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Joint RIC-4B 12th Regular Meeting and ERIC-4B 4th Quarter 2022 Meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING

AUTHORITY : AO 68, s. 2003; AO 7, s. 2017
NIB Intelligence Directive No 2, s. 2003

TO PRESIDE : **DIR ARIEL T PERLADO MNSA**
Chair, RIC-4B and ERIC-4B


REQUESTED TO ATTEND : (See Roster of Invitees)



AGENDA : (See Program)

DATE/TIME : **151300H December 2022**
(Thursday, 01:00 pm)

VENUE : **Zoom VTC**

Attached are the draft SDDPs of the RIC-4B 11th Regular Meeting held on 24 November 2022 (for RIC members only) and the Joint ERIC-4B and MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG/SAKM Cluster 3rd Quarter 2022 Meeting held on 21 September 2022, for the perusal and approval of the Body.


DIR ARIEL T PERLADO MNSA
Regional Director, NICA-4B
Chair, RIC-4B and ERIC-4B

 
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ROSTER OF INVITEES

I. REGIONAL LINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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| Ms CAROLINA CONSTANTINO | - DFA RCO PPC |
| Dir RUBEN CARANDANG | - OCD-MIMAROPA |
| Dir KARL CAESAR R. RIMANDO, CESO III | - DILG-MIMAROPA |
| Atty HASSEN SHAUN OBSUM | - DOJ-4 |
| RD FERDINAND LAVIN | - NBI-MIMAROPA |
| Mr ROBERT Q JONES | - BI |
| Dir III LAUREFEL GABALES, PhD | - PDEA-MIMAROPA |
| Mr WINSTON BARQUEZ | - OTS, DoTr |
| Dir MANUEL BETAIZAR | - LTO-MIMAROPA |
| Dir AGUSTIN C MENDOZA | - NEDA-4B |
| Dir JOEL VALERA | - DTI-MIMAROPA |
| Dir ANGELITO SACRO | - CDA-MIMAROPA |
| Dir NICOLAS CAPULONG | - DEPED-MIMAROPA |
| Atty JOSELITO ALISUAG | - CHED-4B |
| Dir ANGELINA CARREON | - TESDA-4B |
| Dir NAOMI LYN ABELLANA | - DOLE-MIMAROPA |
| Dir LEONARDO REYNOSO | - DSWD-MIMAROPA |
| Dr MARIO BAQUILOD | - DOH-MIMAROPA |
| Dir ANTONIO GERUNDIO, CESO III | - DA RFO-4B |
| Dir ELIZER SALILIG | - BFAR-MIMAROPA |
| Atty MARVIN BERNAL | - DAR-MIMAROPA |
| Dir YOLANDA NAVARRO | - NFA-MIMAROPA |
| Engr WILLIAM RAGADON | - NIA-MIMAROPA |
| Engr GERALD PACANAN | - DPWH-MIMAROPA |
| Engr MAXIMO CABASAL | - NHA-MIMAROPA |
| Dir VICTORIA MENDOZA | - PIA-MIMAROPA |
| Dir LENI RIOFLORIDO | - PSA-MIMAROPA |
| Dir MARIE GRACE T PASCUA, DPA, CESO III | - NCIP-4B |
| Dir LORMELYN CLAUDIO | - DENR-MIMAROPA |
| Atty BEVIENNE MALATEO | - DOT-MIMAROPA |
| Dir MA JOSEFINA ABILAY | - DOST-MIMAROPA |
| Dir MARIA ANGELITA CELLS | - DBM-MIMAROPA |

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PCOL ERWIN DAYAG
PCOL ROLANDO LAMPAD
PCOL JOSEPH TALENTO
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PLTCOL ERWIN EMELO
PLTCOL ALLAN MACAPAGAL
PLTCOL NEFTALY A DONATO
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- RMFB-4B
- RACU-MIMAROPA
- U2, WESCOM
- MIG22, ISAFP
- ID, APC-SL
- RID, PRO-4B
- RIU-4B
- TOG-4, PAF
- 10th SAB, PNP-SAF
- 4th ISU, AIR
- MBLT3
- NAVFORWEST/NISG-WEST
- S2, 203BDE, 2ID, PA
- G2, 3MBDE
- NISG-SL
- 3012AISS, 300AISW, PAF
- CIDG RFU-4B
- CGIG-STL
- CGIG-PALAWAN

III. NICA

DRD MARIACITA SANTOS
ARD-OPNS JONATHAN BEJEMIL
ARD-CI PABLO BALLARES JR
Mr SHULAN PRIMAVERA

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- Palawan PSO, NICA-4B

IV. SECRETARIAT

ARD-PROD MARIA CRISTINA ROCILLO
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ORO MARY JOY AMORANTO

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P R O G R A M

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| I. | Invocation | |
| II. | Roll Call of Attendees | |
| III. | Call to Order | - Dir Ariel T Perlado MNSA Chair, RIC-4B/ERIC-4B |
| IV. | Welcome Remarks | - DRD Mariacita Santos NICA-4B |
| V. | Review of the SDDP/Actionable Items of the RIC-4B 11th Regular Meeting on 24 November 2022 and the Joint ERIC-4B and MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG/SAKM Cluster 3rd Quarter 2022 Meeting held on 21 September 2022 | |
| VI. | Agenda/Discussion Items | |
| | A. Plans and Activities of the CTG for the CPP's 54 th Founding Anniversary, and Update on the Preparation for the Application for Proscription of ROC, STRPC | - NICA-4B |
| | B. Yearend Peace and Order Situation in MIMAROPA | - RID, PRO-MIMAROPA |
| | C. Prospects of Food Security in MIMAROPA | - DA RFO-MIMAROPA |
| | D. Update on the Developments in the WPS vis-à-vis Visit of US Vice President Kamila Haris on 22 November 2022 | - U2, WESCOM |
| | E. Update on the Declaration of Palawan as Insurgency-Free | - NICA-4B (for PTF-ELCAC) U2, WESCOM (for JPSCC) |
| VII. | Other Matters | |
| | Terrorism Threat Level in MIMAROPA | |
| VIII. | Decision Points | - Secretariat, RIC-4B/ERIC-4B |
| IX. | Closing Remarks and Guidance | - Chair, RIC-4B/ERIC-4B |

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Joint ERIC-4B and MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG/SAKM Cluster
3rd Quarter 2022 Meeting
Zoom Video Teleconference | 211400H September 2022

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION AND DECISION POINTS

The NICA-4B held the Joint ERIC-4B and MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG/SAKM Cluster meeting for third quarter 2022 on 211400H June 2022 via Zoom video teleconference, with RD **Ariel T Perlado**, Chair, ERIC-4B, as the presiding officer.

The agenda of the meeting were as follows:

- Update on the Peace and Order in MIMAROPA;
- Counter-CTG Sectoral Organizing;
- Update on the implementation of the Barangay Development Plan (BDP) and Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP); and
- Issues and Concerns on MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC.

I. Attendance

The meeting was attended by **47** representatives and members from the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat, ERIC-4B member-agencies, and NICA-4B, as follows:

NTF-ELCAC Secretariat

1. Executive Director USec **Emmanuel B Salamat**
2. Dir **Maria Cecilia J Pacis**
3. Dir **Ferdinand Arnulfo Bajarín**
4. Dir **Monico Batle**

Provincial Local Governments

5. Romblon LGU Mr **Roland Geronimo**
6. Palawan LGU Ms **Yanika Eli Serutabia**

Regional Line Government Agencies

7. DILG-MIMAROPA Ms **Myla Panganiban**
8. CHED-MIMAROPA RD Atty **Joselito Alisuag**
9. DepEd-MIMAROPA Atty **Joana Rose Labuguen**
10. DSWD-MIMAROPA Ms **Jonalyn Flores**

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| 36 | 11. | BFAR-MIMAROPA | AQII Alfonso Dela Torre |
| 37 | 12. | NEDA-MIMAROPA | Ms Sheryl Sarabia |
| 38 | 13. | DOT-MIMAROPA | Atty Bevienne Malateo |
| 39 | 14. | OCD-MIMAROPA | Mr Marc Rembrandt P Victore |
| 40 | 15. | PIA-MIMAROPA | RD Vicki Mendoza |

Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies

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| 43 | 16. | PDEA-MIMAROPA | Agent Robert Maslian |
| 44 | 17. | NBI-MIMAROPA | RD Atty Ferdinand Lavin |
| 45 | 18. | Bureau of Immigration | Mr Robert Q Jones |

AFP

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| 48 | 19. | O/U2, SOLCOM | LTC DE Mantes PA |
| 49 | 20. | O/U2, WESCOM | Cdr Mark Francisco PN |
| 50 | 21. | MIG-22, ISAFP | TSgt Ronnie S Cabaltera PA |
| 51 | 22. | 4ISU, AIR | MAJ Allan Daquiaoag PA |
| 52 | 23. | 203BDE, 2ID, PA | Cpl Regie D Ereal PA |
| 53 | 24. | 3012 nd AISS, 300AISW, PAF | 1Lt Manny Lizaran PAF |
| 54 | | | SSgt Jhofel Maralit PAF |
| 55 | 25. | TOG-4 | 1LT Jessie Sibayan PAF |
| 56 | 26. | NISG-SL | Lt Rodel Nieves PN |
| 57 | 27. | NISG-West | LT Allen G Montañño PN |
| 58 | | | SN1 Aireen Manicdao PN |
| 59 | 28. | O/G2, 3MBDE | CPT Edgardo Antonio PN(M) |
| 60 | 29. | MBLT3 | SSgt Michel Descargar PN(M) |

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| 63 | 30. | APC-Southern Luzon | PLTC Ramil Bergado |
| 64 | 31. | RID, PRO-MIMAROPA | PMaj Michael Angelo C Erlano |
| 65 | 32. | RIU-4B | PLtCol Neftaly A Donato |
| 66 | 33. | RMFB-4B | PCol Rolando C Lampad |
| 67 | 34. | RACU-MIMAROPA | PCpt Benny DV Felipe |
| 68 | 35. | 10 th SAB, PNP-SAF | PCpt Thom Ed L Taghoy II |
| 69 | | | PCpl Hydrone Daiz Asingco |
| 70 | 36. | RTC-MIMAROPA | PSSgt Arsenio Real |

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| 73 | 37. | CGIG-STL | SN2 Ryan Christian Alday |
| 74 | 38. | CGIG-Palawan | PO3 Rosie Mae Rosales |

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| 77 | 39. | NICA-4B | DRD Mariacita Santos |
| 78 | | | Actg ARD-OPS Jonathan Bejemil |
| 79 | | | Palawan-PSO, C Shulan Primavera |

ERIC-4B Secretariat (NICA-4B)

- 40. Ms **Maria Cristina Rocillo**
- 41. Ms **Mary Joy Amoranto**
- 42. Mr **Giovanni M Manahan**

II. Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and Message

Having a quorum, the **Chair**, NICA-4B RD **Ariel T Perlado** called the meeting order.

NICA-4B DRD **Santos** delivered the opening remarks in the meeting. In her message, she welcomed the ERIC-4B members and guests for attending the meeting, especially officers from the National Task Force-End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Secretariat headed by the newly-appointed NTF-ELCAC Executive Director, USEC **Salamat**. She introduced the agenda items that will be discussed during the meeting.

DRD **Santos** added that the NICA-4B, as the head of the MIMAROPA Regional Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management (SAKM) Cluster, can utilize this committee as an avenue to connect the various units from the security sector and regional line government agencies (LGAs) for a more effective approach to end local communist armed conflict (ELCAC) in terms of legal matters, livelihood for former rebels, and other issues and concerns.

She urged everyone to share issues and clarification on the topics that will be discussed, particularly on other RTF-ELCAC issues.

For his part, NTF-ELCAC Executive Director USec **Salamat**, in his message, greeted the Body and extended his gratitude in joining the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG meeting for the third quarter of 2022. He shared that the MIMAROPA is very close to his heart as he was assigned in Palawan as the U2, WESCOM in 2013. He further explained that the said meeting is just one of the many activities to be taken by the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC to discuss the significant updates and to address to identified challenges to attain its goals in the last quarter and plans for succeeding years.

He expressed his appreciation on the efforts of the TWG in the ELCAC campaign and for the collaboration and partnership with the local government units (LGUs) and regional LGAs which resulted to several accomplishments. With the whole-of-nation approach--through various programs and activities that stretch an opportunity to urge the remaining CTG rebels to finally return to the folds of the law and to actively participate in the government drive against terrorism to finally achieve the sustainable peace and development in the region--the CTG has remarkably weakened in MIMAROPA.

He reminded the Regional SAKM Cluster in its objective and responsibility to provide significant information needed to meet and address the challenges of the NTF-ELCAC mandate. He encouraged everyone to have a common aspiration and share a common patriotic goal in seeking the welfare of the community that we serve.

III. Review of the Minutes and Decision Points/Actionable Items of the ERIC-4B 2nd Quarter 2022

The Body approved and adopted the summary of discussion and decision points of the ERIC-4B 2nd Quarter 2022 after being moved and duly seconded.

Following the approval of the minutes, the Body reviewed and provided an update on the actionable items of the previous meetings:

- On the inclusion of an undertaking to be signed by candidates when filing their Certificate of Candidacies (COCs), and the inclusion of the NTF-CTA/IOGE/IOB in the orientation of the newly elected officials in coordination with the DILG, the **Chair** highlighted that the purpose of this concern is for the SAKM Cluster to provide orientation to newly-elected on the extent of CTG operations in their respective areas since politicians are vulnerable to the influence of the CTG. He called the attention of the DILG-MIMAROPA representative to update the body on this matter.

In response, Ms **Panganiban** of DILG-MIMAROPA said that they are currently conducting the Newly Elected Official (NEO) Orientation Program. He asked the **Chair** if they have already submitted a letter to the DILG for the inclusion of said NTF70-Call to Action (CTA)/Orientation for Government Executives and Employees on the CTG Problem (OGEE) to the program. The **Chair** stated that since this was part of the actionable items that was discussed during the previous ERIC-4B meeting, he expected that it was agreed upon that the OGEE will be included to the orientation for the newly elected officials, and requested for the inclusion of the NTF70-CTA in the program if the is still ongoing. Ms **Panganiban** said that she will refer the matter to the Capacity Development Division for the inclusion of NTF-CTA to the orientation of NEO.

Dir **Pacis** of NTF-ELCAC Secretariat stressed the conduct of OGEE. She shared that during the meeting between NTF-ELCAC Secretariat and Staff of the Committee on Appropriation of the House of Representative headed by

Representative **Alvarez** and Representative **Paduano**, the lawmakers suggested that all local government officials undergo a briefing about NTF-ELCAC. Dir **Pacis** added that both Representatives said that it would help if these government officials will know the real situation the country is facing with the CPP-NPA-NDF. She highlighted that this was shared to the ERIC-4B members for them to be aware that even during the Budget Hearing of every Agency, this issue is being brought up by the Committee on Appropriation.

The **Chair** thanked Dir **Pacis** for sharing the said information. He explained that the RTF-ELCAC MIMAROPA, particularly the Regional SAKM and PLEDS Clusters, are ready for that and are only waiting for the DILG-MIMAROPA to make this orientation with the NEO happen. The Chair added that they have all the materials needed including former rebels (FR) to testify against the CTG.

- On the copy of the Orientation on the Youth and Student Recruitment (OYSTER) for the DepEd-MIMAROPA for review, the Secretariat reported that the OYSTER was forwarded to DepEd-MIMAROPA on 25 June 2022 via e-mail.
- On the mobilization of KKDAT chapters for the NTF70-CTA/OYSTER, the Secretariat said that they are waiting for the schedule of the conduct of the OYSTER to KKDAT chapters in Occidental Mindoro.
- On tapping the DSWD as speakers/messengers of the NTF70-CTA, the Secretariat reported that the NTF70-CTA package was provided to DSWD-MIMAROPA, while NTF70-CTA/OGEE was conducted to DSWD employees on 01 September 2022.

Commenting during the discussion on the NTF60-CTA, the **Chair** said that the youth is one of the vulnerable sectors as far as CTG exploitation is concerned, and this is the reason why OYSTER is being proposed to be included in the curriculum or as part of student orientations during the start of the classes. He explained that if this becomes operational, the OYSTER materials will be provided to the DepEd and will be delivered by the teachers during students' orientation. He stressed that they missed the chance to inform the students and making them aware on the threat posed by the CTG since classes have already resumed. The **Chair** also cited the action taken in other regions and showed a memorandum of CHed-10 directing the universities and colleges in the region to include

the OYSTER or hold a seminar to the students about the CTG. He called for the assistance of CHED-MIMAROPA and DepEd-MIMAROPA to replicate this action of CHed-10 in the region.

RD **Alisuag** of CHED-MIMAROPA said that there is a directive from CHed national office regarding this, adding that they will schedule a meeting from the regional level down to the school level after the budget hearings. He also pledged to coordinate with the Regional SAKM Cluster on the implementation of said matter.

Dir **Pacis** shared that the Western Visayas RTF-ELCAC facilitated the signing of a MOA in September 2022 to ensure peace, security and safety of educational institutions and provision of basic services and support. She explained that this is to realize securing the welfare of the children by protecting the schools from conflict, including child trafficking.

The **Chair** said that these are among the best practices from other regions, which other government units are encouraged to replicate.

Atty **Labuguen** of the DepEd-MIMAROPA said that after they received the OYSTER materials in June 2022, she prepared a memorandum for RD **Capulong** commenting that the OYSTER is a good orientation for students. She also requested to RD **Capulong** same materials be forwarded to the Educational Support Services Division and Curriculum Division for their review to determine on how it will be injected to the curriculum. Atty **Labuguen** committed to follow-up on this matter to be included in the curriculum for this School Year.

Relatedly, the **Chair** informed Atty **Labuguen** that sometime second week of September 2022, the NICA-4B monitored the conduct of Cinemalaya film showing at the Palawan National High School (PNHS), which, according to former rebels (FRs), presented CTG agenda against the government. He suggested to Atty **Labuguen** to include in their memorandum to inform the schools about the plans of CTG front organizations to conduct cultural shows, which is a scheme of the CTG to infiltrate the minds of the students. Atty **Labuguen** said she will consider the suggestion of the **Chair**. She also thanked the **Chair** for sharing the information about the PNHS, and said the DepEd-MIMAROPA will look into the film showing that happened at the school.

- On the 17 CTG personalities with warrant, the Secretariat reported that RID-MIMAROPA have provided the list on 21 July 2022.

IV. Highlights of the Meeting/Discussions

Update on the Peace and Order Situation in MIMAROPA

PNP Maj **Carlano**, chief of the Counterintelligence Security Section of RID-MIMAROPA, presented a briefing on the update on the peace and order in MIMAROPA. According to Maj **Carlano**, the region recorded a decrease of 52 or 4.82 percent in total crime incidents from 1,079 in the second quarter of 2022 to 1,027 incidents from 1 July to 19 September. Index crimes--murder, homicide, physical injury, rape, robbery, carnapping, motornapping, and special complex crimes--totaled 788 in the third quarter, while non-index crimes--violation of drugs, illegal gambling, violence against women and children, and violation of environmental as well as firearms laws--totaled 746 in the second quarter.

Maj **Carlano** noted that index crimes declined by 25 percent or 44 incidents with 176 in the second quarter versus 132 in the third quarter. Murder decreased from 20 to 18, physical injury from 21 to 12, rape from 65 to 40, robbery from 21 to 19, and theft from 33 to 31 during the same period. However, homicide cases increased from three to five, motornapping from two to six, and carnapping from zero to one. Non-index crimes also saw a decline from three incidents during the previous quarter to one in the current period. As suggested by the figures, rape remains the most prevalent crime in the region. The recent decline in rape cases, however, was attributed to the holding of numerous anti-rape campaigns and improved community relations.

In sum, Maj **Carlano** assessed that the peace and order situation in MIMAROPA remains manageable. He also attributed the decrease in crimes in the region to the collective and proactive measures of the PNP, particularly intensified law enforcement operations, implementation of local ordinances, and maximum deployment of PNP personnel on the streets.

Update on the Implementation of the BDP and E-CLIP in MIMAROPA

Ms **Panganiban** from the DILG-MIMAROPA presented a briefing on the status of implementation of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) in MIMAROPA, informing the members that a total of 499 FRs have been provided with over P34,000,000 in financial assistance covering livelihood, reintegration, and firearms renumeration, among others.

Ms **Panganiban** said that the DILG-MIMAROPA has already processed 53 FRs in the region, providing them with over P5,000,000 in financial assistance. The DILG has processed 54 requests, released 53 claims, and has one pending claim that is awaiting funding. On the status of halfway houses, those constructed in Palawan, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro are already complete. The halfway house in Oriental Mindoro is set to be inaugurated in the fourth quarter of 2022, while the facility in Occidental Mindoro is ready for operation. The facility in Palawan, however, is not yet operational and is awaiting utilities, fixtures and furniture.

On other updates regarding the E-CLIP, Ms **Panganiban** reported that a DILG memorandum compelling provincial and highly urbanized cities to immediately reorganize and expand their E-CLIP committees was recently released. Romblon and Marinduque were also covered by the memorandum despite being insurgency-free in case rebels from other areas surrender there.

On the status of the implementation of the Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) as of 15 September 2022, in Occidental Mindoro, 47 projects have already been completed, while another nine are still ongoing. In Oriental Mindoro, 15 projects are still ongoing implementation, while three others are under pipeline status. The stalled projects include two projects in Bgy Buntog Natuog in Socorro facing land title issues, and another in Bgy Panatayan in Mansalay. The DILG has already requested the provincial government to help address the issues. On the other hand, Palawan has 10 completed projects and 25 projects ongoing implementation. In total, 57 projects have already been completed, 49 are ongoing implementation, and three others stalled, for a total of 109 projects under the SDBP.

In terms of the breakdown of projects in Occidental Mindoro as of fiscal year 2021, farm-to-market roads comprised the most with 11 projects with a total project cost of P57,500,000. Overall, Occidental Mindoro has a total of 56 project proposals, 47 of which have been completed with total cost of P180,000,000. Oriental Mindoro, for its part, has a total of 18 projects being proposed with an estimated cost of P160,000,000. Of these, 11 projects are farm-to-market roads worth P129,750,000. In Palawan, on the other hand, 35 projects have been proposed worth P160,000,000, of which 10 are farm-to-market roads already completed worth P112,500,000.

In terms of the breakdown of projects in Occidental Mindoro as of fiscal year 2022, farm-to-market roads accounted for the most with eight projects amounting to P28,000,000. In total, Occidental Mindoro has 16 projects worth P48,000,000. In Oriental Mindoro, farm-to-market road projects also accounted for the most proposed with four projects worth P13,000,000. In total, Oriental Mindoro has 11 proposed projects worth P28,000,000. Palawan, for its part, has a total of 43 proposed projects with

an estimated cost of P140,000,000. Farm-to-market projects accounted for the most with 25 projects worth P85,000,000.

For the SBDP 2022, Occidental Mindoro has six municipalities, 12 barangays, and 16 proposed projects worth P48,000,000. Oriental Mindoro has a total of four municipalities, seven barangays, and 11 number of proposed projects worth P28,000,000. Palawan has nine municipalities, 35 barangays, and 43 proposed projects worth P140,000,000. In total, the three provinces have 19 municipalities, 54 barangays, and 70 proposed projects worth P216,000,000.

During the open forum, the **Chair** asked whether or not the LGU in Occidental Mindoro had already downloaded the P48,000,000 allocated for the province. Ms **Panganiban** said the funds were downloaded by the implementing units of Occidental Mindoro on 20 September, adding that the release of the funds for Palawan and Oriental Mindoro were waiting the approval of the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC through NEDA. The **Chair** urged the need to accelerate the release of funds for the two provinces, particularly Palawan, since it will be declared insurgency-free soon. He emphasized that the release of the funds for Palawan could be considered a success indicator showing how the province has been cleared of the CTG and is now ready for development.

Thereafter, NEDA-MIMAROPA representative Ms **Sarabia** provided updates on the SBDP. For 2021, Oriental Mindoro was facing a few problems because after the endorsement, approval and download of the funds last year, stakeholders requested a retitling of their projects in Socorro twice. To address the said concern, the DBM has requested the provincial government to issue a certificate showing that the funds have not been used, annexes, particularly "omnibus sworn statements", and the endorsement of the RTF.

For 2022, **Sarabia** said Occidental Mindoro was the earliest to submit their SBDP proposal projects, allowing the NEDA to review and endorse them as early as May. The NEDA also approved Oriental Mindoro's proposed projects on 9 September. She noted that the 2021 SBDP endorsements by the RTF was coursed through the DBM, while the 2022 SBDP proposals as provided by the Local Budget Circular was now coursed through the NTF-ELCAC. Palawan submitted its project proposals in September and is currently being reviewed with regard to compliance of their documentary requirements.

The **Chair** asked why only P4 million instead of P20,000,000 was being disbursed per barangays. **Sarabia** said the DILG may be able to answer his question but affirmed that only four million pesos would be allocated per barangay in 2022. Dir **Battle** from the NTF-ELCAC explained that budget constraints, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recent elections have affected

the budget. He said the NTF-ELCAC requested P28,000,000,000 during the last budget hearing which would have allowed the disbursement of P20 million per barangay but was denied. Nevertheless, Dir **Batle** said that several barangays have already reprioritized their development projects in response to the reduction in the budget.

For planning purposes, Dir **Batle** revealed that the DBM is willing to allocate P10,000,000,000 for development projects in 2023. He added that the figure may increase or decrease depending on the budget hearing next year. Based on previous hearings last year, Dir **Batle** assessed that the budget might be reduced at the Senate level. He also noted that Palawan was the last to submit their project proposals last year causing a delay in their endorsement and approval. The **Chair** suggested the need to inform the barangays of the decrease in the budget for their proposed projects so as not to surprise or disappoint them.

Moreover, Dir **Batle** reminded the group that Region-4B still has three barangays still in the first stage of procurement. He encouraged the need to remind implementing LGUs that they have only until December 2022 to comply with requirements otherwise their P60B budget may be nullified.

Issues and Concerns on MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC

Dir **Bajarin** from the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat expressed concern regarding the minimal submission of daily, weekly and monthly reports of operation centers, including MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC. He said that the NTF-ELCAC has been tasked to submit weekly reports for the NSA as basis to update the president. Dir **Batle**, for his part, reported that the NTF-ELCAC is preparing for the budget hearing next year. He said that opposition legislators have raised and criticized the NTF-ELCAC's disbursement rate of funds in 2022. He cited Region-4B as having a 58 percent obligation rate and 37 percent disbursement rate, meaning it is among the lowest in both criteria. He suggested the need to improve the region's obligation and disbursement rates to prevent further criticism from the opposition.

The **Chair** admitted difficulties in harmonizing efforts of RTF-MIMAROPA which is why the NICA was appointed as head of the TWG. He stressed the need to overhaul the system of reporting and coordination to improve the submission of reports and prevent delays. He also recommended holding a meeting among members of the group to discuss a possible format.

V. Decision Points and Actionable Items

On Counter-CTG Organizing

- For the Regional SAKM Cluster to consolidate best practices/success indicators to be submitted to the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat

On the Issues and Concerns on MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC

- For the MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC to be reminded on the following:
 - Submission of routinary reports by RTF-ELCAC OPCEN (RID-MIMAROPA to coordinate with the Regional Operations Division)
 - Fast track the implementation and disbursement of projects (DILG and other implementing agencies)

VI. Adjournment

To close the Joint ERIC-4B and MIMAROPA RTF-ELCAC TWG/SAKM Cluster meeting, the **Chair** extended his gratitude to the members for attending the meeting to discuss NTF-ELCAC concerns. He also thanked the presence of the NTF-ELCAC officials led by Executive Director USEC **Salamat** to give their guidance. The **Chair** asked the members to be prompt on the submission of much needed and simplified reports for the NTF-ELCAC. He added that the TWG will issue Requirement Information Sheet (RIS) to concerned member-agencies to request for an update on their respective accomplishment reports to be submitted to the NTF-ELCAC Secretariat. The **Chair** also thanked the CHed-MIMAROPA and Dep-Ed-MIMAROPA for their commitment on the NTF70-CTA/OGEE matter as well as the RIC-4B members who gave their inputs during the discussions.

Following the closing remarks of RD **Perlado**, the meeting adjourned at 1645H.

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