

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
Philippine Rural Development Project

**Regional Project Advisory Board
MIMAROPA Region**

Resolution No. 72
Series of 2021

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE LIFTING OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE APPROVAL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SUBPROJECT UPGRADING OF BRGY. MANOOT FARM TO MARKET ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF MANOOT BRIDGE II UNDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MLGU OF RIZAL AND ENDORSING THE SAME TO THE PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICE (PSO) SOUTH LUZON CLUSTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997 sets out the Government's policies in the agriculture sector in attaining equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, expanding productivity, and sustaining increase in production of goods and services thereby raising the quality of life of the people, especially the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) gives foremost consideration to poverty alleviation and social equity through the development and implementation of projects and projects that provide the poor sectors of the community especially those engaged in subsistence agriculture with equitable access to resources, income opportunities, support services, and most especially rural infrastructures particularly in areas where productivity is low and the incidence of poverty is high;

WHEREAS, the **Government of the Philippines (GOP)** has received a loan from the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development** (the "**Bank**") in an amount equivalent to US \$ FIVE HUNDRED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND ONLY (US\$501,250,000), toward the cost of the **Philippine Rural Development Project (hereafter "PRDP" or "Project")** under Loan Agreement IBRD Loan No. 8421 dated September 8, 2014, and another loan from the same Bank in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$170,000,000) under Loan Agreement IBRD Loan No. 8816-PH dated March 2, 2018, and another loan from the same bank in the amount of TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS ((\$280,000,000) under Loan Agreement IBRD Loan No. 9721-PH which was approved last June 17, 2021, for the purpose of providing additional financing to scale up the original Project and its first additional financing (AF1), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of these Loans to support the Government's effort to reduce poverty among the rural communities of eighty one (81) provinces in the country;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the carrying out and financing of subprojects proposed by the Local Government Units (LGU) under the Infrastructure and Enterprise Development Component

of PRDP, all subproject proposals of LGUs will be approved by the concerned Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB);

WHEREAS, funding for the subprojects will be coursed through the PSOs and in accordance with the financing mix of 80% Grant from Loan Proceeds, 10% from the Government of the Philippines, and 10% from LGU Equity under the Infrastructure Development Component;

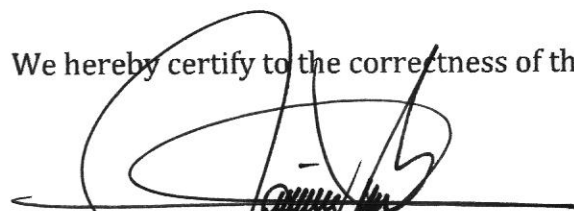
WHEREAS, the abovementioned previously RPAB approved subproject was under the implementation of PLGU of Occidental Mindoro, thus, the same subproject was also proposed by the MLGU of Rizal, Occidental Mindoro which they intend to implement by their municipality as presented during RPAB meeting last August 27, 2021 in which the RPAB gave a conditional approval;

WHEREAS, upon reviewing and verification on the basis provided by the MLGU of Rizal on their letter of appeal dated September 6, 2021 to grant them the full approval of their proposed abovementioned subproject deem to be valid and appropriate;

THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the MIMAROPA RPAB unanimously approved the proposed Upgrading of Barangay Manoot Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot Bridge II under the implementation of MLGU of Rizal, Occidental Mindoro with a total project cost of **TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PESOS & 79/100 (Php 224,994,585.79)**;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the copy of this Resolution including all the annexes and attachments and all other documents necessary for the implementation of the subproject Infrastructure be furnished to the PSO South Luzon Cluster and MIMAROPA RPCO for appropriate action.

We hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution:



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September 6, 2021

FOR: PRDP RPCO MIMAROPA REGIONAL PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF INITIAL POSITION RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A WAIVER BY THE PLGU OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE MLGU OF RIZAL FOR THE UPGRADING OF BARANGAY MANOOT TO FARM TO MARKET ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF MANOOT II BRIDGE IN RPAB RESOLUTION NO. ____ SERIES OF 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Municipality of Rizal, Occidental Mindoro has submitted its Letter of intent to participate in the Philippine Rural Development Project for the implementation of Upgrading of Barangay Manoot to Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot II Bridge which is located within the bounds of the LGU's geographical territory. The said subproject was initially proposed by the PLGU of Occidental Mindoro since year 2020, but with no approval up to this date.

As the clamor of the residents from Barangays Aguas and Manoot grows (which were manifested through Barangay resolutions), the LGU of Rizal sent a letter of inquiry to the PRDP RPCO MIMAROPA for the project's status which the latter has responded with a recommendation to coordinate with the Province of Occidental Mindoro for possible collaboration. By virtue of such recommendation, the MLGU of Rizal has tried to communicate with the PLGU of Occidental Mindoro for the aforesaid proposal but the same remains to be unheeded.

Covered with cloud of uncertainty in the future of the proposed sub-project's implementation and the plea of our fellow Rizalians, we have requested the PRDP RPAB through the PRDP RPCO to approve our submitted Feasibility Study, DED and other supporting documents for the MLGU's project implementation. During the RPAB meeting, the body have decided to give conditional approval to our proposal subject to the waiver of implementation by the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Hence, this motion for recommendation of such decision of the RPAB for it is not in accordance with the prescribed guidelines of the Philippine Rural Development Project and related rules and regulations.

TECHNICAL BASIS:

PRDP Infrastructure Operations Manual

2.5 Selection and Prioritization Criteria

The infrastructure development needs in the PRDP areas are many and varied. There is therefore a need to set a selection and prioritization criteria that shall guide the IBUILD component to properly select and prioritize the most beneficial subprojects from several infrastructure value chain options or combinations. The main objective of such selection and prioritization criteria is to ensure that the selected subprojects will contribute optimally to the attainment of the objectives of PRDP.

a. General Selection Criteria

. *Relevance* – The subproject must be relevant to the PRDP's goal of increasing rural incomes and enhancing farm and fishery productivity in the targeted project areas.

. *Importance* – The subproject must e a felt need of the LGUs that will benefit from the subproject

. *Urgency* - The subproject must bring immediate results in terms of alleviating the plight of the rural agricultural poor by contributing to their increase in productivity and income

. *Viability* - The subproject must be viable in the medium – and long-term not only from an economic, but from the social and environmental viewpoints as well.

b. Prioritization Criteria

Even after the number of proposed subprojects were screened on the basis of the above criteria, it is safe to assume that there will still be ore sub-projects needed than the funds to implement them. This is where prioritization needs to be done and the following should be the prioritization guide:

. Number of beneficiaries - the bigger the higher the priority

. EIRR – at least 10%; the higher the EIRR, the higher the priority

. Benefit-Cost Ratio – at least 1.0; the higher the B-C ratio the higher the priority

. Per capita subproject cost – the lower the cost per beneficiary, the higher the priority

. Subproject location – higher priority shall be given to subprojects located in LGUs that had no or limited government assistance similar to the type of subprojects being proposed

. Gender and/or children sensitivity – all other things being equal, a subproject with more women and/or children to be benefited shall have higher priority

- . Level of poverty – if reliable statistics are available, the higher the poverty level, the higher the priority
- . SPs with established right-of-way (ROW) have higher priority

The procedure to be done is simply ranking the list of SPs per prioritization criteria from 1...n number where n refers to the number of SPs. Get the total score per SP and re-rank for the final prioritization.

2.11.2 Functional Responsibilities

To be able to implement the investments identified in the plan, an implementing unit (Municipal Project Management and Implementing Unit) will be established for the purpose.

The MPMIU will be responsible for the overall planning, budgeting, procurement and implementation of PRDP I-BUILD activities and infrastructure subprojects as appropriate at the LGU level.

It is recommended that the MPMIU shall be headed by the Planning and Development Office (MPDO), and the other members to include the Engineering Office (MEO), the Office of the Agriculturist (MAO), and the Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), Finance Offices and others as the Chief Executive deemed appropriate.

2.11.3 General Implementation Arrangements

In cases where an MLGU is identified as critical in the commodity value chain analysis but not considered in the PCIP, it could still be regarded as an implementing unit upon recommendation of the RPCO. The same prequalification for the PLGU will apply to MLGU/City as implementing unit. xxx

In the event that the SPs are implemented by municipalities, the MLGU shall form the Municipal Project Management and Implementing Unit (MPMIU) which shall be headed by the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), and the other members to include the Municipal Engineer's Office (MEO), the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist (MAO), and the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), finance offices and others as the Chief Executive deemed necessary.

Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB)

The RPAB (Regional Project Advisory Board) is composed of representatives of the DA (Regional Executive Director as Chairman), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG Regional Director), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR Regional Director), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR Regional Director), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI Regional Director), and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH Regional Director) as members and it convene as frequently as needed to approve SP packages.

Convene RPAB for final review and approval of DED, POW, Bid Docs and Feasibility Study. (I-BUILD Process Flow)

POSITION:

The Municipality of Rizal has complied with the 2 tier requirements as set forth in the PRDP I-BUILD Operations Manual. The LGU has submitted technical documents such as Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and other pertinent document through the PRDP Regional Project Coordinating Office which led to the scheduling of the RPAB presentation by the LGU dated August 27, 2021.

Upon perusal of the Manual, nothing in the said project document requires the waiver of the Province prior to an implementation of a PRDP proposed Project by an MLGU. In fact, no less than the provisions of the operations manual empower the Municipal Local Government Units to implement PRDP subprojects on their own.

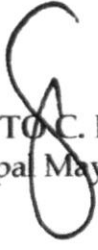
In terms of the provisions imbedded in the signed and notarized Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Governor of the Province and the Department of Agriculture, it merely states the general responsibilities of parties in the implementation of PRDP sub-projects and does not guarantee any approval in favor of the partner LGU nor give a guise of exclusive authority to the Province to implement the subprojects being proposed to PRDP.

As to the power granted to RPAB, it is our humble position on the basis of the I-BUILD Manual, that the body is merely limited to the determination of technical feasibility of the project proposal and not to chose nor to decide on who will implement the same. In doing so, the said Board has posted ultra vires act in granting provisional approval to the MLGU of Rizal subject to the waiver of the Province.

It is worthy to note also that on August 3, 2021, a letter from the PRDP RPCO MIMAROPA which was signed by the DA MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director has expressly stated that the said Office will take the proposal of the MLGU of Rizal separately with the latter as the implementing unit for the same.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

On the basis of the foregoing, it is respectfully prayed to the PRDP Regional Project Advisory Board to reconsider their initial position that a waiver of implementation by the Province is a pre-requisite before the LGU of Rizal may be able to implement the construction of Barangay Manoot to Farm to Market Road and Construction of Manoot II Biridge and grant the herein undersigned as the representative of his constituents in the Municipality of Rizal the same opportunity as that was given to the Province of Occidental Mindoro to comply with the required documents and eventual implementation of the proposed FMR sub-project under PRDP.


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