

LFP YEAR-END PERFORMANCE REVIEW HELD

By: Marila Lucernas Corpuz

The Year-End Performance Review and Action Planning for Locally-Funded Projects (LFPs) was held in Villa Caridad Resort, Maddela, Quirino Province on February 15-18, 2011. It was hosted by the Casecnan Social Measures Project with the assistance of the Provincial Government of Quirino and Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office II (DA-RFO II).

The activity was facilitated by the Special Projects Coordination and Management Assistance Division (SPCMAD) under the Field Operations Service of the Department of Agriculture (DA-FOS). It was attended by around fifty (50) key representatives from the 14 LFPs, DA-SPCMAD, DA-Financial Management Service (FMS)-Accounting, DA RFU XI, DA RFO II, PLGU-Quirino, and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The Guests of Honor are Governor Junie Cua of Quirino Province, Mayor Renato Ylanan of Maddela Municipality, Regional Executive Director Andrew Villacorta of DA RFO II, and Dir. Rodolfo Guieb of DA-FOS. The DIDP-PMO was represented by Engr. Grace L. Magalona, Acting Assistant Executive Director, and Ms. Marila Lucernas Corpuz, Acting Finance Officer.



Guests of Honor: (at Presidential Table, from left) Dir. Rudy Guieb, Gov. Junie Cua, Mayor Renato Ylanan, (back) Dir. Andrew Villacorta

After the preliminaries, Ms. Adamar Estrada, Technical Unit Head of DA SPCMAAD, presented the Meeting Rationale and Objectives, Highlights of the Previous Meeting and DA-LFPs Portfolio. The 14 LFPs of DA are distributed according to 3 categories: 1) Integrated Area Development Program 5 LFPs, 2) Support to Peace Process 5 LFPs, 3) Other Sectors 4 LFPs. Total Project Cost from 2003-2016 is P7.3

Billion, with Socskargen Project having the biggest share of P1.9 Billion, and Pagkain Para sa Masa (PPSM) with the lowest share of P7.36 Million. DIDP, on the other hand, has the third biggest share with P 941.5 Million. After Ms. Estrada's presentation, the LFPs took turns in presenting the status of their projects.

The accomplishment of the DIDP IFSP for CY 2009 and CY 2010 was presented by Engr. Grace L. Magalona. Out of ten (10) Farm to Market Road Projects for CY 2009, eight (8) were completed and two (2) are still on-going. For CY 2010, out of sixteen (16) FMRs, only four (4) were completed, three (3) are ongoing and nine (9) are for implementation. Issues and concerns were raised by DA-FMS-Accounting Division after DIDP's presentation. In particular, they questioned the poor implementation and low absorptive capacity of the LGUs with regards to CY 2010 FMR Projects. The DIDP representative cited some reasons: first, the new set of Local Officials which assumed office on July 1, 2010 necessitated the re-presentation of the projects that are lined up for implementation last year and caused some delays in the submission of the requirements for the release of the project funds. Second, the delayed submission of Liquidation Reports caused the delay of releases of the second and final tranches of the project funds. Lastly, continuous heavy rains experienced in some of the project sites hampered the progress of the project implementation. In order to address these concerns, DIDP recommended the holding of regular coordination meetings which should include representatives from the participating departments within the LGU such as Planning, Engineering, Agriculture, Accounting and COA. DIDP-wide meetings are already being conducted by DA RFU XI; however, the LGU should also hold its own coordination meetings to mitigate project delays.

After the project presentations, the new directive on the implementation of Farm-to-Market Roads was discussed, based on the instruction issued during the 2nd Cabinet Meeting held last July 20, 2010. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Agriculture (DA) and

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) were instructed to do away with road graveling projects and replace them with good quality roads. All LFPs, however, requested for the issuance of a Memorandum from Sec. Proceso Alcala for more detailed instructions on the matter. The different cost-sharing schemes among DA projects were also tackled, and the RFUs are instructed to follow the latest cost-sharing scheme provided by the DA Top Management. DA SPCMAAD also informed all LFPs that there will be no budget allocation for production support services starting CY 2011. ❖

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result of the discussions during the Consultative Meeting on March 9 and the Special Coordinators' Meeting on March 11, 2011. The said resolution was accompanied by a Position Paper detailing DIDP's position on the said issue. In addition, the resolution sought the conduct of consultations with affected LGUs prior to the finalization of policies and guidelines on the implementation of farm-to-market road (FMR) projects.

On March 31, 2011, exactly a week after the Resolution was presented to Sec. Alcala, the DA transmitted its official response approving the use of the existing MOA for FMR Projects implemented by administration. For projects implemented by contract, however, the MOA should follow the conditions stipulated in the Memorandum issued by former OIC Secretary Bernie Fondevilla last June 2, 2010. ❖

The Davao Integrated Development Program is an LGU - led initiative of the provinces of Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental, and the cities of Davao, Tagum, Panabo, Island Garden City of Samal, Digos and Mati.

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DIDP-DOH PARTNERSHIP EXPLORED DURING THE DIDP PRESENTATION TO DOH EXECOM

By: Engr. Grace L. Magalona



The DOH ExeCom were all ears as Atty. Avisado delivers the DIDP presentation.

Last February 7, 2011, the DIDP presented its proposal for a possible partnership between the DIDP and DOH before the DOH Executive Committee (ExeCom) chaired by Sec. Enrique T. Ona.

After the briefer about the DIDP and its projects, the presentation highlighted how the proposed partnership between the LGUs through the DIDP and the National Government through DOH, is aligned with the convergence approach espoused by President Benigno "Noy" Aquino III, and how it will work to the advantage of the delivery of quality health services in the Davao Region. The DIDP also presented a draft Implementing Structure for the various DOH projects that will be implemented under the proposed partnership.

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1ST QUARTER CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON DIDP INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS CONDUCTED

By: Engr. Noel L. Lopez

The 1st Quarter Consultative Meeting on DIDP Infrastructure Projects was held last March 09, 2011 at the Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City. Hosted by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit XI (DA RFU-XI), the meeting was well attended by personnel from DA RFU-XI and DIDP-PMO, and DIDP Coordinators and representatives from the COA, Engineering, Planning and Accounting Offices of the 10 DIDP Member-Local Government Units.



Dr. Carlos Mendoza, Regional Executive Director of DA RFU XI, gives his opening message.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Carlos B. Mendoza, Regional Executive Director of DA RFU-XI. Afterwards, the following matters were taken up and discussed, to wit:

- ❖ Physical and financial status of CY 2009 and CY 2010 Projects;
- ❖ Issues and Concerns of project implementation;
- ❖ Proposed DA's Implementing Guidelines and Policies for the Implementation of FMR Projects; and
- ❖ Amendment of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the implementation of CY 2011 Projects.

The physical and financial status of the projects funded under the CY 2009 and CY 2010 budgets of the DIDP Integrated Food Security Program under DA's Locally Funded Projects were presented by the respective Project Coordinators of the DIDP member LGUs. The various issues and concerns in project implementation were raised and addressed during the Question and Answer portion after each presentation.

On the other hand, the Proposed DA Guidelines and Policies for the Implementation of Farm-to-Market Road

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RELATED STORY DIDP BOARD REQUESTS SEC. ALCALA TO RETAIN FMR MOA

By: Engr. Grace L. Magalona



(From Left) Davao del Norte Vice-Gov. Victorio Suaybaguio, Gov. Rodolfo P. del Rosario, DA Sec. Proceso Alcala and Carmen Municipal Mayor Marcelino Perandos during the Turn-Over of Hauling Truck and Other Farm Equipment to the Municipal LGU of Carmen. Sec. Alcala also graced the 5th Founding Anniversary of the Panabo Mariculture Park and visited the Tagum Soft-Shell Crab Hatchery during his 3-town trip to Davao del Norte last March 24, 2011.

DIDP Board Chair and Davao del Norte Governor, Hon. Rodolfo P. del Rosario, presented DIDP Board Resolution No. 1, Series of 2011, to DA Secretary, Hon. Proceso J. Alcala, during the latter's visit to Davao del Norte last March 24, 2011. The DIDP Board Resolution entitled "A Resolution Strongly Requesting the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Honorable Proceso J. Alcala, To Allow the Continuous Use of the Existing Memorandum of Agreement and Its Supporting Documents in the Implementation of its Locally Funded Projects in Davao Region (Region XI)" is a

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4 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO KOICA

By: Engr. Nanette B. Digao

On January 26, 2011, the DIDP-PMO submitted four (4) technical proposals to the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for possible funding under its Technical Cooperation Program. The said proposals were also personally presented by the PMO to KOICA Resident Representative Jinh Kim during the dinner hosted by DA RFU XI at Felis Resort, Davao City on February 7, 2011. Representative Kim was in Davao Region to attend the launching of the Modern Rice Processing Center in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur earlier that day.

The 4 proposals submitted to KOICA are: 1) **Sustainable Livelihood Empowerment through Entrepreneurship Skills Training.** Only a few farmers' and fisherfolks' organizations which were assisted under the DIDP-IFSP through livelihood services were able to graduate to a larger formal sector. The proposed project aims to build the human capital of micro-entrepreneurs in order to improve community-based livelihood programs and help alleviate poverty. It includes capability building with industry immersion, coaching and mentoring in partnership with the established private industries.

2. **Establishment of GIS-based applications for LGUs** aims to enhance local fiscal and financial administration through the Geographic Information System (GIS). One of its outputs is the installation of GIS-based applications such as Real Property Tax Assessment System, Business Permits and Licensing System and Billing and Collection System in the pilot LGUs.

3. **Capacity Development for Waste Water Treatment Facility in the Davao Region.** The proposed project aims to develop the capacity of the local government units in implementing Republic Act 9275 (Clean Water Act). This includes training on the evaluation of areas prone to water contamination and implementation of pilot projects on treatment facilities.

4. **Integrated Farming System in Upland Areas** aims to increase the income of the upland farmers through sustainable upland resource management which includes organic farming methods.

These proposals are still under evaluation of KOICA's project officers to be considered for possible funding. ❖

DIDP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON GIS

By: Noel E. Dacanay

Early this year, the DIDP-GIS Unit assisted the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) of Davao del Sur in the survey of their proposed MRDP Communal Irrigation System Project located at Barangay Upper and Lower Malinao, Padada, Davao del Sur. The survey was conducted on January 10-14, 17-18 and February 8, 2011 and included an actual training of the PPDO Davao del Sur GIS staff on the operation of the Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and Total Station. The DIDP-GIS personnel who assisted the Davao del Sur PPDO were Engr. Michael Nacpil, Noel Dacanay and Bienvenido Galang Jr.



Noel Dacanay of DIDP coaches Engr. Gina Razote of PPDO Davao del Sur on the hands-on operation of the Total Station.

The DIDP-GIS Unit also assisted the Provincial Assessor's Office of Compostela Valley Province last April 7, 2011 by scanning the Cadastral Maps of nineteen (19) barangays of the Municipality of Montevista for their Real Property Tax System.

DIDP-PMO is willing to assist its member-LGUs on GIS related tasks. The LGUs just submit their letter requests to the PMO for the scheduling of activities. ❖

P86.611 MILLION BUDGET OF DIDP IFSP PROPOSED FOR FY 2012

By: Engr. Grace L. Magalona

Last February 2011, the DIDP Project Management Office submitted the Budget Proposal of its Integrated Food Security Program for FY 2012 to the Special Projects Coordination and Management Division (SPCMAD) of the DA Central Office. The proposed budget totaled P86.611 Million which is within the budget ceiling given by DA. Of this, P83.4 Million (96.3%) is allocated for Farm-to-Market Road Projects and P3.211 Million (3.7%) is for the support to Project Management.

The funds for FMRs are distributed equitably among the 10 member-LGUs of the DIDP. The provinces and Davao City are allocated with P11.8 Million each, and the component cities with P4.88 Million each. Total targeted length of the FMRs is 24 kilometers.

On the other hand, the activities for Project Management include the conduct of coordination meetings and consultations, validation and monitoring of projects, generation of reports and the participation in local trade fairs. ❖

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The DIDP contingent was led by Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario and composed of Atty. Wendel Avisado (DIDP Executive Director), Engr. Grace Magalona (DIDP Acting Asst. Executive Director), Engr. Josie Jean Rabanoz (Davao del Norte PPEDO Department Head and DIDP Coordinator); and, Romulo Tagalo (Executive Assistant to Gov. del Rosario).

As of press time, the Legal Services Division of the DOH Central Office is studying the Draft Memorandum of Agreement submitted by the DIDP for the formalization of the DOH-DIDP partnership. ❖



(FROM LEFT) Romulo Tagalo, Engr. Grace Magalona, Engr. Josie Jean Rabanoz, Atty. Wendel Avisado, DOH Sec. Enrique Ona, Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario and DOH Asec. Romulo Busuego.

ROLL-OVER LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

By: Rhoderick A. Aviles

As of March 31, 2011, the total repayment funds of the DIDP Integrated Food Security Program (DIDP IFSP) have reached Php 10.8 Million. The said amount is the combined collection of the DIDP member-LGUs for the livelihood assistance under the Upland Farming Model Villages Project (UFMVP), Agro-Processing Promotion

Project (APPP), Alternative Livelihood Development Project (ALDP) and Fisherfolks' Livelihood Enhancement Project (FLEP) of the DIDP IFSP.

New livelihood projects are now in various stages of implementation within the Davao Region. There are 25 cooperatives/associations/LGUs which

have already qualified as new projects by the DIDP PMO. Of these, 11 are funded purely from the repayments, 1 from attribution, 5 from unutilized funds, and 8 from both repayments and unutilized funds. This number includes the new areas under the UFMVP, which has now expanded to 15 sites from the original 8 sites. ❖

BENEFICIARY	PROJECT	COST	SOURCE OF FUNDS
UPLAND FARMING MODEL VILLAGES PROJECT			
Davao Oriental			
1. Sergio Osmeña Rubber Association Brgy. Sergio Osmeña, Gov. Generoso	Upland Based Integrated Farming System (coffee, cacao, vegetables)	250,000.00	Unutilized funds
2. Don Mariano Marcos Rubber Association Brgy. Don Mariano Marcos, Lupon	Rubber-based Farming System	2,987,359.96	Unutilized funds
Subtotal		3,237,359.96	
Davao del Sur			
3. DISA Farmers MPC Brgy. Anonang, Bansalan	Agro-Forestry Development Project	1,750,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
4. Pasig Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and Upland Farmers MPC (PARBUF MPC) Brgy. Pasig, Kiblawan	Agro-Forestry Development Project	1,062,400.00	
Subtotal		2,812,400.00	
Island Garden City of Samal			
5. Tagluno Bayanihan Multi-Purpose Cooperative Sitio Tagluno, Brgy. Tagbitan-ag, Samal Dist., IGACOS	Agro-Forestry Model Farm Development Vegetable Production Livestock Development Capability Building	369,205.00 100,000.00 276,000.00 51,620.75	Unutilized funds
Subtotal		796,825.75	
Davao del Norte			
6. Samahan ng Magsasaka ng San Miguel MPC (SAMA SAMI) Brgy. San Miguel, San Isidro	Small Watershed Rehabilitation Agro-Forest Farm Development Livestock Production Capability Building	565,000.00 1,528,625.00 955,000.00 184,253.79	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		3,232,878.79	
Compostela Valley			
7. New Calape MPC Brgy. New Calape, Montevista	Cacao Production Rubber Production Capability Building	1,008,000.00 651,000.00 317,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		1,976,000.00	
TOTAL for UFMVP		12,055,464.50	
AGRO-PROCESSING PROMOTION PROJECT (APPP)			
Davao Oriental			
8. Baganga Rubber Planters Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BARPLAMCO) Sitio Dawis, Brgy. Central, Baganga	Completion of Crepe Rubber Sheet Process Building	350,000.00	Repayment
9. Mayo Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative Brgy. Mayo, Mati	Establishment of Cacao Agro-Processing Plant	750,000.00	Repayment
Subtotal		1,100,000.00	
Davao del Sur			
10. Pasig Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and Upland Farmers MPC (PARBUF MPC) Brgy. Pasig, Kiblawan	Banana Chips	400,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		400,000.00	
Island Garden City of Samal			
11. MataMata Farmers and Fisherfolks Association Matamata, Brgy. Camudmud, Babak District, IGACOS	Bagoong and Guso Processing	140,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		140,000.00	

BENEFICIARY	PROJECT	COST	SOURCE OF FUNDS
Compostela Valley			
12. Highlander Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries MPC Brgy. Baylo, Monkayo	Charcoal Making	700,000.00	Repayment
13. Katipunan Primary MPC Brgy. Katipunan, Nabunturan	Charcoal Making (Provision of Granulator)	700,000.00	Repayment
14. Pasian Livelihood Ladies Cooperative (PALLADCO) Brgy. Pasian, Monkayo	Food Processing (Meat and Vegetables)	300,000.00	Repayment
15. Mampising CARP Beneficiaries Cooperative, Inc. Brgy. Mampising, Mabini	Organic Fertilizer	500,000.00	Repayment
16.	Corn Husk	732,000.00	Repayment
Subtotal		2,932,000.00	
Digos City			
17. BMAN's Cooperative Brgy. Binaton, Digos City	Kaong Processing	570,000.00	Unutilized funds
Subtotal		570,000.00	
Panabo City			
18. PAHEMCO MPC Brgy. Sindaton, Panabo City	Organic Fertilizer	476,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		476,000.00	
Davao City			
19. Food Processors Association of Davao (FPAD) – 5 new processors Davao City	Food Processing	2,697,440.00	Repayment
Subtotal		2,697,440.00	
TOTAL for APPP		8,315,440.00	
FISHERFOLKS LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (FLEP)			
Davao del Sur			
20. Kooperatibang Mananahi sa Camucan (KMC) Brgy. Aplaya, Hagonoy	Garments Production (Purchase of Pipe Threading Machines)	120,000.000	Repayment
Subtotal		120,000.00	
Island Garden City of Samal			
21. Tambo Fishermen Association Brgy. Tambo, Babak District, IGACOS	Guso Production Expansion Project	193,617.00	Repayment
Subtotal		193,617.00	
Davao del Norte			
22. New Cortez Integrated Fish Farmers Association (NECOMISFA) Brgy. New Cortez, New Corella	Freshwater Hito and Tilapia Culture	224,000.00	Repayment
Subtotal		224,000.00	
Compostela Valley			
23. Upper Ulip Farmers MPC Cooperative (MMPC) Brgy. Upper Ulip, Monkayo	Financial Assistance for the Grow-out Culture of Pangasius sp. in Ponds	100,000.00	Unutilized funds + repayment
Subtotal		100,000.00	
Davao Oriental			
24. PLGU – Davao Oriental	Mangrove Plantation Establishment	360,000.00	Unutilized funds
Subtotal		360,000.00	
Tagum City			
25. CLGU – Tagum	Mangrove Reforestation and Desiltation of Tangcuan Creek	270,000.00	Attribution
Subtotal		270,000.00	
TOTAL for FLEP		1,267,617.00	

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Projects presented by Engr. Lorenzo Bermillo of DA RFU XI Engineering Division drew mixed reactions from the participants. Engr. Bermillo also presented the Memorandum from former OIC Secretary Bernie Fondévilla issued last June 2, 2010 which will be the basis of the revision of the MOA for the implementation of the CY 2011 FMR

Projects, which was likewise greeted by several concerns from the body. It was then suggested for the DIDP Board to pass a Resolution addressed to DA Secretary Proceso Alcala asking approval to continue using the CY 2010 format of the MOA in implementing the CY 2011 FMR Projects. An emergency meeting among the DIDP PMO, DA RFU XI and

DIDP LGU Coordinators was scheduled on March 11, 2011 at the DIDP PMO Office to further discuss the matter and outline DIDP's plan of action.

The meeting was facilitated by the DA RFU-XI technical staff and was formally adjourned at 4:30 PM. ❖