011	Endorsing to the LGUs the utilization of POPCOM's demographic vulnerability assessment tool on population density of barangays to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic and in aid of policy development among LGUs in planning for recovery programs	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to MIMAROPA LGUs on September 23. Copy furnished POPCOM MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by the Office of Governor Alvarez (Palawan), Office of Governor Velasco (Marinduque), and Office of Municipal Government of Torrijos.
2021-076-1012	Supporting the passage of HB 3885 or the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Bill and HB 4581 or the Science for Change Program (S4CP) Bill	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to the MIMAROPA Representatives on September 21. Copy furnished DOST MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by the Office of House Speaker Lord Allan Velasco on September 22.  Received a letter of thanks from DOST USec Sancho A. Mabborang for RDC MIMAROPA's support to the House Bills.
2021-076-1013	Enjoining the LGUs in MIMAROPA to adopt the policy guidelines on the creation, strengthening, and institutionalization of Local Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Committee	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to MIMAROPA LGUs on September 23. Copy furnished DOST MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by the Office of Governor Alvarez (Palawan), Office of Governor Velasco (Marinduque), and Office of Municipal Government of Torrijos.
2021-076-1014	Approving the list of R&D PPAs of SUCs and RDIs and certification of compliance and conformity with the respective R&D Agenda, MRDA, HNRDA, RDP, and SDG to the MIMAROPA RRDIC	Copies of the resolution were transmitted to MIMAROPA SUCs on September 30. Copy furnished DOST MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by MinSU President on October 1.  As agreed during the RRDIC fourth quarter regular meeting on Nov. 3, SUCs and other RDIs shall update their respective R&D PPAs until December and submit the same to RRDIC in January 2022. Inputting and electronic submission shall be done through the Research and Development Unified Information System (RADIUS).
2021-076-1015	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	Copies of the resolution were provided to WPU, DSWD MIMAROPA, CHED MIMAROPA, DILG MIMAROPA, EDC Chairperson and SDC Chairperson on September 30. Copy furnished PCW.

	Members of the screening committee	
2021-076-1016	Confirmation of the MIMAROPA Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) Members	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to RGADC Chairperson on October 21. Copy furnished PCW and RGADC Chairperson.  The RGADC Chairperson through the RGADC Secretariat also provided a copy of the resolution to each member of the RGADC on October 26, 2021.
2021-076-1017	Confirming the inclusion of NCIP MIMAROPA as a regular voting member of the EDC	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to NCIP MIMAROPA on September 24.
2021-076-1018	Confirming RDC ExCom Resolution No. 4-38 s. 2021, "Endorsing the MIMAROPA Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) to the National Inter-Agency Cluster for inclusion in the National Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to PCA 4 on September 30 and acknowledged.
2021-076-1019	Requesting DBM to review Section 2.2.5.1, Paragraph 5, Sentence 1 of DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 82 s. 2021 for possible amendment.	Copy of the resolution was transmitted to the Office of DBM Secretary on October 1. Copy furnished MIMAROPA LGUs and DBM MIMAROPA.  Acknowledged by the Office of Governor Velasco (Marinduque), Governor Alvarez (Palawan) and Office of Undersecretary Kim Robert C. De Leon of DBM.  The Office of USec De Leon on October 4, 2021 informed the RDC Secretariat that the document was already routed to DBM Local Government and Regional Coordination Bureau under Reference Number 2021-LGRCB-0105011.

<b>Agenda Items Issues and Concerns</b>	<b>Agreements</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Oriental Mindoro Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naujan Lake Wetland Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed project will be included in the CY 2023 Budget of DENR MIMAROPA</li> </ul>	<p>The project was included in the FY 2023 investment program of DENR which was recommended by the Economic Development Committee (EDC) for RDC endorsement during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021. The proponent has yet to submit the necessary documentary requirements (e.g., PAMB clearance) to DENR.</p> <p>To date, the proponent has yet to present the proposal to the Naujan Lake National Park Protected Area Management Board for</p>

		approval and secure issuance of PAMB clearance.
2. Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIMAROPA RLAs can proposed programs, activities and project (PPAs) under the coco levy funds once the CFIDP was approved</li> </ul>	The CFIDP was already submitted to the Office of the President for approval/signature. A copy of the document will be provided by the PCA to the secretariat once signed.
3. Provincial Energy Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOST requested to collaborate with DOE on the provision of solar energy to the MIMAROPA provinces in which DOE agreed to check together with their technical persons.</li> <li>• DOH to send their request letter to DOE for generator sets for use in the cold storage of COVID 19 vaccines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE is still waiting for DOST on the collaboration activity on the provision of solar energy to the MIMAROPA provinces.</li> <li>• DOE received a letter from DOH. The DOE Task Force on Energy Resiliency (TFER) sent a letter to NEA and NPC to coordinate the matter.</li> <li>• NPC has no available generator sets and will meet with DOH to discuss other possible options. NEA will provide updates waiting for concerned Electric Cooperatives report on the DOH request.</li> </ul>

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
December 3, 2021      Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updated MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and FY 2023 AIP

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1. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022 is the region's six-year investment portfolio that translates the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) into a specific and viable programs, activities, and projects (PAPs).
2. The MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 is updated annually to revalidate and enhance the investment PAPs of agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs) and government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) in the region. It ensures that PAPs remain consistent with the goals and strategies identified in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), Regional Development Plan (RDP), Regional Physical Framework Plan (RPFP), and local development plans (Provincial and City/Municipal Development Plans) and are given the appropriate funding to generate the intended results/outcome. Moreover, the FY 2023 Annual Investment Program (AIP) is included to serve as the basis in the review of agency budget proposals for FY 2023.
3. A consultation workshop for the updating of the MIMAROPA RDIP and the preparation of the FY 2023 AIP was conducted on October 14, 2021 through zoom videoconference. It was participated in by the representatives from different RLAs, LGUs, GOCCs, SUCs, and the RDC private sector representatives. During the workshop, the participants were grouped based on their sectoral committee membership. Each group validated and reviewed the submitted agency investment programs for FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022 as well as the PAPs for funding and implementation in FY 2023. The main outputs of the workshop were the validated sectoral investment programs and the FY 2023 AIP for each sector.
4. The validated sectoral investment programs and sector's FY 2023 AIP were presented and recommended for RDC endorsement during the fourth quarter RDC sectoral committee meetings held last November 04 and 05, 2021. The sectoral investment programs will form part of the updated MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2023 and the FY 2023 AIP.
5. The NEDA MIMAROPA will present the updated MIMAROPA RDIP and the FY 2023 AIP comprised of the major capital and strategic PAPs, number of PAPs, amount of investment requirements, and the percentage share in the RDIP 2017-2022 and FY 2023 AIP per sector and location.
6. Action requested: For RDC approval and adoption.

Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
MIMAROPA Region                      Calapan City

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

RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UPDATED MIMAROPA REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP) AND ANNUAL  
INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AIP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 27 s. 2017 directs all government agencies and instrumentalities including local government units to implement the Philippine Development Plan and Public Investment Program for 2017-2022 to be updated annually and simultaneously with the preparation of annual national government budget or as may be determined by NEDA;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 325 mandates the RDC to coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of short and long-term regional development plans and investment programs;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022 is the region's six-year investment portfolio that translates the development goals, objectives, and strategies of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) into a specific and viable programs, activities, and projects (PAPs);

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA RDIP 2017-2022, as a dynamic plan document, has to be updated regularly to (1) reflect changes in project cost, implementation arrangement, and other project details, (2) ensure consistencies of the PAPs with the goals and strategies identified in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), MIMAROPA RDP, Regional Physical Framework Plan (RPFPP), and local development plans (provincial and City/Municipal Development Plans), and (3) to serve as the basis in the preparation of the agency budget proposals of the regional offices and SUCs;

WHEREAS, a consultation workshop for the updating of the MIMAROPA RDIP and the preparation of the FY 2023 AIP was conducted on October 14, 2021 through zoom videoconference participated in by the representatives from different regional line agencies (RLAs), local government units (LGUs), government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and the RDC private sector representatives;

WHEREAS, during the consultation workshop, the sectoral committees of the RDC MIMAROPA validated and reviewed the submitted agency investment programs for FYs 2020, 2021, and 2022 including PAPs for FY 2023 funding and implementation;

WHEREAS, the updated RDIP and the FY 2023 AIP was reviewed, and endorsed by the sectoral committees of the RDC MIMAROPA namely: (1) Development Administration Committee (04 November 2021); (2) Economic Development Committee (04 November 2021); (3) Infrastructure Development Committee (05 November 2021); and (4) Social Development Committee (05 November 2021);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve and adopt the Updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and FY 2023 Annual Investment Program (AIP);

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, the Updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and FY 2023 Annual Investment Program (AIP) (Annex A) is made an integral part of this Resolution; and

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of the resolution be furnished to all concerned.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
RDC Chairperson



**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
December 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: 2021 MIMAROPA RDR Preparation Guidelines

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1. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the development objectives and targets as set forth in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP).
2. The MIMAROPA RDR contains an assessment of the performance of the region for a given year based on the targets in the MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022 Midterm Update and its accompanying revalidated Results Matrix (RM). It also provides strategic and policy direction to refocus priorities and/or catch-up with the targets indicators.
3. The 2021 RDR preparation guidelines shall also assess the region's performance relative to the implementation of rehabilitation and recovery plan for COVID-19, Bayahihan to Recover as One Act I, II, and III, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) program, and the whole-of-nation approach.
4. The annual accomplishment reports and other sectoral inputs of the agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporation (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs) will be used as bases in the evaluation of the performance of the region.
5. Gender-fair language (GFL) will be used in the writing of regional development report. GFL aims to reduce gender stereotyping and discrimination. Two strategies will be employed to make languages gender-fair and to treat women and men symmetrically: neutralization and feminization. Neutralization is achieved, for example, by replacing male-masculine forms (policeman) with gender-unmarked forms (police officer), whereas feminization relies on the use of feminine forms to make female referents visible (i.e., the applicant... he or she instead of the applicant... he).
6. The secretariat will present the guidelines on the preparation of the 2021 MIMAROPA RDR for review and approval of the RDC. Attached is the proposed 2021 MIMAROPA RDR preparation guidelines.
7. Action requested: For RDC approval.

## GUIDELINES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE 2021 MIMAROPA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### Background

The MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the development objectives and targets as set forth in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP).

The MIMAROPA RDR contains an assessment of the performance of the region for a given year based on the targets of the MIMAROPA RDP and its accompanying Results Matrix (RM). It also provides strategic and policy direction to refocus priorities and/or catch-up with the targets.

The annual accomplishment reports and other sectoral inputs of agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporation (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs) are used as bases in the evaluation of the performance of the region.

### Purpose

The guidelines on the preparation of the 2021 MIMAROPA RDR is intended to:

- a. provide standard procedures, data requirements, and schedule of activities
- b. ensure consistency with the Philippine Socioeconomic Report (SER) submitted to the President

### Content

The 2021 MIMAROPA RDR shall contain the following chapters for consistency with the SER and the MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022 Midterm Update:

Chapter	Title	Concerned Agency
01	The Long View*	NEDA
2	Global and Regional Trends and Prospects	NEDA
03	Overlay of Economic Growth, Demographic Trends, and Physical Characteristics	NEDA
04	MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan Overall Framework	NEDA
05	Ensuring People-centered, Clean, and Efficient Governance	BLGF, CSC, DBM, DICT, DILG, and DTI

Chapter	Title	Concerned Agency
06	Pursuing Swift and Fair Administration of Justice	BJMP, DILG, DOJ-Regional Prosecution Office, LGUs, PAO, and PNP
07	Promoting Philippine Culture and Values	CHED, DEPED, DILG, LGUs, NCCA, NCIP, and SUCs
08	Expanding Economic Opportunities in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	BFAR, DA, DOLE, DOST, DOT, DPWH, DTI, FDA, LGUs, NFA, PCA, and PFIDA
09	Expanding Economic Opportunities in Industry and Services through Trabaho and Negosyo	BFAR, DA, DAR, DICT, DILG, DOLE, DOST (PCIEERD, TAPI, and RDIs), DOT, DPWH, DSWD, DTI, LGUs, Private Sector, SUCs, TESDA, and TIEZA
10	Accelerating Human Capital Development	CHED, DEPED, DOH, NHIC, and NNC
11	Reducing Vulnerability of Individual and Families	DEPED, DOH, DOLE, DOST, DSWD, DTI, LGUs, MGB, NCIP, OCD, and TESDA
12	Building Safe and Secure Communities	DOH, HDMF, DHSUD, NHA, LGUs, and NNC
13	Reaching for Demographic Dividend	PSA, POPCOM
14	Vigorously Advancing Science, Technology and Innovation	DOST, STIRDC, DTI, RRDIC
15	Ensuring Sound Macroeconomic Policy	BLGF, BSP, CDA, LGUs, and PSA
16	Leveling the Playing Field through a National Competition Policy	DILG, DTI, LGUs, MARINA, DOE, and RCC
17	Attaining Just and Lasting Peace	AFP, DILG, OPPAP, NICA and PNP
18	Ensuring Security, Public Order, and Safety	AFP, BFP, DILG, DOH, LGUs, NAPOLCOM, NICA, OCD, PDEA, PNP and, Red Cross
19	Accelerating Infrastructure Development	CAAP, DEPED, DICT, DILG, DOE, DOH, DOTr, DPWH, LGUs, DHSUD, LWUA, MARINA, NEA, NIA, NPC-SPUG, NTC, PPA, and PPC, Independent and New Power Producers, and Distribution Utilities

Chapter	Title	Concerned Agency
20	Ensuring Ecological Integrity, Clean and Healthy Environment	DENR, EMB, MGB, and PCSD
21	Ensuring Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration	OWWA, DOLE, DFA Consular Office Puerto Princesa City, and LGUs
22	Plan Implementation and Monitoring	NEDA

\* Title may change depending on succeeding SER

For brevity, write-ups shall not exceed ten pages per chapter. Each chapter shall contain the following:

c. Abstract

This section shall summarize the sectoral assessment and priority strategies/programs moving forward. A short description of the chapter framework shall also be included. The abstract should not exceed one page.

d. Accomplishment

This section shall discuss the sector's/thematic area's achievement by outcome, including the reasons why target indicators (outcome or aggregate output) were achieved or not achieved. This section shall also highlight which provinces are leading or lagging.

The accomplishment for the full-year with provincial breakdown shall be provided to the extent possible. If not available, regional level indicators shall be assessed.

The summary table of accomplishment shall be presented as follows:

Table 1: Chapter XX Results Matrix

Indicator*	Region/ Province	Baseline	Annual Plan Target		Accomplishment**	Reporting Entity
		Value (2016)	2021	2022	2021 or Q1-Q3 2021	
Indicator 1	MIMAROPA					
	Province 1					
	Province 2					
Indicator 2	Province 1					
	Province 2					

\* Report on either core indicator or intermediate outcomes/outputs depending on availability. Provincial data may be included, if available.

\*\* Latest available data (full year or Q1-Q3 of reporting year)

This section shall also discuss the region's performance relative to the implementation of rehabilitation and recovery plan for COVID-19, Bayahihan to Recover as One Act I,II, and III, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) program, and the whole-of-nation approach

e. Moving Forward

This section shall discuss the sector's priority strategies/programs to catch up with the regional targets. This section shall also briefly mention challenge/s in implementing the RDP as rationale/justification for the region's priorities.

f. Recommendation

This section shall include recommended actions/supplementary strategies for achievement of regional targets and plan implementation despite the COVID-19 Pandemic. The summary table on supplemental strategies shall be presented as follows:

Table 2: Challenges and Supplemental Strategies to Chapter XX

Challenges	Recommended Strategies	Implementing Agencies
Sectoral concerns		
Cross-sectoral concerns		

*Note: All COVID-19 related challenges and recommended strategies shall be listed under the cross-sectoral concerns*

2. Preparation Process

- a. All concerned AROs, SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs, shall submit to NEDA MIMAROPA their annual agency accomplishment reports and chapter results matrices (refer to Table 1).
- b. A technical writeshop shall be conducted to prepare the first draft of 2021 MIMAROPA RDR.
- c. The draft report shall be presented to the RDC sectoral committees during the second quarter meetings for validation. Necessary revisions shall be made based on comments and additional inputs from committee members (refer to schedule of activities).
- d. Final draft of 2021 MIMAROPA RDR shall be presented during the second quarter RDC Full Council meeting for approval (refer to schedule of activities).

- e. The approved 2021 MIMAROPA RDR shall be printed for dissemination or electronically disseminated to RDC and Sectoral Committee members during the third quarter RDC Full Council meeting (refer to schedule of activities).
3. Gender-fair language (GFL) will be used in writing the regional development report. GFL aims at reducing gender stereotyping and discrimination. Two strategies will be employed to make languages gender-fair and to treat women and men symmetrically: neutralization and feminization. Neutralization is achieved, for example, by replacing male-masculine forms (policeman) with gender-unmarked forms (police officer), whereas feminization relies on the use of feminine forms to make female referents visible (i.e., the applicant... he or she instead of the applicant... he).
  4. Schedule of Activities

Activity	Output	Schedule	Responsible Entity
1. Issue RDR preparation guidelines	Guidelines on the preparation of the 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	December 2021	RDC Secretariat
2. Submit inputs	Annual agency accomplishment reports and Chapter results matrices	January to March 2022	RLAs, SUCs, GOCCs, LGUs, and PSRs
3. Conduct technical writeshop	1st draft of 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	April 2022	RDC Secretariat
4. Present to RDC SecComs for validation	Additional comments and inputs	May 2022	RDC SecComs
5. Revise draft RDR	Final draft of 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	May 2022	RDC Secretariat
6. Present to RDC for approval	Approved 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	June 2022	RDC
7. Print final report	Printed 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	June to July 2022	RDC Secretariat
8. Disseminate copies of 2020 MIMAROPA RDR	Disseminated 2021 MIMAROPA RDR	August 2022	RDC Secretariat

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RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVING THE 2021 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT  
PREPARATION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the development objectives and targets as set forth in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, the MIMAROPA RDR contains an assessment of the performance of the region for a given year based on the targets in the MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022 Midterm Update and its accompanying revalidated Results Matrix (RM). It also provides strategic and policy direction to refocus priorities and/or catch-up with the targets indicators;

WHEREAS, the 2021 RDR preparation guidelines shall also assess the region's performance relative to the implementation of rehabilitation and recovery plan for COVID-19, Bayahihan to Recover as One Act I, II, and III, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) program, and the whole-of-nation approach;

WHEREAS, the annual accomplishment reports and other sectoral inputs of the agency regional offices (AROs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporation (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs) will be used as bases in the evaluation of the performance of the region;

WHEREAS, gender-fair language (GFL) will be used in the writing of regional development report;

WHEREAS, the RDC sectoral committees, during the fourth quarter meetings held on November 4-5 through Zoom videoconference, reviewed the proposed guidelines and recommend RDC approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 regional development report preparation guidelines.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
RDC Chairperson

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
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**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: ENRIS: Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region**

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1. The Regional Development Council (RDC) prepares and regularly updates the regional development investment program (RDIP) to reflect changes in investment requirements and to include new projects proposed by the local government units (LGUS), regional line agencies (RLAs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs) for funding/financing under the General Appropriations Act or through Official Development Assistance.
2. In an email dated September 23, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) requested RDC endorsement of the Environment and Natural Resources Information System (ENRIS) Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region.
3. The project aims to contribute to efficient land use, enhanced ecosystem condition and services, water and food security, and climate change resilience under the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN) of the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for the Palawan Island Eco-region by the establishment of a web-based ENRIS.
4. The Project Concept Paper of the ENRIS: Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region was submitted by the PCSD Executive Director Teodoro Jose S. Matta for NEDA's technical review and evaluation, and subsequent endorsement and financing to the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Financing details of the project are as follows:

Table 1. Project Cost and Financing

<b>Sources</b>	<b>(in million ₱)</b>	<b>(in million US\$)</b>	<b>Share (%)</b>
KOICA	400.00	8.00	91.00
Government Partners	40.00	0.80	9.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>100</b>

5. The project's expected outcome include: a) Data accessibility improvement and uptake promotion; b) Environment-cum-Agro ecosystem governance in terms of policy, assessment and regulation, investment promotion improved; c) Enhancement of Environment-cum-Agro ecosystem information management, analysis technology, and application among individuals and institutions related to water and food security, and climate change; d) improvement of the Palawan eco-region's environment, water security, and productivity through the realization of advanced scientific decision support.
6. The Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021 recommended RDC endorsement of the ENRIS: Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region for financing by KOICA.
7. Action requested: For endorsement.



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RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ENRIS) SPATIAL DECISION  
SUPPORT FOR PALAWAN ISLAND ECO-REGION TO KOICA FOR  
FINANCING

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council (RDC) prepares and regularly updates the regional development investment program (RDIP) to reflect changes in investment requirements and to include new projects proposed by the local government units (LGUS), regional line agencies (RLAs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs) for funding/financing under the General Appropriations Act or through Official Development Assistance;

WHEREAS, in an email dated September 23, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) requested RDC endorsement of the Environment and Natural Resources Information System (ENRIS) Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region;

WHEREAS, the project aims to contribute to efficient land use, enhanced ecosystem condition and services, water and food security, and climate change resilience under the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN) of the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for the Palawan Island Eco-region by the establishment of a web-based ENRIS;

WHEREAS, financing details of the project are as follows:

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WHEREAS, the project's expected outcome include: a) Data accessibility improvement and uptake promotion; b) Environment-cum-Agro ecosystem governance in terms of policy, assessment and regulation, investment promotion improved; c) Enhancement of Environment-cum-Agro ecosystem information management, analysis technology, and application among individuals and institutions related to water and food security, and climate change; d) improvement of the Palawan eco-region's environment, water security, and productivity through the realization of advanced scientific decision support;

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021, recommended RDC endorsement of the ENRIS: Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region for financing by KOICA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to favorably endorse the Environment and Natural Resources Information System (ENRIS) Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region to KOICA for financing.

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: Integrated Water Resource Management Framework

1. During the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in September 2002 in Johannesburg, countries including the Philippines agreed to formulate and implement their respective Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Plans by 2005.
2. IWRM is a collaborative process that promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources within hydrological boundaries in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems. The Philippine IWRM Plan Framework is a directional plan intended to guide different stakeholders involved in water resources management, at different levels, to either prepare their respective IWRM plans, update or enhance their existing IWRM related plans, or make IWRM an integral part of their development plans and programs.
3. The increasing water demand together with insufficient water infrastructure threaten to outstrip sustainable levels of supply. Over extraction of groundwater due to increase in water demand resulted to a decline in groundwater levels or drying up of wells or springs; and the contamination of wells by salt water intrusion in coastal areas. There are also threats on groundwater and surface water caused by: a) domestic, agricultural, and industrial wastes; b) watershed degradation including deforestation and denudation of forests; and c) climate change and global warming.
4. To respond to these challenges and ensure that demand does not overrun supply, there should be a balancing mechanism to ensure that the economic growth and development does not jeopardize the viability and integrity of the ecosystems both in the present and in the future.
5. The TWG on Water Resources Management of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) chaired by DENR MIMAROPA RD Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer initiated the formulation of an IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region.

6. The proposed IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region was presented to the Economic Development Committee during its fourth quarter meeting on November 04, 2021. It includes the following sustainable outcomes: a) effective protection and regulation for water security and ecosystem health; b) sustainable water resources and responsive services for present and future needs; c) improve effectiveness, accountability, and synergy among water related institutions and stakeholders; and d) innovative responses to future challenges. Among the identified issues and concerns relative to the IWRM in MIMAROPA include: a) lack of site-specific studies on IWRM such as hydrology; b) lack of budget allocation on IWRM implementation; and c) no existing database on IWRM.

7. The EDC, during its fourth quarter meeting, recommended RDC adoption of the IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA as an integral part of development planning and programming.

8. EDC Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha will present the IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA and the status of approved master plans on IWRM.

9. Action requested: For adoption.

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RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING  
AND PROGRAMMING IN THE REGION

WHEREAS, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in September 2002 in Johannesburg, countries including the Philippines agreed to formulate and implement their respective Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Water Efficiency Plans by 2005;

WHEREAS, IWRM is a collaborative process that promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources within hydrological boundaries in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Philippine IWRM Plan Framework is a directional plan intended to guide different stakeholders involved in water resources management, at different levels, to either prepare their respective IWRM plans, update or enhance their existing IWRM related plans, or make IWRM an integral part of their development plans and programs;

WHEREAS, the increasing water demand together with insufficient water infrastructure threaten to outstrip sustainable levels of water supply;

WHEREAS, there are also threats on groundwater and surface water caused by: a) domestic, agricultural, and industrial wastes; b) watershed degradation including deforestation and denudation of forests; and c) climate change and global warming;

WHEREAS, to respond to these challenges and ensure that demand does not overrun supply, the TWG on Water Resources Management of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) initiated the formulation of an IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region;

WEHEREAS, the TWG on Water Resources Management of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) chaired by DENR MIMAROPA RD Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer initiated the formulation of an IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA region that was discussed during the fourth quarter EDC meeting on November 04, 2021;

WHEREAS, the proposed IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA includes the following sustainable outcomes: a) effective protection and regulation for water security and ecosystem health; b) sustainable water resources and responsive services for present and future needs; c) improve effectiveness, accountability, and synergy among water related institutions and stakeholders; and d) innovative responses to future challenges;

WEHEREAS, some regional issues and concerns relative to IWRM include: a) lack of site-specific studies on IWRM such as hydrology; b) lack of budget allocation on IWRM implementation; and c) no existing database on IWRM;

WHEREAS, the EDC, during its 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021 recommended RDC adoption of the IWRM Framework for MIMAROPA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the Integrated Water Resource Management Framework as an integral part of development planning and programming in the region.

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: Proposed Declaration of the Province of Marinduque as a Mining-Free Zone

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1. The Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns (MACEC), a church based non-governmental organization, appealed to all government agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), religious organizations and the academe in Marinduque to manifest opposition to Executive Order No. 130, s. 2021: Amending Section 4 of EO No. 79, s. 2012, Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Mining in the Utilization of Mineral Resources.
2. The MACEC provided copies of resolutions and statements from various local government units (LGUs), CSOs, religious organizations, Sangguniang Kabataan, and other youth organizations requesting to: a) deny with finality the mineral production sharing agreement (MPSA) application of Marcopper and 38 other mining applications; b) delist Marinduque from the mining tenement area; and c) declare the province of Marinduque as a mining-free zone. The MACEC also reported the presence of unidentified nuclear materials and 100 barrels of hazardous waste found in the Marcopper mining site.
3. The RDC-TWG initiated the conduct of an online meeting on July 29 to discuss the following: a) proposed action to declare Marinduque as a mining-free zone; b) presence of radioactive materials and 100 barrels of hazardous wastes in the Marcopper mining site; and c) updates on the construction of flood/sediment control structure in Mogpog River in Marinduque. The meeting served as a venue for the stakeholders to raise their concerns regarding the status of mining in Marinduque.
4. An Aide Memoire on the proposed declaration of the Province of Marinduque as a mining-free zone was prepared and presented to Economic Development Committee (EDC) during its fourth quarter meeting. The document includes assessment of the mining industry, impacts of mining in the province, alternative industries for economic growth of Marinduque, and recommendations. Among the recommendations include: (1) a proposed framework for adoption by the Provincial Government as an alternate strategy for economic recovery anchored on good governance and participatory approach with the development partners, (2) formulation of a recovery action plan

anchored on this framework, and (3) updating of the land use plans and zoning ordinances by the LGUs.

5. The EDC, during its 4th quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021, recommended RDC endorsement of the initiative to declare the Province of Marinduque as a mining-free zone.

6. Parallel activities were also recommended to be undertaken, as follows: (1) All municipalities in Marinduque be enjoined to update their CLUPs and ZOs to declare the province's metallic mineral areas under strict protection zone and be closed to all human activities except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities; (2) The Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and local government units of Marinduque, among others, shall be enjoined to develop further agriculture and tourism in the province to spur livelihood and employment opportunities and improve the local economy; (3) Support in the formulation and implementation of recovery and rehabilitation efforts to address the impacts of the mining waste such as acid and toxic chemicals it generated in the environment; (4) conduct of researches, sustained tree planting activities by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), local government units, and civil society organizations; and (5) immediate approval and implementation of the proposed flood/sediment control structure in Mogpog River.

7. Action requested: For endorsement.



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FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE INITIATIVE TO DECLARE THE  
PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE AS A MINING-FREE ZONE

WHEREAS, the Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns (MACEC), a church based non-governmental organization, appealed to all government agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), religious organizations and the academe in Marinduque to manifest opposition to Executive Order No. 130, s. 2021: Amending Section 4 of Executive Order No. 79, s. 2012, Institutionalizing and Implementing Reforms in the Philippine Mining Sector, Providing Policies and Guidelines to Ensure Environmental Protection and Responsible Mining in the Utilization of Mineral Resources;

WHEREAS, the local government units and the people of Marinduque share the same position in protecting their province against large scale mining activities as manifested in the copies of resolutions and statements from six municipalities and 218 barangays of its local government unit (LGU), CSOs, religious organizations, Sangguniang Kabataan, and other youth organizations as presented by MACEC;

WHEREAS, the request to declare Marinduque as a mining-free zone emanated from the traumatic experience of its people from the Marcopper mining incident in 1996 which caused irreparable damages to the environment, livelihood, and health of the Marinduqueños;

WHEREAS, the RDC recognizes the vital role of the local government units and the community in pursuing sustainable development through proper land use planning and issuance of zoning ordinances;

WHEREAS, agriculture and tourism have significantly contributed to the decrease in poverty incidence in the province without large scale mining several years after the Marcopper Mining Corporation (MMC) left in 1996;

WHEREAS, allowing large scale mining activities in Marinduque without undertaking appropriate rehabilitation and recovery activities due to recent mining disaster would potentially expose the province to similar mining incident it has experienced in 1996;

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), during its 4th quarter meeting held on November 04, 2021, discussed the proposal and recommended favorable endorsement of the RDC on the initiative to declare the province of Marinduque as a mining-free zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to favorably endorse the initiative to declare the Province of Marinduque as a mining-free zone;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all municipalities in Marinduque be enjoined to update their CLUPs and ZOs to declare their metallic mineral areas under strict protection zone and be closed to all human activities except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), to support the local government units of Marinduque, among others, be enjoined to develop agriculture and tourism in the province to spur livelihood and employment opportunities and improve the local economy;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that non-metallic (sand and gravel) mining activities be allowed in the Province of Marinduque subject to the approval of MGB and the LGUs;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the concerned agencies be enjoined to support the formulation and implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation plan to address the impacts of the mining disaster including the immediate implementation of the Flood/Sediment Control Structure in Mogpog River.

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 the RDC VII Resolution No. 43, “Requesting the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to Amend the Principles of the Z-Benefits, particularly for Early-Stage Breast Cancer Patients”

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1. The Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC), during its meeting on September 17, 2021, via video conference, passed a resolution requesting PhilHealth to amend the principles of the Z-benefits (Circular 2015-035), particularly for early-stage breast cancer patients as follows: a) allow early-stage breast cancer patients to avail themselves of the maximum benefit package of ₱100,000.00 by not making chemotherapy a mandatory procedure and by extending the filing schedule for tranche 2 claims of Stage 0 patients to other early-stage breast cancer patients who do not need chemotherapy; b) include aromatase inhibitor as a drug for hormone therapy; and c) furnish the other RDCs a copy of the resolution for their support.

2. The RDC VII Resolution No. 43, s. 2021 was presented to the MIMARORA Social Development Committee (SDC) during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, 2021 through video conference for discussion. Likewise, PhilHealth presented the guiding principles of Z-benefits on the procedures for filing and schedule of payment of claims for early-stage breast cancer on the same meeting.

3. During the fourth quarter meeting of the SDC, the members agreed to review the principles of Z-benefits, particularly the process and procedure in the granting the benefits for the early-stage breast cancer patients and facilitate the submission of documentary requirements.

4. The SDC, during the said meeting, passed a resolution recommending MIMAROPA RDC support to the RDC VII Resolution No. 43, “Requesting the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to Amend the Principles of the Z-Benefits, particularly for Early-Stage Breast Cancer Patients.”

5. Action requested: For RDC support.

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RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL VII  
RESOLUTION NO. 43, S. 2021 “REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE  
HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) TO AMEND  
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE Z-BENEFITS, PARTICULARLY FOR  
EARLY-STAGE BREAST CANCER PATIENTS.”

WHEREAS, the Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC), during its meeting on September 17, 2021, via video conference, passed a resolution (see attached Annex A) requesting PhilHealth to amend the principles of the Z-benefits (Circular 2015-035), particularly for early-stage breast cancer patients as follows: a) allow early-stage breast cancer patients to avail themselves of the maximum benefit package of ₱100,000.00 by not making chemotherapy a mandatory procedure and by extending the filing schedule for tranche 2 claims of Stage 0 patients to other early-stage breast cancer patients who do not need chemotherapy; b) include aromatase inhibitor as a drug for hormone therapy; and c) furnish the other RDCs a copy of the resolution for their support;

WHEREAS, RDC VII Resolution No. 43, s. 2021 was presented to the MIMARORA Social Development Committee (SDC) during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, 2021 through video conference for discussion;

WHEREAS, PhilHealth also presented the guiding principles of Z-benefits on the procedures for filing and schedule of payment of claims for early-stage breast cancer during the fourth quarter meeting of SDC;

WHEREAS, during the fourth quarter meeting of the SDC, the members agreed to review the principles of Z-benefits, particularly the process and procedure in the granting the benefits for the early-stage breast cancer patients and facilitate the submission of documentary requirements

WHEREAS, the SDC, during the said meeting, passed a resolution recommending MIMAROPA RDC to support to the RDC VII Resolution No. 43, s. 2021 (attached and shall form part of this resolution), “Requesting the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to Amend the Principles of the Z-Benefits, particularly for Early-Stage Breast Cancer Patients.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to support the RDC VII Resolution No. 43, “Requesting the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to Amend the Principles of the Z-Benefits, particularly for Early-Stage Breast Cancer Patients.”

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
RDC Chairperson



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
CENTRAL VISAYAS REGION

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

RDC Resolution No. 43 (S. 2021)

**"REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION  
(PHILHEALTH) TO AMEND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE Z-BENEFITS,  
PARTICULARLY FOR EARLY-STAGE BREAST CANCER PATIENTS"**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), pursuant to Board Resolution No. 1629 (s. 2012) and Circular No. 029 (s. 2012), added case Type Z, a primary condition that is life or limb-threatening and requires prolonged hospitalization, extremely expensive therapies or other care that would deplete one's financial resources, under its classification of illnesses;

**WHEREAS**, services for case Type Z conditions are paid through packages that support complete course of treatment and cover all mandatory and other services necessary to achieve the best outcomes for the members and ensure high survival rates;

**WHEREAS**, the guiding principles of the Z benefits (Circular 2015-035) provide, among others, the procedures for filing and schedule of payment of claims for early-stage breast cancer (i.e., Stage 0 to Stage IIIA) in the amount of one-hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00), shown in Table 3:

Tranche Payment	Package Code	Amount (Php)	Filing Schedule
1st Tranche	Z0021	75,000.00	Within 60 days after discharge from surgery
2nd Tranche	Z0022	25,000.00	Within 60 calendar days upon completion of the last cycle of chemotherapy for Stage I to IIIA  For Stage 0, corresponding claims for Tranche 2 may be filed together with claims for Tranche 1.

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			For patients who underwent neo-adjuvant chemotherapy and subsequently underwent surgery, corresponding claims for Tranche 2 may be filed within 60 days upon completion of the last cycle of chemotherapy.
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**WHEREAS**, the guidelines further state that the first tranche of payment is inclusive of both surgery and initial cycles of standard chemotherapy for Stage I to III-A, or surgery and hormonotherapy with tamoxifen for Stage 0 (ductal carcinoma in situ);

**WHEREAS**, the guidelines are based on the premises that all early-stage breast cancers, except Stage 0, would require chemotherapy, and that hormone therapy only involves the drug tamoxifen, which are inconsistent with the established fact that cancer treatment does not follow a one-size-fits-all approach;

**WHEREAS**, treatment for Stage 1 breast cancer is typically surgery with or without radiation, followed by hormone therapy, and chemotherapy is not necessary in some cases;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to tamoxifen, drugs called aromatase inhibitors are also used for hormone therapy, but primarily in post-menopausal women;

**WHEREAS**, under the current guidelines a patient who has Stage 1 breast cancer and does not require chemotherapy will forfeit the 2nd tranche payment of twenty-five thousand pesos (Php 25,000.00), an amount that will already go a long way, especially for poor patients who are prescribed with the costly aromatase inhibitor;

**WHEREAS**, the Z-package for early-stage breast cancer needs to be reviewed and amended to align it with its intended purpose of providing the best outcomes for the members, especially the poor, by allowing them to avail themselves of the maximum benefit of Php 100,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the RDC Social Development Committee, during its meeting on 27 August, recommended to the RDC Full Council to request PhilHealth to amend the guiding principles of the Z benefit package (Circular 2015-035) particularly for early-stage breast cancer, and further recommended that the RDC furnish the other RDCs copy of the resolution for their support and appropriate action as the proposed amendments will benefit early-stage breast cancer patients nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, the Central Visayas RDC finds the proposal supportive of the region's development thrust to reduce vulnerability of individuals and families as advocated in Chapter 11 of the Central Visayas Regional Development Plan, 2017-2022;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to request the Philippine Health Insurance, Corp. (PhilHealth) to amend the principles of the Z-benefits, particularly for early-stage breast cancer patients;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to amend Circular 2015-035 as follows:


- a) Allow all early-stage breast cancer patients to avail themselves of the maximum benefit package of Php 100,000.00 by not making chemotherapy a mandatory procedure and by extending the filing schedule for tranche 2 claims of Stage 0 patients to other early-breast cancer patients who do not need chemotherapy; and
- b) Include aromatase inhibitor as a drug for hormone therapy;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish the other RDCs a copy of this resolution for their support.

Certified Correct:

  
DOLORES J. MOLINTAS  
RDC Secretary

Attested:

  
EFREN B. CARREON  
RDC Vice Chairperson

Approved:

  
KENNETH C. COBONPUE  
RDC Chairperson



**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
December 3, 2021      Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Requesting the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to Expand the Coverage of Z Benefits and Streamline the Process and Procedures under PhilHealth Circular 2015-035 to avail the Maximum Benefits Particularly for Breast Cancer Patients

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1. The Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC), during its meeting on September 17, 2021, via video conference, passed a resolution requesting PhilHealth to amend the principles of the Z-benefits (PhilHealth Circular 2015-035), particularly for early-stage breast cancer patients as follows: a) allow early-stage breast cancer patients to avail themselves of the maximum benefit package of ₱100,000.00 by not making chemotherapy a mandatory procedure and by extending the filing schedule for tranche 2 claims of Stage 0 patients to other early-stage breast cancer patients who do not need chemotherapy; b) include aromatase inhibitor as a drug for hormone therapy; and c) furnish the other RDCs a copy of the resolution for their support.
2. The resolution was presented to the MIMAROPA Social Development Committee (SDC) during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, 2021 through video conference for discussion. A representative from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation also presented the guiding principles of Z-benefits and the procedures for filing and schedule of payment of claims for early-stage breast cancer.
3. During the meeting, the PhilHealth representative explained that the Z-benefit aims to provide relevant financial risk protection to patients with conditions that are life or limb-threatening and that require prolonged hospitalization, extremely expensive therapies, or other care that would deplete one's financial resources, under its classification of illnesses.
4. Under the guiding principles, the Z-benefit package rate for breast cancer Stage 0 to III-A is ₱100,000.00 with two tranche payments: ₱75,000.00 for the first tranche and ₱25,000.00 for the second tranche. The first tranche of payment includes both surgery and initial cycles of standard chemotherapy for Stage I to III-A or surgery and hormonotherapy with tamoxifen for Stage 0 (ductal carcinoma in situ), while the second tranche of payment includes the completion of the last cycle of chemotherapy for Stage I to III-A. If chemotherapy is not required for Z-patients with Stage 1 breast cancer, then the 2nd tranche payment of ₱25,000.00 is no longer applicable.

5. In order for the contracted health care institutions (HCIs) to claim the 1st and 2nd tranches and for the breast cancer patients to claim the full equivalent benefits maximum of P100,000.00, a number of documents should be secured and be submitted to PhilHealth by the Z-patients, including other mandatory procedure.

6. The SDC, during its 4th quarter meeting, stressed the need to review the guiding principles and consider the expansion of the Z-benefit package to breast cancer patients who do not need to undergo chemotherapy and the streamlining of the requirements for claims to lift the burden off the patients in providing numerous documents.

7. The SDC, during the fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, approved a resolution recommending RDC to request PhilHealth to expand the coverage of Z-benefits and streamline the process and procedures under PhilHealth Circular 2015-035 to avail the maximum coverage of benefits equivalent to P100,000.00 for breast cancer patients notwithstanding other essential benefits from PhilHealth.

8. Action requested: For RDC approval.

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**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
MIMAROPA Region                      Calapan City

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RDC  
FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2021, THROUGH  
VIDEO CONFERENCE

RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION  
TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF Z BENEFITS AND STREAMLINE  
THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES UNDER PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR  
2015-035 TO AVAIL THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS EQUIVALENT TO  
₱100,000.00 PARTICULARLY FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS  
NOTWITHSTANDING OTHER ESSENTIAL BENEFITS FROM  
PHILHEALTH

WHEREAS, the Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC), during its meeting on September 17, 2021, via video conference, passed a resolution requesting PhilHealth to amend the principles of the Z-benefits (Circular 2015-035), particularly for early-stage breast cancer patients as follows: a) allow early-stage breast cancer patients to avail themselves of the maximum benefit package of ₱100,000.00 by not making chemotherapy a mandatory procedure and by extending the filing schedule for tranche 2 claims of Stage 0 patients to other early-stage breast cancer patients who do not need chemotherapy; b) include aromatase inhibitor as a drug for hormone therapy; and c) furnish the other RDCs a copy of the resolution for their support;

WHEREAS, the resolution was presented to the MIMAROPA Social Development Committee (SDC) during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, 2021 through video conference for discussion. A representative from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation also presented the guiding principles of Z-benefits on the procedures for filing and schedule of payment of claims for early-stage breast cancer;

WHEREAS, during the same meeting, a PhilHealth representative explained that the Z-benefit aims to provide relevant financial risk protection to patients with conditions that are life- or limb-threatening and that require prolonged hospitalization, extremely expensive therapies, or other care that would deplete one's financial resources, under its classification of illnesses;

WHEREAS, under the guiding principles, the Z-benefit package rate for breast cancer Stage 0 to III-A is ₱100,000.00 with two tranche payments: ₱75,000.00 for the first tranche and ₱25,000.00 for the second tranche;

WHEREAS, the first tranche of payment includes both surgery and initial cycles of standard chemotherapy for Stage I to III-A or surgery and hormonotherapy with tamoxifen for Stage 0 (ductal carcinoma in situ), while the second tranche of payment includes the completion of the last cycle of chemotherapy for Stage I to III-A;

WHEREAS, if chemotherapy is not required for Z-patients with Stage 1 breast cancer, then the 2nd tranche payment of ₱25,000.00 is no longer applicable;

WHEREAS, in order for the contracted health care institutions (HCIs) to claim the 1st and 2nd tranches, a number of documents should be secured and be submitted to PhilHealth by the Z-patients, including other mandatory procedure;

WHEREAS, the SDC, during its 4th quarter meeting, stressed the need to review the guiding principles and consider the expansion of the Z-benefit packages to breast cancer patients who do not need to undergo chemotherapy and the streamlining of the requirements for claims to lift the burden off the patients in providing numerous documents;

WHEREAS, the SDC, during its fourth quarter meeting held on November 5, 2021, passed a resolution recommending RDC to request PhilHealth to expand the coverage of the Z-benefits and streamline the process and procedures under PhilHealth Circular 2015-035 to avail the maximum benefits equivalent to P100,000.00 particularly for breast cancer patients notwithstanding other essential benefits from PhilHealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to request Philippine Health Insurance Corporation to expand the coverage of Z-benefits and streamline the process and procedures under PhilHealth Circular 2015-035 to avail the maximum benefits equivalent to P100,000.00 particularly for breast cancer patients notwithstanding other essential benefits from PhilHealth.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
RDC Chairperson

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
December 3, 2021 Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Proposed schedule of CY 2022 RDC meetings

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1. Article X, Section 14 of Constitution provides the creation of Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments, and other government officers and representatives from non-government organizations within the region.
2. To assist the RDC in its functions, the following sectoral committees were created: development administration (DAC), economic development (EDC), infrastructure development (IDC), and social development (SDC).
3. Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 provides that the RDC Full Council shall meet at least once every quarter. RDC Executive Committee shall meet whenever the need arises while the RDC Advisory Committee shall be conducted in May. The RDC may adopt its own rules on constituting quorum.
4. The RDC sectoral committees, during the fourth quarter meetings held on November 04 and 05 virtually through Zoom, reviewed the proposed schedule and favorably recommended RDC approval.
5. Action requested: For RDC approval.

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MIMAROPA Region                      Calapan City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RDC  
FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2021  
THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

RDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF CY 2022 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 14 of Constitution provides the creation of Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments, and other government officers and representatives from non-government organizations within the region;

WHEREAS, to assist the RDC in its functions, the following sectoral committees were created: development administration (DAC), economic development (EDC), infrastructure development (IDC), and social development (SDC);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 325, s. 1996 provides that the RDC Full Council shall meet at least once every quarter;

WHEREAS, RDC Executive Committee shall meet whenever the need arises while the RDC Advisory Committee shall be conducted in May;

WHEREAS, the RDC sectoral committees, during the fourth quarter meetings held on November 04 and 05, reviewed the proposed schedule and favorably recommended RDC approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the schedule of CY 2022 Regional Development Council meetings.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Acting RDC Secretary

**GOV. JOSE R. RIANO**  
RDC Chairperson

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**MIMAROPA Region**

**Schedule of CY 2022 RDC Full Council Meetings  
and its Sectoral Committees**

**FULL COUNCIL**

	Date
First Quarter	March 04 (Friday)
Second Quarter	June 03 (Friday)
Third Quarter	September 02 (Friday)
Fourth Quarter	December 02 (Friday)

**SECTORAL COMMITTEES**

	Date	Committee
First Quarter	February 03 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	February 04 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development
Second Quarter	May 05 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	May 06 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development
Third Quarter	August 04 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	August 05 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development
Fourth Quarter	November 03 (Thursday) AM PM	Development Administration Economic Development
	November 04 (Friday) AM PM	Infrastructure Development Social Development

**Notes:**

1. FY 2023 sectoral budget review will be conducted during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sectoral committee meetings.
2. RDC Executive Committee shall meet whenever the need arises.
3. RDC Advisory Committee meeting shall be conducted in May.

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**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Act and the  
Government Energy Management Program (GEMP)**

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1. The Republic Act No. 11285 or the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Act institutionalizes energy efficiency and conservation, enhances the efficient use of energy, and grants incentives to energy efficiency and conservation programs and projects.
2. Under the EE&C Act, the Inter-Agency Energy Efficiency and Conservation Committee (IAEECC) was created to provide strategic direction to the Government Energy Management Program (GEMP). The IAEECC is chaired by the Department of Energy (DOE).
3. As provided under Section 43 of DOE Department Circular (DC) No. DC2019-11-0014 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the EE&C Act, the GEMP coverage was expanded to cover all government entities (GEs) which includes all departments, bureaus, offices, branches and instrumentalities, government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), including its subsidiaries or other self-governing board or commission of the government, local government units (LGUs), state universities and colleges (SUCs).
4. To provide direction on the implementation of the GEMP, the IAEECC issued three resolutions.
5. Resolution No. 1, s. 2020 – Directing All Government Agencies, Including the Local Government Units (LGUs) and Foreign Service Posts, to Comply with the GEMP, Ordering the DOE to Conduct Energy Audits and Spot Checks, and Submit Proposed Improvements to the GEMP
6. Resolution No. 2, s. 2021 – Directing All Government Entities, including the LGUs and Foreign Service Posts, to Use Energy Efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lamps in Government Buildings and Facilities as a Requirement for Compliance to the GEMP
7. Resolution No. 3, s. 2021 - Directing All Government Entities, including the LGUs and Foreign Service Posts, to Use Inverter Type Air-Conditioning Units in Government Buildings and Facilities as a Requirement for Compliance to the GEMP.



8. The GEMP also mandates all Government Entities to comply with the following reportorial requirements: 1) Designation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Officer (EECO), 2) Designation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Focal Person (EECF, 3) Monthly Electricity Consumption Report (MECR), and 4) Monthly Fuel Consumption Report (MFCR).
9. DOE to present the salient features of the EE&C Act and GEMP in the Regional Development Council (RDC) Full Council meeting.
10. Action requested: For RDC support.

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**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: MIMAROPA COVID-19 Situational and Vaccine Rollout Reports**

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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 November 11, 2021, MIMAROPA has recorded a total of 32,077 cumulative number of COVID-19 cases, with 1,684 total active cases. Palawan recorded the highest number of total active cases, with 496. This was followed by Oriental Mindoro with 434 cases, Puerto Princesa City with 334 cases, Occidental Mindoro with 199 cases, and Romblon with 127 cases. Marinduque recorded the lowest number of active cases at 94.
4. The government has been implementing the vaccination program to ensure equal access to vaccines and to implement quality vaccination services.
5. As of November 8, 2021, based on the latest National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center Bulletin No. 251, a total of 2,002 persons in the master list from Priority Group A1 (health workers) were partially vaccinated, while there were 44,118 fully vaccinated persons, recording 95.66 percent overall coverage for priority group A1. Under Priority Group A2 (senior citizens), out of the 261,592 master-listed population, there were 15,355 partially vaccinated persons in the region and 100,557 fully vaccinated recording 38.44 percent overall coverage for priority group A2. Under Priority Group A3 (individuals with comorbidity), out of the 224,855 master-listed, there were 25,489 partially vaccinated persons and 144,807 fully vaccinated persons in the region recording 64.40 percent overall coverage for priority group A3. Under Priority Group A4 (frontline personnel in essential sectors), out of 760,880 master-listed population, there were 110,287 partially vaccinated persons and 171,887 fully vaccinated persons in MIMAROPA recording 22.59 percent overall coverage for priority group A4. Under Priority Group A5 (poor population), out of 583,026 master-listed population, there were 36,459 partially vaccinated persons and 51,872 fully vaccinated persons in the region recording 8.90 percent overall coverage for priority group A5.
6. DOH MIMAROPA will present the full COVID-19 situation including the Delta variant cases and vaccine rollout report.
7. Action requested: For information.

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**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  
MIMAROPA Gender and Development (GAD) Corner

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1. The Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development has a long-term goal of fully integrating GAD concerns into the whole development process; thus, it highlights the need to strengthen the GAD mainstreaming efforts of the various government agencies.
2. In compliance with the Executive Order No. 273, s. 1995, which directs all government agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled corporations, at the national, sub-national, and local levels, to take appropriate steps to ensure the full implementation of the policies/strategies and programs/projects outlined in the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development, a GAD corner was established in the NEDA MIMAROPA website.
3. The GAD corner in the NEDA MIMAROPA website features GAD-related initiatives and GAD mainstreaming efforts of the regional office by uploading news articles, publications, laws, issuances, policies, guidelines and information, education and communication (IEC) materials in relation to GAD in the region.
4. Given that the NEDA MIMAROPA acts as the secretariat of the RDC and its committees, the GAD corner also includes the GAD-related activities and initiatives of the RDC and its committees such as the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC).
5. The NEDA MIMAROPA Regional Director/RDC Vice Chairperson will present the contents and features of the NEDA MIMAROPA GAD Corner.
6. Action requested: For information.

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**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: 3rd Quarter Regional Economic Situationer (QRES) 2021

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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 4.7 percent in July to September 2021 from previous year's 3.1 percent. This was, however, lower than the previous quarter's 5.1 percent. All provinces registered lower inflation rates except for Romblon.
3. The region's working age population increased by 1.90 percent from 2,049,000 in July 2020 to 2,088,000 in July 2021. Labor force participation rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points from 64.2 percent in July 2020 to 62.8 percent in July 2021. Employment rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points from 94.3 percent in July 2020 to 92.9 percent in July 2021.
4. Some indicators that show the region's positive economic performance in the third quarter of 2021 are reflected in the production of the agricultural commodities such as palay, banana, calamansi, cassava, livestock, commercial fishery, and aquaculture. However, the municipal marine/inland fishery production decreased.
5. The number of registered business names; assisted micro, small, medium enterprises; and registered vehicles decreased. Further, the value of metallic mineral production, exports, and imports also increased. On the other hand, the value of non-metallic mineral production decreased.
6. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, tourist arrivals, movement of aircrafts, passengers and cargoes in air and land transport services all increased. However, the water transport and movement of sea vessels including ROROs decreased.
7. The region remains peaceful, as the volume of crimes decreased compared to previous year's third quarter data.
8. The 3rd 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: RPMES Third Quarter Report

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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 3rd quarter of CY 2021, 22 MIMAROPA government offices reported the implementation status of 730 projects amounting to ₱22.149 billion in the region. These agencies were as follows: Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) Area Center 3, Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Luzon Cluster 3, Department of Energy (DOE), 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), DPWH Marinduque District Engineering Office, DPWH Palawan 2 District Engineering Office, DPWH Palawan 3 District Engineering Office, National Irrigation Administration (NIA), National Power Corporation (NPC), Population Commission (PopCom), Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque State College (MSC), Mindoro State University (MinSU), Palawan State University (PSU), Romblon State University (RSU), and Western Philippine University (WPU).

3. Of the reported 730 projects, 160 projects (21.92 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	24
DOH MIMAROPA	2
DOST MIMAROPA	4
DOTr	2
DPWH MIMAROPA	49
DPWH Marinduque DEO	5
DPWH Palawan 2nd DEO	23
DPWH Palawan 3rd DEO	12
MSC	5
MinSU	2
NPC	9
POPCOM	3

Implementing Agency	Number of projects encountering problems
PSU	11
PG Occidental Mindoro	9

Source: *Proyektaglaw*

4. A total of 292 projects or 40 percent were completed, 132 projects or 18.08 percent were on schedule, while 146 projects or 20 percent were ahead of schedule.

5. The 730 projects generated employment for 60,779 persons, of which 35,140 (58 percent) were men and 25,639 (42 percent) were women.

6. Of the reported 730 projects, 683 (93.56 percent) were regular projects, 18 (2.47 percent) were ODA projects, 26 (3.56 percent) were rehabilitation and recovery projects (RRP), and three (0.41 percent) were End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) projects.

7. There were no “Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa” (BP2) projects reported by implementing agencies for the third quarter of 2021.

8. The 730 projects also generated a total employment of 60,779, of which 35,140 (58%) were male, and 25,639 (58%) were female.

9. DA reported the implementation status of six PRDP I-BUILD subprojects amounting to ₱744.1 million. These subprojects aim to improve the links from production areas to markets 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	2. 100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
3. 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	4. 61.73% physical progress as of September 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	5. 45.06% physical progress as of September 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	6. 100% physical progress as of September 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	7. 100% physical progress as of September 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	8. 100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021

LP – Loan Proceeds; GOP – Government of the Philippines

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

10. 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 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 30, 2021.

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

Source: DA MIMAROPA

11. 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) monitored the implementation of approved projects under 2021 GAA.

12. As of September 30, 2021, DPWH Palawan 3 DEO reported implementing two ELCAC projects amounting to ₱4.95 million.

Table 4. Status of DPWH Palawan 3rd DEO implemented ELCAC Projects

Project Title	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	RRP	Status
1. 21EG0005 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building - 2 Classroom at Tagnaya Elementary School, Barangay Concepcion, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan	Province of Palawan	2.97	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021	21EG0005 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building - 2 Classroom at Tagnaya Elementary School, Barangay Concepcion, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan
2. 21EG0083 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (Day Care Center) at Purok Centro, Brgy. Babuyan, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan	Province of Palawan	1.98	15.53% physical progress as of September 30, 2021	21EG0083 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (Day Care Center) at Purok Centro, Brgy. Babuyan, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan
3. 21EG0005 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building - 2 Classroom at Tagnaya Elementary School, Barangay Concepcion, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan	Province of Palawan	2.97	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021	21EG0005 - Construction of Multi-Purpose Building - 2 Classroom at Tagnaya Elementary School, Barangay Concepcion, City of Puerto Princesa, Palawan

Source: DPWH Palawan 3 DEO

13. Also, NIA MIMAROPA reported implementing one ELCAC project amounting to ₱5 million.

Table 5. Status of NIA MIMAROPA implemented ELCAC Project

Project Title	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	RRP	Status
1. 1. Baco-Bucayao RIS (Repair of NIS) 2021	Province of Oriental Mindoro	5.0	82.66% physical progress as of September 30, 2021	1. Baco-Bucayao RIS (Repair of NIS) 2021

Source: NIA MIMAROPA

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



15. As of September 30, 2021, DA reported implementing 18 RRP projects amounting to ₱119.22 million.

Table 6. Status of DA MIMAROPA implemented RRP Projects

Project Name	Location	Cost	Status
1. S/D Of Lot 1: 4,400 Palay Certified Seeds (2021 QRF-Rehab)	Not specified	6.69	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
2. S/D of 6,900 bags granular NPK fertilizer (13-11-21) -2021 QRF-Rehab	Not specified	7.28	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
3. Supply And Delivery Of Lot 2: 600 Bags Gm Hybrid Corn Seeds (2021 QRF-Rehab)	Not specified	2.88	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
4. Rehabilitation of Animal Housing Units and Establishment of Native Chicken Breeder House and Perimeter Fence at DA-RIARC in Or. Mindoro (2021 Livestock Program)	Province of Oriental Mindoro	1.18	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
5. Supply and Delivery of 147,710 packs of vegetable seeds (QRF-2020)	Not specified	4.09	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
6. Supply and Delivery of 4,885 bags of Palay Certified Seed (QRF-2020)	Not specified	7.91	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
7. Supply and Delivery of 5,800 liters of Micronutrient Foliar/Soil Fertilizer (QRF-2020)	Not specified	2.14	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
8. Supply and Delivery of 8,557 bags Complete Fertilizer 14-14-14 (QRF-2020)	Not specified	9.03	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
9. Supply and Delivery of 9,600 bags Urea Fertilizer (QRF)	Not specified	14.2	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
10. Supply and Delivery of 42,000 packs Organic Microbial Inoculant Fertilizer (QRF)	Not specified	3.7	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
11. Supply and Delivery of Assorted Vegetable Seeds (QRF-Rehabilitation)	Not specified	4.92	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
12. Supply and Delivery of 7,500 packets Micronutrient Foliar fertilizer (QRF)	Not specified	5.2	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
13. Supply and Delivery of 5,368 bags Certified Palay Seeds (QRF)	Not specified	8.1	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021

14. Supply and Delivery of 117,065 packets Organic Microbial Inoculant (QRF)	Not specified	10.3	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
15. Supply and Delivery of 100 heads of Cattle (Heifer) - QRF	Not specified	4.5	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
16. Supply and Delivery of 440,000 Assorted Fruit Planting Materials (QRF)	Not specified	21	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
17. Rehabilitation of Malakibay Diversion Dam	Not specified	4.8	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
18. Rehabilitation of Rosacara Diversion Dam	Not specified	1.3	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021

Source: DA MIMAROPA

16. MSC reported implementing one RRP project amounting to ₱4.07 million.

Table 7. Status of MSC implemented ELCAC Project

Project Title	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	RRP	Status
2. 1. MSC Banuyo Campus, Gasan, Various Repair of Campus Facilities, (Typhoon Damaged	Brgy. Banuyo, Gasan, Marinduque	4.07	Not specified	75% physical progress as of September 30, 2021

Source: MSC

17. Also, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro reported implementing seven RRP project amounting to ₱13.59 million.

Table 8. Status of PG Occidental Mindoro implemented RRP projects

Project Title	Location	Cost (in ₱M)	RRP	Status
1. 1. Rehabilitation and Recovery Program for COVID 19 Pandemic	Province of Occidental Mindoro	4.92	COVID 19	0% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
2. 2. Rehabilitation and Recovery Program for COVID 19 Pandemic	Province of Occidental Mindoro	1.01	COVID 19	0% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
3. 3. Cash Assistance for Typhoon Quinta	Province of Occidental Mindoro	1.76	Quinta	0% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
4. 4. Tilapia Distribution for Quinta Rehab	Province of Occidental Mindoro	4.99	Quinta	0% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
5. 5. Gillnets distribution for Quinta Rehab	Province of Occidental Mindoro	0.33	Quinta	0% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
6. 6. HVCDP (Mungbean Distribution for Quinta Rehab)	Province of Occidental Mindoro	0.2	Quinta	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021
7. 7. Assorted Vegetable Seeds Distribution for Typhoon Quinta	Province of Occidental Mindoro	0.38	Quinta	100% physical progress as of September 30, 2021

18. DPWH MIMAROPA reported implementing 104 projects funded under GAA 2020-2021 amounting to ₱11,810.03 million (Figure 2). A total of 43 projects amounting to ₱4,557.69 million were already completed, 49 projects amounting to ₱5,678.81 million encountered delays in implementation, one project amounting to ₱95 million was on schedule and 11 projects amounting to ₱1,478.53 million were ahead of schedule.

19. DPWH Marinduque DEO reported implementing 54 projects amounting to ₱1,608.44 million. A total of 23 projects amounting to ₱390.57 million were already completed, five projects amounting to ₱101.50 million encountered delays in implementation, three projects amounting to ₱212.69 million were on schedule and 23 projects amounting to ₱903.69 million were ahead of schedule.

20. DPWH Palawan 2nd DEO reported implementing 65 projects amounting to ₱823.33 million. A total of eight projects amounting to ₱13.46 million were already completed, 23 projects amounting to ₱369.85 million encountered delays in implementation, 28 projects amounting to ₱270.16 million were on schedule and six projects amounting to ₱169.86 million were ahead of schedule.

21. DPWH Palawan 3rd DEO reported implementing 65 projects amounting to ₱824.93 million. A total of 34 projects amounting to ₱172.28 million were already completed, 12 projects amounting to ₱171.71 million encountered delays in implementation, and 19 projects amounting to ₱480.94 million were ahead of schedule.

22. The DOTr reported implementing four projects amounting to ₱161.37 million. As of September 30, 2021, the average physical accomplishment of DOTr projects was 90.32 percent with a slippage of negative 12.14 percent.

23. DOE reported four projects amounting to ₱43.41 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DOE projects was 77.43 percent.

24. NPC reported 12 projects amounting to ₱1,861.45 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of NPC projects was 81.02 percent with an average slippage of negative 2.38 percent. Of the 12 reported projects, three projects amounting to ₱405.85 million was completed, and nine projects amounting to ₱1,455.60 million were behind schedule.

25. NIA MIMAROPA reported implementing 46 projects amounting to ₱733.73 million. A total of 13 projects amounting to ₱75.33 million were already completed, 13 projects amounting to ₱430.33 million were on schedule, and 20 projects amounting to ₱228.07 million were ahead of schedule.

26. DA MIMAROPA submitted the status report on 162 projects amounting to ₱2,292.08 million. A total of 134 projects amounting to ₱1,197.60 million were already completed, 24 projects amounting to ₱1,074.56 million were behind schedule, and four projects amounting to ₱19.92 million were on schedule.

27. DOST submitted the status report on ten projects amounting to ₱7.82 million. Two projects were already completed, four projects amounting to ₱5.29 million encountered delays in implementation, three projects amounting to ₱2.53 million were on schedule, and one project was ahead of schedule.

28. DOH MIMAROPA reported ten projects amounting to ₱135.05 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DOH projects was 67.57 percent with an average slippage of negative 4.15 percent. Of the 10 reported projects, two projects amounting to ₱20.70 million were completed, two projects amounting to ₱27.60 million were behind schedule, three projects amounting to ₱25.15 million were on schedule, while three projects amounting to ₱61.60 million were ahead of schedule.

29. DOLE MIMAROPA reported eight projects amounting to ₱532.23 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DOH projects was 40.01 percent with an average slippage of positive 3.82 percent.

30. DICT Cluster 3 reported two projects amounting to ₱13.80 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of DICT Cluster 3 projects was 58.06 percent with an average slippage of positive 16.12 percent.

31. BFAR MIMAROPA reported 13 projects amounting to ₱70.10 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of BFAR MIMAROPA projects was 85 percent with an average slippage of positive 2.29 percent. Of the 13 reported projects, 12 projects amounting to ₱68.14 million were completed and one project amounting to ₱1.96 million was ahead of schedule.

32. CAAP Area Center 3 reported one project amounting to ₱1.88 million for the third quarter of 2021. The physical accomplishment of CAAP Area Center 3 project was 8.46 percent with an average slippage of positive 0.13 percent.

33. POPCOM MIMAROPA submitted status report of three projects amounting to ₱2.74 million. The average physical accomplishment of POPCOM projects was 54.01 percent with an average slippage of negative 45.99 percent.

34. MSC submitted status reports on six projects amounting to ₱71.84 million. The average physical accomplishment of MSC projects was 86.99 percent with an average slippage of negative 13.01 percent. Out of the six projects, one project amounting to ₱2.22 million was completed, five projects amounting to ₱69.62 million were behind schedule.

35. MinSU submitted status reports on eight projects amounting to ₱115.00 million. The average physical accomplishment of MinSU projects was 36.70 percent with an average slippage of negative 1.47 percent. Out of the eight projects two projects amounting to ₱37.00 million were behind schedule, while six projects amounting to ₱78.00 million were on schedule.

36. PSU reported the status of 13 projects amounting to ₱270.70 million for the third quarter of 2021. Of the 13 reported projects, two projects amounting to ₱36.00 million were completed and 11 projects amounting to ₱234.70 million were behind schedule.

37. RSU reported the status of three projects amounting to ₱44.09 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of RSU projects was 63.22 percent.

38. WPU reported the status of three projects amounting to ₱80.44 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of WPU projects was 32.91 percent with a positive slippage of 5.29 percent.

39. The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro reported the status of 134 projects amounting to ₱ 645.32 million for the third quarter of 2021. The average physical accomplishment of PG Occidental Mindoro projects was 0.08 percent with an average slippage of negative 0.10 percent. Of the 134 reported projects, 25 projects amounting to ₱153.49 million were completed, nine projects amounting to ₱35.80 million were behind schedule, 51 projects amounting to ₱168.24 million were on schedule, while 49 projects amounting to ₱287.79 million were ahead of schedule.

40. Action requested: For information.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Fourth Quarter Full Council Meeting  
December 3, 2021      Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE RDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Status of RDC endorsed projects

1. The Regional Development Council (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.
2. The Secretariat regularly monitors the status of proposed programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) endorsed by the RDC through a resolution. From 2011-2020, the Secretariat monitored 24 major PAPs in the region proposed for funding either under the General Appropriations Act (GAA), Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Official Development Assistance (ODA), or special program. All projects that were completed and ongoing will be included in the list of projects to be monitored by the RDC Regional Project Monitoring Committee/Team.
3. Below is the summary of the status of the proposed projects endorsed by the RDC. The detailed status of each project is also attached for reference.

<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
Batangas-Mindoro Interconnection project (BMIP)	The NGCP is preparing the documentary requirements such as bidding documents of the project but they cannot proceed with the awarding of the project until final decision from the ERC has been received.
Mindoro-Batangas Super Bridge	Regular coordination is being undertaken by DPWH with the PPP Center on the finalization of cost, scope of works and timeline to be covered by the contract for consultancy services. A meeting with PPPC is set on December 2021.
Upgrading of airstrip in Roxas, Palawan	The Roxas Airport Development Project amounting to ₱12M is included in the FY 2023 annual investment program of the DOTr and endorsed by the Infrastructure Development Committee on November 05, 2021 for RDC approval. The said project covers the phase 1 which include upgrading of airstrip in Roxas, Palawan.
Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects	There were 26 ongoing projects and 13 projects for implementation under the DOT-DPWH Convergence Program.
Establishment of TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center (RTC)	The proposed TESDA MIMAROPA regional training center was not considered in the TESDA budget proposals since FY 2017.
Establishment of five (5) provincial training centers in MIMAROPA	The establishment of provincial training centers (PTCs) in Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, and Palawan were included in the FY 2021 Tier 2 proposal of TESDA MIMAROPA but were not included in the FY2021 National Expenditure Program and GAA.

	There are three proposed PTCs in the provinces of Romblon, Palawan, and Occidental Mindoro that are included in the FY 2023 agency investment programs of TESDA MIMAROPA
Romblon Flood Control Projects	Out of the six flood control projects, two projects were already completed, one project was funded under the FY-2021 GAA (FLR Project), and three projects were not considered in the approved FY 2021 GAA and FY 2022 NEP of DPWH MIMAROPA.
Establishment of Calamansi Research and Development Center	MinSU is still on the process of complying with the documentary requirements of DOST MIMAROPA for the proposal. MinSU is aiming to comply with said comments/requirements by December 2021 to have sufficient time to package the proposal and submit before the deadline for the call for proposals by March 2022.
Carindan Ecotourism Biodiversity Project	The detailed engineering design was already completed. However, the implementation of the project was suspended due to realignment of TIEZA funds for Bayanihan Act.
Mindoro's Hidden Trail Project	The project is already under TIEZA evaluation. Once sufficient funding is available and determined by the TIEZA Board, priority will be given to suspended projects and other infrastructure projects that geared towards the recovery of the tourism sector.
Sabang Wharf Terminal Complex	The project consultant forwarded the revised project design study and audio visual presentation (AVP) on February 08, 2021. The consultant's presentation of the project design has yet to be scheduled by the City Government of Puerto Princesa, Palawan due to the imposition of travel restrictions and health protocols brought by COVID-19 pandemic.
Estrella Falls Park Development Project	The proposals were not approved by the TIEZA Board and the proponent may still repackage the proposals based on the requirements of the amendment guidelines for the selection of tourism infrastructure projects. However, implementation of TIEZA projects was suspended due to realignment of TIEZA funds for Bayanihan Act.
Development of Garing Falls in Romblon	
Development of Bato-Bato Hot Spring in Palawan	
Laylay Magnetic Station Historico-Cultural Tourism Development	The TIEZA completed the evaluation of the detailed engineering design submitted by the Municipality of Boac, Marinduque on February 07, 2020. A letter was sent to LGU on August 10, 2021 regarding the results of the evaluation on documents submitted specifically the findings needing compliance of the LGU proponent. Moreover, the implementation of the project is still suspended due to realignment of TIEZA funds for the Bayanihan Act.
Energy Regulation (ER) No. 1-94 Projects	The DOE issued the 2 <sup>nd</sup> advisory on July 19, 2021 for the implementation of Department Circular (DC) 2018-08-0021: Providing for the Amendments to Rule 29 Part (A) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) Law relative to the utilization of the ER No. 1-94 Funds. Currently, the MIMAROPA has 27 independent power producers or GenCos and the regional share under Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF) has a total amount of ₱11.61M while ₱2.20M under the Reforestation, Watershed Management and Health and/or Environment Fund (RWHEEF).

Maritime Safety Enhancement Project (MSEP) of DOTr-PCG	The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) is undertaking the preparation for procurement activities for the conduct of environment and social impact assessment (ESIA) for both Romblon and Mactan Buoy Base Projects and the tendering of Main Consultant for the MSEP Project.
Mega Bridge Connecting Marinduque and Quezon Province/Marinduque-Quezon Link Expressway (MQLEX)	The funding for the conduct of F/S is included in the agency proposed FY 2022 budget, however it is not considered in the FY 2022 NEP of DPWH MIMAROPA. Moreover, DPWH CO is also recommending the implementing office to consider the possible funding of the F/S under ODA given the scale and complexity of the project.
Hydropower Development Project (HDP) in Boac, Marinduque	The PPP Center is at the initial stage of the rapid assessment of the project and awaiting the submission of the accomplished rapid assessment form from the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque.
Flood Control Project in Gasan, Marinduque	The project is included in the FY 2022 budget proposal of DPWH MIMAROPA under the Local Program, however this was not considered in the FY 2022 NEP. The DPWH MIMAROPA will reconsider the project in their FY 2023 proposals once it will not be included in the FY 2022 GAA.
Laylay Light Station Restoration and Development Project (LLSRDP) in Boac, Marinduque	The PCG Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) is awaiting the submission of the Maritime Safety Services Unit Southern Tagalog Luzon on other documentary requirements for the conduct of the F/S.
Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) in Coron and El Nido, Palawan	The TIEZA has yet to finalize the financing arrangements of the project, in coordination with the Department of Finance (DOF), specifically on the proposal to course the loan through a government financial institution.
Philippine Rural Development Project Second Additional Financing (PRDP-AF2)	The loan agreement and grant agreement of the PRDP-AF2 have been declared effective on September 24, 2021. The financial releases will be on the first quarter of 2022.
Philippine - Israel Solar - Powered Fertigation (PISPF) Project	The DOF requested the Israeli Embassy to provide a diagram showing the roles of the Israeli Government (Ministry of Finance), insurance provider, contractor, and all the other relevant parties to establish the government-to-government (G2G) arrangement, and the process flow for the financing. The private financing, as proposed by the Israeli Embassy, is not acceptable to the DOF as the loan should be covered by a G2G arrangement.

4. Action requested: For information.



STATUS OF RDC ENDORSED PROJECTS AS OF NOVEMBER 2021					
Project Title/Description/ RDC Resolution		Proponent	Cost (₱ Million)	Source of Fund	Status /Remarks
1	<p>Batangas-Mindoro Interconnection project (BMIP)</p> <p>A power transmission project that will connect Mindoro Island to mainland Luzon through the installation of a 25-km. submarine cable and a 51-km. overhead lines along with associated cable terminal stations, voltage conditioning devices and additional switching facilities (230 MW generation capacity).</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project to ERC through RDC Resolution No. 37-221-2011.</p> <p>The project is expected to provide a reliable and continuous supply of power in the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro and shall result to the graduation of the said provinces from the subsidies being charged to the Universal Charge - Missionary Electrification.</p>	NGCP	11,000.00	NGCP	<p>The project has been included as one of the priority investments under the updated Transmission Master Plan defined in the 2021-2040 Transmission Development Plan (TDP). The 2021-2040 TDP was already submitted by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines to the DOE for its review and approval. NGCP has yet to comply with other necessary requirements for the approval of the TDP in accordance to the existing rules and regulations.</p> <p>Under the updated Monthly Transmission Project Status Report as of December 31, 2020, the project's target completion will be on December 2024.</p> <p>In 2019, DOE issued a Circular that states that interconnection of off-grid areas such as Mindoro island shall form part of the overall transmission program and the costs shall be recovered through the transmission charges.</p> <p>The NGCP submitted the updated scheme and cost of the project on June 26, 2019. The project is still awaiting the ERC decision on the said cost recovery through transmission charges.</p> <p>The NGCP is preparing the documentary requirements such as bidding documents of the project but they cannot proceed with the awarding</p>

					<p>of the project until the final decision from the ERC has been received.</p> <p>No significant updates provided for the fourth quarter of CY 2021.</p>
2	<p>Mindoro-Batangas Super Bridge.</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on June 05, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-051-388: Requesting funding support through NEDA for the conduct of a feasibility study on the proposed Mindoro Batangas Floating Bridge.</p> <p>The project involves the construction of a 15-kilometer, 2-lane or 4-lane floating bridge traversing 10-meter to 300-meter depths of water and will also provide pedestrian lanes, as well as a gate/high bridge for ship passage.</p>	Oriental Mindoro	\$1.8 Billion (estimated project cost)	PPP under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) contractual arrangement	<p>The conduct of project feasibility study was included in the list of DPWH priority projects for Public-Private Partnership (PPP).</p> <p>The approved budget for 2020 funding was ₱50M. However, due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic the budget was reverted to national government.</p> <p>The approved FY 2021 budget for the PPP services of DPWH was insufficient, thus, the PPP Center (PPPC), through the Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF), was tapped to fund the conduct of feasibility study.</p> <p>On April 12 to 23, 2021, DPWH and PPPC conducted the online market sounding with the accredited PPPC consultants. As to date, regular coordination is being undertaken by DPWH with the PPP Center on the finalization of cost, scope of works and timeline to be covered by the contract for consultancy services. A meeting with PPPC is set on December 2021.</p>
3	<p>Upgrading of airstrip in Roxas, Palawan</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on March 03, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-058-613: Endorsing the proposed ₱50 million upgrading of airstrip in Roxas,</p>	Roxas, Palawan	50.00	DOTr	<p>The project was not considered in the FYs 2020 and 2021 budget proposal due to reprioritization of budget to cover COVID 19 requirement and prioritization of development for airport with commercial flight operations.</p>

	<p>Palawan for inclusion in the FY 2018 budget of the DOTr</p> <p>The proposed project is supportive of the tourism activities in the northern part of Palawan</p>				<p>The Roxas Airport Development Project amounting to ₱12M is included in the FY 2023 annual investment program of the DOTr and endorsed by the Infrastructure Development Committee on November 05, 2021 for RDC approval. The said project covers the phase 1 of the upgrading of airstrip in Roxas, Palawan.</p>
4	<p>Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects. Construction of tourism road projects submitted by LGUs under the DOT-DPWH convergence program.</p>	MIMAROPA LGUs		DPWH-DOT Convergence Fund	<p>As of November 19, 2021, the DOT reported that out of 235 tourism road infrastructure projects (TRIP) in the region from CYs 2012-2021, 196 were completed, 26 ongoing, and 13 projects for implementation. The total project cost of all ongoing projects is ₱1.298 billion.</p> <p>There are 37 projects included in the FY-2022 approved NEP amounting to ₱1.269 billion.</p>
5	<p>Establishment of TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center (RTC)</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on March 03, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-058-608: Endorsing to TESDA Central Office the proposed budget for the establishment of TESDA MIMAROPA regional training center.</p> <p>The training center will provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low income families and out of school youth in the MIMAROPA region and will serve as regional competency assessment center for acquired competencies in technical vocational skills in MIMAROPA region.</p>	Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro	75.00	TESDA	<p>The proposed regional training center was not considered in the approved FYs 2020 and 2021 budget of TESDA MIMAROPA.</p> <p>Moreover, the proposal was still not included in the FYs 2022 and 2023 agency investment program of TESDA MIMAROPA.</p> <p>As to date, the establishment of the regional training center is not the region's priority instead the establishment of provincial training centers.</p>

6	<p>Establishment of provincial training centers in the five (5) provinces of MIMAROPA</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on March 03, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-058-614: Endorsing to TESDA Central Office the proposed budget for the establishment of provincial training centers in the five provinces of MIMAROPA.</p> <p>The establishment of provincial training centers will provide area-based and sector specific skills development requirements and program interventions as well as the province's competency assessment center for acquired competencies in technical vocational skills.</p>	All provinces of MIMAROPA	250.00 (allotted for the five provincial training centers)	TESDA	<p>The establishment of Provincial Training Centers for the following three (3) provinces were included under TIER 2 of the FY 2021 agency budget proposals amounting to ₱39,442,160.39 with the following breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Marinduque        ₱ 4,856,550.00</li> <li>b. Oriental Mindoro    28,833,004.00</li> <li>c. Palawan                5,752,606.39</li> </ul> <p>However, these proposals were not included in the FY 2021 National Expenditure Program (NEP) and GAA.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the establishment of provincial training centers (PTC), TESDA MIMAROPA coordinated with their respective provincial offices. As to date, the following are the status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PTC in San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro is under usufruct agreement with the LGU-San Teodoro for 10 years. The PTC is already operational;</li> <li>b. PTC -Marinduque in Mogpog with Deed of Usufruct for 25 years with LGU Municipality of Mogpog.</li> <li>c. PTC in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro has signed Deed of Usufruct for 25 years on the use of portion of land. The construction of one-storey training building was funded by TESDA Central Office. The construction is ongoing.</li> </ul>
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					<p>d. PTC Romblon in Magdiwang with Deed of Donation from the municipality of Magdiwang. The construction of building and facilities is included in the FY 2023 proposals of TESDA MIMAROPA</p> <p>e. PTC in Rio Tuba, Palawan is awaiting the proof of ownership, completion of resolution from barangay, and deed of usufruct</p> <p>f. PTC Roxas, Palawan in Magara with Deed of Donation. The funding for one-storey building is being requested to TESDA Central Office.</p> <p>On the other hand, during the updating of the RDIP and preparation of the FY 2023 annual investment program, TESDA MIMAROPA included the following proposals for their FY 2023 agency investment program:</p> <p>a. Construction of building and facilities for PTC-Romblon – ₱15 million (proposed and endorsed by RDC in FY 2022 but was not considered in the NEP);</p> <p>b. Construction of PTC in Southern Palawan – ₱9 million</p> <p>c. Construction of Administrative Building for PTC-Occidental Mindoro – ₱12 million (proposed and endorsed by RDC in FY 2022 but was not considered in the NEP)</p>
7	<p>Romblon Flood Control Projects</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the six flood control projects on June 02, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-059-626: Endorsing</p>	Odiongan, Romblon	321.26	DPWH	<p>The total project cost for the Romblon flood control projects is estimated at ₱321.26M.</p> <p>Out of the six flood control projects, two projects were completed amounting to ₱81.26M and one</p>

	the Romblon flood control projects to DPWH MIMAROPA for funding and implementation.				<p>project (construction of Pili Flood Control Structure (Phase 1), Looc, Romblon) is funded under the FY 2021 GAA (For Later Release (FLR) Project) amounting to ₱90M.</p> <p>The three remaining projects were not considered in the approved FY 2021 GAA of DPWH MIMAROPA but were included in the agency proposed FY 2022 budget. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Construction of Jun Carlo Flood Control, San Andres, Romblon; Project Cost: ₱50M;</li> <li>2. Construction of Pato-o Flood Control, Odiongan, Romblon; Project Cost: ₱50M; and</li> <li>3. Construction of Liwanag Flood Control, Odiongan, Romblon; Project Cost: ₱50M</li> </ol> <p>As of November 2021, these three remaining projects are not included instead the construction of Pili Flood Control Structure (Phase 2) Looc, Romblon amounting to ₱120M is considered in the FY 2022 NEP.</p> <p>The DPWH MIMAROPA is awaiting that these three remaining projects be considered in the FY 2022 GAA.</p>
8	<p>Establishment of Calamansi Research and Development Center</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on September 08, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-060-634: Endorsing the establishment of Calamansi Research and</p>	MinSU			<p>On June 21, 2021, Mindoro State University (MinSU) presented the NICER concept notes of the university to Ms. Monica Blaise B. Sanial, Program Manager of NICER Program of the Science for Change Program (S4CP) Management Office. The evaluators, Dr. Allan Siano and Dr. Adelaida Belen from Philippine</p>

	<p>Development Center (CRDC) under the Niche Centers in the regions for R&amp;D (NICER) Program of DOST.</p> <p>The project intends to uplift the calamansi industry in Oreintal Mindoro by increasing the production and improving fruit quality and its products through integrated and multidisciplinary research and development program.</p>				<p>Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), noted that the proposal has a potential and provides grounds on the establishment of NICER on Calamansi in MinSU.</p> <p>MinSU has already completed the documentary requirements. However, there are still comments sent last September 10, 2021 that need to be complied. MinSU is aiming to comply with said comments by December 2021 to have sufficient time to package the proposal and submit before the deadline for the call for proposals by March 2022.</p> <p>Four proposals were packaged which includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Morphology, Gene Expression Analysis of Calamansi and Generation of Polyploid and Mutated Calamansi: Basis for the Establishment of Crop Improvement (Phase 1)</li> <li>2. Development of Control Strategies for Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus (Las) Titer on Calamansi</li> <li>3. Improving Calamansi Production through the Development of Off-Season Fruiting Technologies, Optimizing Nutrient Management and Tree Size Control</li> <li>4. Calamansi Production &amp; Postharvest Development and Mechanization (Phase 1)</li> </ol>
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9	<p>Carindan Ecotourism Biodiversity Project.</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on December 04, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-053-442: Endorsing Tourism Projects of Occidental Mindoro to TIEZA for funding and/or implementation.</p> <p>The project consists of construction of public comfort rooms, picnic sheds, and cottages, wharf, boardwalk and parking areas, and perimeter/promenade lighting.</p>	Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro	10.00	TIEZA	<p>The detailed engineering design was already completed.</p> <p>As to date, the implementation of the project is still suspended due to realignment of TIEZA funds for the Bayanihan Act.</p>
10	<p>Mindoro's Hidden Trail Project</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on December 04, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-053-442: Endorsing Tourism Projects of Occidental Mindoro to TIEZA for funding and/or implementation.</p>	Occidental Mindoro	10.00	TIEZA	<p>The project is already under TIEZA evaluation. Once sufficient funding is available and determined by the TIEZA board, priority will be given to suspended projects and other infrastructure projects that geared towards the recovery of the tourism sector.</p> <p>As to date, no significant updates were provided by TIEZA.</p>
11	<p>Sabang Wharf Terminal Complex (SWTC)</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on December 04, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-053-451: Endorsing the SWTC to TIEZA, DPWH, DOT, and PAGCOR.</p> <p>SWTC is a multi-transport hub project that will serve as a gateway to the Underground River and support facilities for the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP)</p>	Puerto Princesa City	450.00	TIEZA	<p>The TIEZA board approved the ₱15 million fund for consultancy services of the project in 2015.</p> <p>The project consultant forwarded the revised project design study and audio visual presentation (AVP) to the City Government of Puerto Princesa on February 08, 2021. The consultant has yet to present the study to the LGU.</p> <p>The presentation is yet to be scheduled by the City Government of Puerto Princesa, Palawan upon lifting of travel restrictions brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>



12	<p>Estrella Falls Park Development Project.</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on December 04, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-053-452: Endorsing the proposed Estrella Falls Park Development Project in Narra, Palawan to TIEZA for funding.</p> <p>The development of Estrella Falls will include construction of cottages, swimming pool, administration building and other amenities.</p>	Narra, Palawan	10.00	TIEZA	<p>The project was not approved by the TIEZA Board and the proponent was encouraged to repackage the proposals based on the requirements of the amendment guidelines for the selection of tourism infrastructure projects.</p> <p>TIEZA continuously accepts project proposals but only for evaluation purposes. Once sufficient funding is available and determined by the TIEZA board, priority will be given to suspended projects and other infrastructure projects that geared towards the recovery of the tourism sector.</p> <p>As to date, no significant updates from TIEZA.</p>
13	<p>Development of Garing Falls in Odiongan, Romblon</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on December 04, 2015 through Resolution No. 2015-053-458: Endorsing the development of Garing Falls in Odiongan, Romblon to TIEZA for funding.</p> <p>The development of Garing Falls will include construction of four cottages, swimming pool, road development, and other amenities.</p>	Odiongan, Romblon	90.00	TIEZA	<p>The project was not approved by the TIEZA Board and the proponent may still repackage the proposals based on the requirements of the amended guidelines for the selection of tourism infrastructure projects.</p> <p>TIEZA continuously accepts project proposals but only for evaluation purposes. Once sufficient funding is available and determined by the TIEZA board, priority will be given to suspended projects and other infrastructure projects that geared towards the recovery of the tourism sector.</p> <p>As to date, no significant updates from TIEZA.</p>
14	<p>Development of Bato-Bato Hot Spring in Narra, Palawan</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on June 02, 2016 through Resolution No. 2016-055-519: Endorsing the proposed development</p>	Narra, Palawan	10.00	TIEZA	<p>The project was not approved by the TIEZA Board and the proponent was encouraged to repackage the proposals based on the requirements of the amendment guidelines for the selection of tourism infrastructure projects.</p>

	<p>of Bato-Bato Hot Spring in Narra, Palawan to TIEZA for funding.</p> <p>The existing facilities in the resort are not enough to accommodate local and foreign tourists especially during weekends and holidays.</p>				<p>TIEZA continuously accepts project proposals but only for evaluation purposes. Once sufficient funding is available and determined by the TIEZA board, priority will be given to suspended projects and other infrastructure projects that geared towards the recovery of the tourism sector.</p> <p>As to date, no significant updates from TIEZA.</p>
15	<p>Laylay Magnetic Station Historico-Cultural Tourism Development</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the project on June 02, 2017 through Resolution No. 2017-059-624: Endorsing to TIEZA the ₱54 million capital assistance requested for the Laylay Magnetic Station Historico-Cultural Tourism Development Program in Boac, Marinduque.</p> <p>The project has two phases: Phase 1, covers the development of Laylay Port site and Phase 2, covers the construction of a beach promenade along Laylay beach at the site of the Laylay magnetic station.</p>	Boac, Marinduque	54.00	TIEZA	<p>The project was approved by the TIEZA Board on December 14, 2018.</p> <p>The TIEZA completed the evaluation of the detailed engineering design submitted by the Municipality of Boac, Marinduque on February 07, 2020. A letter was sent to LGU on August 10, 2021 regarding the results of the evaluation on the documents submitted specifically the findings needing compliance by the LGU proponent.</p> <p>As to date, the implementation of the project is still suspended due to realignment of TIEZA funds for the Bayanihan Act.</p>
16	<p>Energy Regulation (ER) No. 1-94 Projects.</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the projects to DOE on December 04, 2012 through Resolution No. 263-2012: Endorsing to DOE the proposed project proposals of the Provincial Governments of Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, and Palawan for funding under the regional share of Energy Regulations</p>	MIMAROPA provinces	20.35	ER 1-94	<p>Funds for the implementation of ER 1-94 projects will be downloaded to the concerned LGUs through direct remittance as provided under Department Circular 2018-08-0021 of the Department of Energy (DOE).</p> <p>The identified LGU beneficiaries were requested to submit to the Department of Energy their General Fund Account Bank Certifications to facilitate the processing and release of ER1-94 Funds as well as the name and contact details of</p>

	(ER 1-94 Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF) and the Reforestation, Watershed Management and Health and/or Environment Fund (RWHEEF).				<p>the authorized person to be notified on the transfer of funds. The authorized person will be responsible in ensuring the compliance to post-transfer requirements.</p> <p>Moreover, on July 19, 2021, the DOE issued 2<sup>nd</sup> advisory for the implementation of Department Circular (DC) 2018-08-0021: Providing for the Amendments to Rule 29 Part (A) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) Law. The said advisory was issued to Generation Companies (GenCos) and/or Energy Resource Developers (ERD), Distribution Utilities, Designated Beneficiaries, Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples and all concerned agencies and institutions to provide further clarity and additional guidance in the implementation of certain provision on DC 2018-08-0021 which was issued on August 23, 2018 and its supplemental issuances.</p> <p>The Regional Development Council of the respective host region shall be in partnership with its GenCos and/or ERD on available existing regional share of the Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF) and the Reforestation, Watershed Management and Health and/or Environment Fund (RWHEEF) and the release of the corresponding amount from the existing regional share to the identified LGU beneficiary subject to compliance to the pertinent documentary requirements as stipulated in the abovementioned advisory.</p>
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17	<p>Maritime Safety Enhancement Project (MSEP) of DOTr-PCG</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed MSEP of the DOTr-PCG on March 06, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-070-826: Endorsing the MSEP of the Department of Transportation-Philippine Coast Guard for funding under the Export Import Bank of Korea-Economic Development Cooperation Fund (KEXIM-EDCF)</p> <p>The project includes the establishment of buoy base in Romblon, Romblon</p>	DOTr-PCG	6.177 B	KEXIM-EDCF	<p>To date, the PCG is undertaking the preparation for procurement activities for the conduct of environment and social impact assessment (ESIA) for both Romblon and Mactan Buoy Base Projects and the tendering of Main Consultant for the MSEP Project.</p>
18	<p>Mega Bridge Connecting Marinduque and Quezon Province/Marinduque-Quezon Link Expressway (MQLEX)</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed construction of the MQLEX by the Provincial Government of Marinduque on September 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-072-900: Endorsing the conduct</p>	Marinduque		DPWH	<p>The documentary requirements on the proposed project were submitted by DPWH MIMAROPA to DPWH CO on October 28, 2020.</p> <p>The funding for the conduct of F/S is included in the agency proposed FY 2022 budget, however it is not considered in the FY 2022 NEP of DPWH MIMAROPA.</p>

	of a feasibility study (F/S) and value engineering/value analysis study for the proposed mega bridge connecting Marinduque and Quezon Province to be called MQLEX to the DPWH.				<p>In addition, based on the concept study prepared by the DPWH Central Office that the profiles provided by the provincial government of Marinduque through the DPWH MIMAROPA on the proposed MQLEX be subjected to a Multi-Criteria Analysis and shall be included in the list of FY2022 projects for reconnaissance surveys.</p> <p>The conduct of field reconnaissance is highly recommended especially for a project of this scale to validate and confirm the data, information, and assumptions of the preliminary research. This serves as the basis in estimating the F/S cost given certain factors, e.g., number of traffic survey sites, field surveys, required man-power, project duration, etc., vis-a-vis the cost provided in the proposal of the provincial government of Marinduque.</p> <p>Although the budget of the F/S was proposed for funding under the FY 2022 GAA, it is also recommended that the Implementing office shall consider the possible funding of the F/S under Official Development Assistance (ODA) given the scale and complexity of the project.</p>
19	<p>Hydropower Development Project (HDP) in Boac, Marinduque</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed HDP in Boac, Marinduque by the Provincial Government of Marinduque on September 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-072-903: Approving the inclusion of the preparation of a feasibility study on the</p>	Marinduque		PPP Center	<p>The PPP Center is at the initial stage of the rapid assessment of the project and awaiting the submission of the accomplished rapid assessment form from the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque.</p> <p>The rapid assessment form comprised of relevant data on the project that will serve as the basis of the rapid assessment to determine the</p>

	HDP in Boac, Marinduque in the MIMAROPA RDIP and endorsing conduct of the study through Public-Private Partnership/joint venture scheme or assistance from the Philippine National Oil Company Renewables Corporation				development pathways of the project which include conduct of external feasibility study, business case or to be funded under the PPP-Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF), among others.
20	<p>Flood Control Project in Gasan, Marinduque</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed flood control project in Gasan, Marinduque on September 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-072-905: Approving the inclusion of the proposed construction of a one-kilometer flood control project along the Tiguion River in Gasan, Marinduque for inclusion in MIAROPA RDIP 2017-2022 and endorsing the project to the DPWH for implementation</p>	Gasan, Marinduque	35.00	DPWH MIMAROPA	The project is included in the FY 2022 budget proposal of DPWH MIMAROPA under the Local Program, however this is not considered in the FY 2022 NEP. The DPWH MIMAROPA will reconsider the project in their FY 2023 proposals once it will not be included in the FY 2022 GAA.
21	<p>Laylay Light Station Restoration and Development Project (LLSRDP)</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed LLSRDP by the Municipal Government of Boac, Marinduque on September 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-072-906: Endorsing the conduct of a feasibility study (F/S) and implementation of the proposed LLSRDP to the Department of Transportation.</p>	Boac, Marinduque	20.00	DOTr	<p>The DOTr endorsed the said Resolution No. 2020-072-906 to the Department of Tourism on September 22, 2020 requesting for the endorsement to the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) for possible consideration. No updates or communications received from DOT relative to the said request as of the reporting period.</p> <p>The same was also endorsed to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) dated September 11, 2020. On the reply letter of the PCG dated November 05, 2020 addressed to Governor Jose R. Riano of the Province of Romblon, the PCG, through the Maritime Safety Services Command (MSSC) will</p>

					<p>conduct such feasibility study (F/S) in line with the restoration and development of Laylay Light Station.</p> <p>As to date, the PCG MSSC is awaiting the submission of the Maritime Safety Services Unit Southern Tagalog Luzon on other documentary requirements for the conduct of the F/S.</p>
22	<p>Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) in Coron and El Nido, Palawan</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the STDP in the municipalities of Coron and El Nido in Palawan requested by the DOT on December 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-073-914: Endorsing the STDP in Coron and El Nido to the NEDA-Investment Coordinating Committee (NEDA-ICC)</p>	DOT	5,892.20	DOT, ADB, LGUs of Palawan, Coron, and El Nido	<p>As to date, the TIEZA has yet to finalize the financing arrangements of the project, in coordination with the Department of Finance (DOF), specifically on the proposal to course the loan through a government financial institution.</p>
23	<p>Philippine Rural Development Project Second Additional Financing (PRDP-AF2)</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed PRDP-AF2 requested by the DA as response to COVID-19 on December 04, 2020 through Resolution No. 2020-073-915: Endorsing the proposed retrofitting of the PRDP-AF2 as response to COVID-19 to the NEDA-Investment Coordinating Committee (NEDA-ICC)</p>	DA	18,040.00	WB – ODA and EU grant	<p>On April 07, 2021, the ICC-Cabinet Committee (ICC-CC) approved <i>ad referendum</i> the “<i>Philippine Rural Development Project Retrofitting USD 280 Million Second Additional Financing with EUR 18.3 Million European Union Co-financing Grant</i>” of the Department of Agriculture (DA), particularly the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retrofitting of the PRDP AF2;</li> <li>2. Release of the USD 280 million PRDP AF2; and</li> <li>3. Additional EUR 18.3 million EU co-financing grant</li> </ol>

					<p>Subsequently, the ICC-CC approval <i>ad referendum</i> was confirmed <i>ad referendum</i> by the NEDA Board on April 21, 2021.</p> <p>Also, upon the request of the Department of Finance (DOF) through a letter dated April 28, 2021 and following the agreements during the May 11, 2021 loan negotiations between the Government of the Philippines (GOP) and the World Bank (WB), the Investment Coordination Committee-Technical Board (ICC-TB), during its May 21, 2021 meeting, noted the change in project title. This is to reconcile the difference in the project title indicated in all the documents related to the GOP and WB approvals for the project and to ensure consistency across said documents. Thus, the project title was revised from Philippine Rural Development Project Retrofitting USD 280 Million Second Additional Financing with EUR 18.3 Million European Union Co-financing Grant to Second Additional Financing for Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP-AF2)</p> <p>The loan agreement and grant agreement of the PRDP-AF2 have been declared effective on September 24, 2021.</p> <p>As to date, the financial releases will be on the first quarter of 2022. According to DA, implementation of the corresponding programs, activities, and projects will commence once the fund is available by first quarter of 2022.</p>
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24	<p>Philippine - Israel Solar - Powered Fertigation (PISPF) Project</p> <p>The RDC endorsed the proposed PISPF Project on December 04, 2020 as requested by DA MIMAROPA through Resolution No. 2020-073-916: Endorsing the Proposed Philippine - Israel Solar - Powered Fertigation (PISPF) Project to the the NEDA-Investment Coordinating Committee (NEDA-ICC)</p>	DA	14,160.00	ODA and Israel Government grant	<p>The ICC-TB, during its June 11, 2021 meeting, endorsed the project for ICC-CC approval, subject to DA compliance to the ff instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scale down the project to service areas of 8 hectares (SPFS-8) and submit the DA Secretary's endorsement of the corresponding adjustment in scope and cost to NEDA;</li> <li>2. Submit to DBM the budgetary requirement of the project considering the above cited adjustment;</li> <li>3. Continue coordinating with DOF towards the finalization of government-to-government (G2G) financing arrangement;</li> <li>4. Work in partnership with DOST and other relevant institutions on local fabrication of identical and/or similar system parts and components to ensure sustainability of the project; and</li> <li>5. Respond to the comments raised by the ICC Secretariat in the project evaluation report (PER), particularly on the SC ruling on the Mandanas Case, and ICC Project Evaluation (PE) Form 6: Logical Framework <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implications of the Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas Case on the transition, particularly on the financing and cost-sharing scheme (e.g., purchase of equipment, machinery, and other investment costs, etc) and institutional arrangement of the National Government Agencies and LGUs for the project. The full implementation of the said ruling starts in</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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					<p>2022, which is within the proposed three-year project duration.</p> <p>b. DA is requested to revisit the assumptions, risks, and provide additional critical assumptions in the ICC PE Form 6.</p> <p>The ICC-TB, during its June 25, 2021 meeting, discussed updates on the project. The DA was requested then to comply with the following to facilitate the finalization of the financing arrangement from the project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirm, in coordination with DA's Israeli counterpart, the availability of Israeli government financing for the project;</li> <li>2. Submit the cost breakdown and information on source of financing, as well as comparable costs for each cost component, and</li> <li>3. Certify which components of the project require Israeli technology.</li> </ol> <p>The ICC-TB during its August 25, 2021 meeting, reiterated its earlier discussions on the need for a G2G financing arrangement with Israel given the DA's position to avail of the ODA facility from the Israeli Government, conveyed through a letter to NEDA dated July 30, 2021.</p> <p>During the meeting on October 25, 2021 between NEDA, DA, Department of Finance (DOF), and the Embassy of Israel regarding the G2G arrangement between the Government of the Philippines and the Israeli Government, the Israeli Embassy raised that the project financing will come from an Israeli</p>
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					<p>private company, as the Israeli Government alone cannot allocate funds for the project. The DOF requested the Israeli Embassy to provide a diagram showing the roles of the Israeli Government (Ministry of Finance), insurance provider, contractor, and all the other relevant parties to establish the G2G arrangement, and the process flow for the financing. The private financing, as proposed by the Israeli Embassy, is not acceptable to the DOF as the loan should be covered by a G2G arrangement.</p>
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