

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
MIMAROPA Region

REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION
2nd Quarter Committee Meeting
June 28, 2022 via Zoom

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Present

Represented by

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| 1. Dir. Ricky L. Sanchez | DBM MIMAROPA
Chairperson | |
| 2. Dir. Wilhelm M. Suyko | DILG MIMAROPA
Co-Chairperson | Mr. Jr Palanca-Golifardo |

Regional Directors of National Government Agencies (NGAs)

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| 3. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza | NEDA MIMAROPA | |
| 4. Dir. Lormelyn E. Claudio | DENR MIMAROPA | ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove |
| 5. Dir. Antonio G. Gerundio | DA MIMAROPA | |
| 6. Dir. Fernando R. De Villa, Jr. | DSWD MIMAROPA | Ms. Roselle Hermano |
| 7. Dir. Mario S. Baquilod | DOH MIMAROPA | Ms. Ciara Ember Fabroa |
| 8. Dir. Nicolas T. Capulong | DepEd MIMAROPA | Ms. Rizza Mallari |
| 9. Ms. Ma. Eileen B. Blanco | NNC MIMAROPA | |
| 10. Dir. Reynaldo O. Wong | POPCOM | |
| 11. Dir. Naomi Lyn Abellana | DOLE MIMAROPA | Mr. Jhomer Greg Acedillo |
| 12. Atty. Ernesto C. Mendoza | DOJ MIMAROPA | Represented |
| 13. Dir. Joel B. Valera | DTI MIMAROPA | |
| 14. Usec. Ruben S. Reinoso | DOTr MIMAROPA | Mr. Reynaldo Gatchalian |
| 15. Atty. Beviennne G. Malateo | DOT MIMAROPA | Ms. Gladys Quesea |
| 16. Engr. Romuel P. Alimboyao | NHA MIMAROPA | Mr. Herminio Latoza |
| 17. Dir. Cheryl C. Ortega | DICT Luzon Cluster 3 | |
| 18. Dir. William P. Ragodon | NIA MIMAROPA | Ms. Shirley Guevarra Bahia |
| 19. Engr. Ronald B. Cabute | NTC | |
| 20. Dir. Julius Ervin O. Enciso | DHSUD MIMAROPA | Atty. Anne Bautista-Ortega |
| 21. Dir. Marie Grace T. Pascua | NCIP | Mr. Reynaldo Tupas |
| 22. Atty. Jose Teodoro S. Matta | PCSDS | Mr. John Carlo Roquid |

Private Sector Representatives

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| 23. Ms. Marvi R. Trudeau | SDC Chairperson | Mr. Jeri Abenoja |
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Leagues

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| 24. Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr. | Province of Marinduque
and Regional Representative |
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49		of the Leagues of Provinces	
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51	25. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron	Puerto Princesa City and	Ms. Jovenee Sagun
52		Regional Representative	
53		of the Leagues of Cities	
54		of the Philippines	
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56	Provincial Governors		
57	26. Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Province of Occidental	Mr. John Paul Ramos
58		Mindoro	
59	27. Gov. Humerlito A. Dolor	Province of Oriental Mindoro	Represented
60	28. Gov. Jose R. Riano	Province of Romblon	Ms. Evelyn Magayam
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62	Capital Towns and City Mayors		
63	29. Mayor Armi D.C. Carrion	Boac, Marinduque	Ms. Lyra Magalang
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65	Absent		
66	30. Dir. Consolacion Q. Agcaoili	BLGF MIMAROPA	
67	31. OIC-Dir. Gerald A. Pacanan	DPWH MIMAROPA	
68	32. Dir. Jesus T. Tamang	DOE MIMAROPA	
69	33. Mr. Paul E. Escobar	OPAPP	
70	34. Usec. Ryan R. Enriquez	NYC	
71	35. Atty. Arnolfo Ricardo B. Cabling	SHFC	
72	36. Mr. Darius M. Guerrero	DAC Chairperson	
73	37. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	EDC Chairperson	
74	38. Mr. Delfin M. Natal, Jr.	IDC Chairperson	
75	39. Gov. Jose C. Alvarez	Province of Palawan	
76	40. Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan	Calapan City and Regional	
77		Representative of the Leagues	
78		of Cities of the Philippines	
79	41. Mayor Gerard S. Montojo	Municipality of Romblon and	
80		Regional Representative of Leagues of	
81		Municipalities of the Philippines	
82	42. Hon. Abelardo S. Pangilinan	Regional Representative of	
83		Liga ng mga Barangays sa Pilipinas	
84	43. Mayor Ma. Fe V. Brondial	Municipality of Socorro and	
85		Regional Representative of Leagues of	
86		Municipalities of the Philippines	
87	44. Mayor Angelina F. Tria	Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro	
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89	Guests		
90	45. Christian G. Mendoza	DBM MIMAROPA	
91	46. Crystine S. Cuartero	DBM MIMAROPA	
92	47. Michael P. Gedaca	DBM MIMAROPA	
93	48. April Grace Halili	DILG MIMAROPA	
94	49. Francisco Tampus	DOTr MIMAROPA	
95	50. Atty. Herlene Cawagdan	NCIP MIMAROPA	
96	51. ARD Apollo Pagano	NEDA MIMAROPA	

97	52. Chieko Elemento	NEDA MIMAROPA
98	53. Maya Masangkay	NEDA MIMAROPA
99	54. Sheryll Sarabia	NEDA MIMAROPA
100	55. Angelo Paolo Aboboto	NEDA MIMAROPA
101	56. Rocy Forca Moreno	PPDO – Marinduque
102	57. Marian M. Cunanan	PPDO – Marinduque

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104 **Secretariat**

105	58. Michael M. Lacsamana	DBM MIMAROPA
106	59. Gemma P. Rivera	DBM MIMAROPA
107	60. Novalyn D. Asuncion	DBM MIMAROPA
108	61. Geneva D. Marmeto	DBM MIMAROPA

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110 I. PRELIMINARIES

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112 The meeting started at 9:00 in the morning with the Regional Committee on Devolution
 113 Chairperson and DBM MIMAROPA Regional Director Ricky L. Sanchez, calling the
 114 Secretariat to start with the preliminaries. It was followed by the singing of the Philippine
 115 National Anthem, an invocation and the MIMAROPA hymn.

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117 II. BUSINESS PROPER

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119 A. Welcome Remarks and Roll Call

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121 Director Sanchez welcomed everyone and called the Secretariat to call the roll.

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123 Ms. Gemma P. Rivera of DBM MIMAROPA called the roll and registered 17 out of 43
 124 members in attendance (including representatives). Recognizing that there is no
 125 quorum, the Chairman gave his opening remarks while waiting for other members to
 126 join. He thanked the participants for the attendance and reminded everyone that
 127 Executive Order (EO) No. 138 is issued and that one of the provisions is to create a
 128 Regional Committee on Devolution. Additionally, the Implementing Rules and
 129 Regulations (IRR) states that the Committee should meet at least once every quarter,
 130 to discuss the on-going devolution particularly the implementation of EO 138.

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132 RD Sanchez noted that the agenda on this meeting has only one (1) item to discuss and
 133 two (2) other matters. He mentioned that there was no substantial/significant
 134 development from the National Committee on Devolution, thus this Committee is still
 135 waiting for other directives from the former. Nevertheless, today's proceedings will have
 136 updates regarding the status of the approval of the NGAs' Devolution Transition Plans
 137 (DTPs). The Department has already approved two (2) DTPs – one from the Commission
 138 on Population and Development (POPCOM) and the joint DTP of the Department of
 139 Health (DOH) and the National Nutrition Council (NNC). These approved DTPs were
 140 already posted in the DBM website. The Chairman also asked for the representatives of
 141 POPCOM and DOH/NNC to share the roll out and dissemination activities to Local
 142 Government Units (LGUs), so that the body can determine matters / issues being faced
 143 by implementers on the field, if there are any.

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145 B. Proposed Agenda

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147 The Chairman asked for the approval of the proposed agenda even without a quorum.
148 Governor Velasco asked to have one item (1) added under Other Matters – Status of
149 submission of devolved functions of regional offices in MIMAROPA.

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151 C. Approval of the Proposed Agenda

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153 The approval of the proposed agenda with amendments was moved and duly seconded.

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155 D. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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157 The Secretariat presented and asked for the approval of the minutes of the previous
158 meeting. On the motion duly seconded, the minutes of the 1st Quarter Committee
159 Meeting of the Regional Committee on Devolution was approved as presented.

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161 E. Matters for Discussion/Information

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163 RD Sanchez asked for the guidance of the body to continue with the business proper
164 (even without a quorum). With no objections and the approval of the body, the
165 discussion proceeded. The Secretariat clarified that there was no matters arising from
166 the previous meeting and informed the body of additional members in attendance, thus
167 having a quorum.

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169 Updates on the Submission of DTPs of LGUs in the MIMAROPA Region

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171 Mr. JR Palanca-Golifardo, started the discussion by citing Section 10 of EO 138
172 which provides the instruction to LGUs to formulate their respective DTPs. These
173 DTPs were uploaded to a repository. It was noted that the deadline of submission
174 of DTPs was set to October 13, 2021 for the barangay level; November 12, 2021
175 for the municipality; and December 12, 2021 for the provincial level. The results
176 of DTP submission are presented per Province.

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178 1. Occidental Mindoro has 100% completion – 164 barangays, 11 municipalities
179 and 1 provincial government

180 2. Oriental Mindoro has 100% completion – 426 barangays, 14 municipalities and
181 1 provincial government

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183 3. Marinduque – being the first to submit has 100% completion – 218 barangays,
184 6 municipalities and 1 provincial government

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186 4. Romblon has 100% completion – 219 barangays, 17 municipalities and 1
187 provincial government

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189 5. Palawan has 99.98% completion – 367 barangays, 22/23 municipalities and 1
190 provincial government. Mr. Palanca-Golifardo seeks assistance from the President
191 of the Leagues of Provinces to make a follow up with the submission of the

Municipality of San Vicente with pending narrative and message. DILG is hoping that the submission be completed by the end of June.

6. Puerto Princesa City has 100% completion – 66 barangays and 1 highly urbanized city

The submission of all LGU DTPs is now at 99.99%.

LGU DTP Quality Assessment

DILG has formulated an assessment of the submitted LGU DTPs which comes in two (2) phases - Quality Assessment Tool and the Analytics.

The Quality Assessment Tool (QAT) was developed as an initial assessment of the DTPs. It is composed of two (2) parts – the Assessment Forms for the barangays, cities / municipalities, and provinces; and the Consolidated Report Template. The Assessment Forms evaluate the quality and compliance of the LGU DTPs based on the parameters identified and requirements set in the guidelines, as well as to provide guidance to further improve the DTPs.

The DTPs are assessed by the Municipality/City Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) and field officers from the provincial offices. The Quality Assessment forms are consolidated on the regional level prior to forwarding to the Central Office for their comments.

During the assessment, it aims to evaluate the quality of the compliance of the LGU DTPs based on the set standards and guidelines of EO No. 138 and the DILG-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) 2021-01 dated August 11, 2021, the Guidelines on the Preparation of Devolution Transition Plans of Local Government Units in Support of Full Devolution under Executive Order No. 138, dated 01 June 2021.

This Quality Assessment Tool is divided into three (3) Parameters.

Parameter 1 – A checklist is provided to verify if all required and corresponding documents are submitted or considered not applicable, and a remarks column for additional requirements, changes or otherwise may also be included in the remarks section. The Consolidated Report Template is used to identify which forms are not submitted and indicate the dates of the initial and final complete submission of the DTPs.

This is the form completeness, refers to the forms submitted as required in the DTP repository based on the Sec. 5 of the DILG-DBM JMC 2021-01.

Parameter 2 – This parameter validates if higher and lower-tier LGUs coordinated/interfaced with each other as well as with NGAs whenever applicable, to ensure DTP vertical alignment of plans across each LGU tier and with the sectoral requirements of concerned NGAs based on NGA DTPs. This

parameter also assesses if the LGU DTPs have been approved accordingly by the concerned Sangguniang to ensure the legitimization of the said plan.

This is the Progress and Alignment. Checklist were provided to LGUs to verify submission certain documents and to determine if those documents are applicable to their level. It is also important to identify the status of the submission of each LGU's attendance on the Regional Orientation for the Formulation of the LGU DTP and their respective EO on the formulation of Devolution Transition Committee (DTC).

Parameter 3 - This parameter assesses the LGU DTPs as to its logic and consistency. A checklist on completeness verifies if the forms were properly filled out. It should be indicated in the remarks section if the forms submitted have complete or incomplete information and other comments or observations relative to the extent of compliance.

This is Coherence and Completeness – to identify if the function services and facilities (FSFs) are captured in line with the DTPs of NGAs. Unfortunately, the DTPs of the NGAs are yet to be completed. With the completion, the LGU and NGA DTPs can be compared.

The results were as follows:

Parameter 1 – With a total of 1540 LGU, 1524 were compliant, 11 partially compliant and 3 non-compliant.

Parameter 2 – 1403 were compliant, 135 partially compliant and 0 non-compliant.

Parameter 3 – 1524 LGUs were compliant.

LGU DTP Analytics

Following the conduct of LGU-DTP Quality Assessment, the DILG-BLGD developed the LGU-DTP Data Capture Form (DCF) as a tool to gather data from the LGU-DTPs and process these into information with intent to inform and guide policies and actions of the national government to support LGUs' transition to full devolution within the given timeframe.

Data gathered from using the DCF shall be used for the LGU-DTP Analytics ("Analytics") to produce information on a) the level of LGU absorption of devolved functions and services; b) the readiness of the LGU for full devolution; c) the available information to track LGU performance in the delivery of devolved functions and services.

This is internal to DILG and the LGU DTP Analytics shall inform the policy and direction of the department with regards to the Devolution. The results will be shared to this Committee, concerned NGAs, League of LGUs and other stakeholders once finalized.

The purpose of this Analytics is to inform the progress of devolution – whether this will be for implementation this year (2022), or to be implemented by the

year 2023 and 2024. This will also check the budget and capacity development for the LGUs. Second is to influence the design – this will determine if the strategy of implementation of NGAs is in line with that of the LGUs and if there is a need for capacity development from the NGAs to LGUs. Lastly, it aimed to shape policies and accelerate transition to full devolution. The year 2022 crucial year since this will be the start of transition to the full devolution and the new administration.

The data capture form has assessment areas to determine if FSFs of the LGUs are fully captured. This contains different FSFs to be devolved to LGUs based on the Sec. 17 of Local Government Code (LGC) and other pertinent laws selected thereafter assigning responsibilities to the LGUs. The list in the data capture form is the devolved responsibilities – consolidated from the submitted Attachment C, the Matrix of Devolved Basic Services and Facilities Based on the Local Government Code of 1991.

The Analytics has seven (7) assessment areas defined in set of indicators as data gathered from the attachment provided by the LGUs. This is yet to be shared since the tool is still on the process of enhancement. DILG is still gathering feedback from DILG field offices for the alignment of LGU DTPs.

Ways Forward

1. Conduct of National Government Agencies (NGA) Forum

There will be series of talks between different NGAs to align the DTPs of LGUs. This will serve to provide a collaborative avenue and align appreciation and insights from LGU and NGA DTPs. This will also outline challenges, determine technical assistance needed by both the NGA and LGU for the implementation of the full devolution. It also aims to identify strategic steps to harmonize DTPs of concerned NGAs with devolved functions to LGUs.

The concerned NGAs are: Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

DILG is still in partnership with DBM on the conduct of this activity which is set on July to the 3rd week of August. The guidelines is yet to be issued by the DILG Central Office.

2. Conduct of Series of Regional Forum on PPAs and Devolve functions with Line Agencies and LGUs/League

This will align the regional devolved functions to DTPs of LGUs.

RD Sanchez asked Mr. Palanca-Golifardo to respond to the question raised from DENR ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove as to how the series of regional forum be conducted as to per line agency or per province. He explained that there will be a NGA forum on a national level, after which this will be echoed on a regional level. Thus, the regional line agencies will conduct a forum with the LGUs.

DTI Regional Director Joel Valera inquired on the stand of the new administration on the devolution. He also mentioned that DTI MIMAROPA has no regional DTP and has submitted its DTP to the national level for review. He suggested that the Committee wait for any instruction from the new administration.

Mr. Palanca-Golifardo welcomed the director's comments and answered that we still have to comply until there are any succeeding laws that says otherwise.

RD Valera added that his suggestion is on a more practical approach since some of the regional directors will be reassigned and that there will be new Local Chief Executives (LCEs) on other LGUs.

DENR ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove on a rejoinder asked on having the forum on a ground level (municipal and provincial) instead of it being on the regional level. She mentioned checking on assistance to be provided to the LGUs, as well as the adjustment of work plans. This was noted by Mr. Palanca-Golifardo and will have the suggestion raised to DILG CO.

RD Sanchez provided updates regarding status of the NGA DTPs. There are already two (2) approved DTPs – the DTP of Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and the joint DTP of Department of Health (DOH) and National Nutrition Council (NNC). As for the submission, the Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) are yet to submit their DTPs. The DTPs are subject to in-depth evaluation of the DBM Central Office. These will be cascaded once approved.

The representative from MPDO of Boac, Marinduque, Ms. Lyra Magalang asked if the LGU can continue the process of the DTP even if their LGU is categorized as Compliant only and if they can we still conduct the inter-phasing with barangays and province regarding the presentation of DTP. Mr. Palanca-Golifardo answered that the LGUs can still continue with their DTP activities as there is no advisory/memorandum ordering to hold any activities.

Another inquiry from DENR – ARD Donna Mayor-Gordove asked the about the status of the activity conducted on the pilot area which is the Province of Marinduque. During the 1st Quarter meeting, they were advised to coordinate with the LGUs. They also have set aside a budget for the Capacity Development. Mr. Palanca-Golifardo replied that the activity was the Capacity Development Analytics of LGU DTPs conducted on the first quarter of 2022 particularly on the Province of Marinduque. He mentioned that the results can be explained better by the focal person on CapDev Analytics, Ms. Sidney Bejasa. He has the inquiry noted and will get back to DENR regarding the results.

POPCOM Regional Director Reynaldo Wong asked if their CapDev activities will be affected by ongoing conduct of the analytics. This was answered by Mr. Palanca-Golifardo, that the CapDev activities will not be affected by any activities related to the DTP analytics.

Another inquiry from LGU Boac is about the schedule of presentation of the Analytics of reviewed DTPs for the LGUs. Mr. Palanca-Golifardo replied that there are no schedules yet and will have the LGUs updated through the DILG provincial office in Marinduque.

RD Sanchez inquired on the next steps after the conduct of assessments and if the results were communicated to the concerned LGUs. Mr. Palanca-Golifardo mentioned that the findings were informally communicated to the concerned LGUs as they are still waiting for guidance from the DILG CO regarding the LGU DTPs that needs revisions/improvement.

Mr. Palanca-Golifardo closed his presentation with a story from El Filibusterismo. *"Minsan nilapitan si Pilosopo Tasyo ng dalawang estudyante. Isa sa mga estudyante ay may dalang ibon sa kanang kamay. Para subukin ang talino ng matanda, pinahulaan nila dito kung ang ibon ay buhay o patay. Kung sasabihin ni Pilosopo Tasyo na ang ibon ay buhay, sasakalin ng bata ang leeg ng ibon hanngang ito ay mamatay. Kung sasabihin niya namang ang ibon ay patay, pakakawalan ng estudyante ang ibon at si Pilosopong Tasyo ay mapaphiya. Kaya't ang tanging sagot niya ay: Ang buhay ng ibong iyan as nasa iyong mga kamay."*

He related the story with the on-going devolution. He mentioned that the crucial part of the transition and the full devolution does not rely on one agency/person alone. He encouraged everyone to work hand in hand for the improvement of the DTPs for a better MIMAROPA region.

F. Other Matters

Gov. Presbiterio Velasco asked the Status of the Submission of Devolved Functions of Regional Offices be discussed first. He mentioned that this can be parallel with the LGU DTPs and the provincial governments of MIMAROPA could be made aware of the activities regarding the devolution.

RD Sanchez agreed with the recommendation and asked feedback from the line agencies with devolved functions to the LGUs. He reiterated that the national status – DBM is expecting twenty (20) DTPs from NGAs to be submitted for review and approval. Two (2) out of the eighteen (18) submissions has already been approved. He clarified that the submission is on a national level, thus the presentation will only come from those agencies with approved DTPs.

Status of Submission of Devolved Functions of Regional Offices

POPCOM Regional Director Reynaldo Wong shared the updates of POPCOM DTP.

As part of the general welfare services enumerated under Sec 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991 –

1. the provision of basic family planning and population and development services shall be devolved to the LGUs;
2. POPCOM will focus on the strengthening of the institution's capacity to assist LGUs in implementing the said devolved services.

The POPCOM's DTP also provides that the three (3) specific criteria for the provision of financial assistance by regional offices to Geographically-Isolated and Disadvantaged Area/s (GIDA) and 5th and 6th class LGUs requesting support shall be:

1. Degree of the potential impact of assistance;
2. Level of political support; and
3. Severity of inadequate allocation for POPDEV strategies

LGUs with low capacity for devolution shall be prioritized in terms of investments for the following:

1. Capacity development;
2. Technical assistance;
3. Mentoring; and
4. Financial assistance

The POPCOM's DTP also emphasizes the following:

1. The creation of the local POPDEV office in the provinces, cities, and municipalities;
2. The appointment of local population and development personnel; and
3. That 80% of LGUs will have functional and fully operational POPDEV offices by 2024.

By 2024, POPCOM targets the following;

1. All LGUs shall have been trained on all POPDEV-related skills, tools, and approaches; and that,
2. LGUs with existing POPDEV offices are more prepared for strengthened localization of PPDP strategies.

POPCOM will establish the POPDEV Learning Network or Online POPDEV Academy to serve as:

1. The source of continuing training materials and references;
2. A directory of consultants and resource persons, and available POPDEV-related capacity development; and
3. A platform (e.g. e-learning) for self-directed learning

RD Sanchez inquired on the devolved functions of POPCOM – that not all functions were devolved, particularly to GIDA and 5th and 6th class municipalities. There will still be investment/assistance provided to them, although the NGAs should be focused on steering and deliberate standards of development and policy formulation. This has been given clarity by RD Wong that this is certainly going to happen.

While waiting for the feedback from the representative of DOH or NNC, the Chairperson responded to the comment from DENR that they already had presented the proposed DENR DTP during the Regional Roll-Out Orientation on the Preparation of LGU DTPs last August 9-11, 2021.

RD Sanchez took note of the activity and explained that the initial roll out was for the Regional line agencies to present the DTPs to LGUs to help them on the formulation of their own DTPs. He mentioned that we aim to cascade the approved DTPs.

National Nutrition Council (NNC) – MIMAROPA OIC Ma. Eileen B. Blanco provided an update on the program included on the approved DTP of DOH. The Tutok Kainan is an ongoing program in the target areas in MIMAROPA particularly Occidental Mindoro and Marinduque. By 2023, NNC will provide 50% of the total funds needed as well as the technical assistance. However, by 2024, this will be fully devolved and NNC will only provide the technical assistance.

RD Sanchez shared one highlight from the DOH approved DTP which is the Human Resource for Health (HRH) – a program which requires a lot of funding from the national government. It was mentioned that the HRH funding for nurses and midwives will be devolved to the LGUs, except for the 5th to 6th class municipalities. The higher income LGUs should have funding for HRH for midwives and nurses. Funding for other medical personnel (doctors, dentists, medical technologists) will still be provided by the NGA through the DOH.

Governor Velasco commented on the update provided by RD Sanchez. He stated that the 3rd to 5th class LGUs cannot provide for the funding for the HRH of midwives and nurses. He mentioned that the National Tax Allotment (NTA) will decrease by fourteen (14) to twenty (20) per cent on 2023. He also mentioned about filing an opposition to such because they cannot provide the funds. Additionally, he talked about the reason why they wanted to get hold of the submission of DTPs of regional offices for each province in MIMAROPA. His position is that the NGAs should provide the funds to support the devolved functions. With the varying positions, it will still depend with the incoming administration on how they look at the devolution. He added that the lower rank LGUs will have difficulty in supporting the devolved functions more particularly the DOH. He further shared that he was not the Governor then, when DOH devolved certain functions but not the funds. At this time, he cited that he is eager to know the devolved functions so that the provincial government will know how to answer and deal with it, as well as to know if they provide the services with their own financial resources. He said that they are looking at the devolution very carefully as he still want to perform satisfactorily. He referred to what happened in the Agriculture sector that they are being blamed for woes being experienced by the sector and that they do not agree on that. He added that DA supported the LGUs. He appealed that funds should be devolved along with the functions. They cannot rely on the share of NTA which was already computed. He also pointed out that the provinces will have difficulty on the funding for the devolved functions which were even increased by the special laws, aside from what were listed under Sec. 17 of the LGC. With this, he added that the devolution should be done in phases and that the NGA should still have a share on the funding because they cannot totally rely on their NTA shares. He wanted to be prepared on this devolution.

RD Sanchez informed the body that the approved NGA DTPs were already posted in the DBM website. He requested that the (regional) line agencies with approved DTPs should have a touch base with the LGUs. This is to have the approved DTPs cascaded to their level and the LGUs can easily understand coming from the regional level and they can provide the feedback, if any they can provide their position through their respective leagues.

List of NGAs who submitted their Alternate Focal Person

The list was presented by Ms. Novalyn Asuncion. As of June 15, 2022, eleven (11) agencies have complied with the submission of names for the Permanent and Alternate Representative and Permanent Communications Focal Person. She mentioned that from the first meeting, an Alternate Communications Focal Person was not requested but NIA and DOT have sent their alternates, reason why they were on the list. She requested for the approval that the deadline for submission of representatives be set on July 28, 2022. Also, she added that email can be sent to remind the members of such.

RD Wong agreed with having the email/reminder sent to this effect.

RD Sanchez inquired if there is a member from Philippine Information Agency (PIA). He noted that the member from PIA can help out on mapping a communications strategy for an effective dissemination of information to our stakeholders.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

MICHAEL M. LACSAMANA
RComDev Secretariat

RICKY L. SANCHEZ
RComDev Chairperson