

Project Development Monitoring Fund (PDMF)

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STATUS:

As of 30 June 2004, a total of 68 pre-investments studies, master planning activities and capacity building programs worth PhP 23.898 M have been assisted; of which, 56 projects reached completion (82%).

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COMPLETED FEASIBILITY STUDIES

For the second quarter alone, four projects have been completed, namely:

- ◆ Capacity Building Program for 4th to 6th class LGUs (Region I).
- ◆ The Dabubu River Irrigation Project Feasibility Study (Region II).
- ◆ San Isidro Public Market cum Slaughterhouse last June (Region II).
- ◆ Feasibility Study Preparation on the Establishment of Municipal Grains Center, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur is completed. The project is now funded by AECI (Region XIII).

Twelve feasibility study projects are still in progress. Five are in the final stages of completion. These are:

- ◆ Engineering Geological and Geohazards Assessment (EGGA) for the Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Agri-Industrial Center. The revision of the EGGA is on-going and the final report is expected to be completed and approved within the third quarter of 2004 (Region IX).
- ◆ Sibuguey Valley Management Council (SVMC) Feasibility Study on the Proposed Rural Road Projects and Water Supply and Sanitation Projects. The Feasibility Study has been completed. However, these are still awaiting the final approval and endorsement from the SVMC (Region IX).
- ◆ FS on Agricultural Water Supply Improvement in Ajuy, Iloilo. The final report is under preparation (Region VI).



Dabubu River Irrigation Project. The project has been endorsed by the RDC 2 for funding or fund sourcing by the National Irrigation Administration-Central Office

Establishment of Municipal Grains Center, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur is 80% complete. The project is now funded by AECI (Region XIII).

TRAINING AND SEMINARS

The PDMF also supports trainings on project preparation and the conduct of pre-feasibility and feasibility studies. For the 2nd quarter, two of such activities were undertaken.

A Capacity Building Program for the 4th and 5th Class LGUs in Region 1 was conducted last June 8-11, 2004. A total of 62 participants from municipalities of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan attended the training.

In Region 3, the Central Luzon Project Development Assistance Center (CLPDAC) assisted five municipalities in developing and packaging their priority projects to full-blown proposals namely: Ylang-ylang Essential Oil Livelihood Project for Ano, Tarlac; PFS on Rehabilitation/ Improvement of Local Water System and Administration for Llanera, Nueva Ecija; Establishment of Feldspar Processing Plant for Laur, Nueva, Ecija; Construction of Pasac-Culcul Road and Bridges for Minalin, Pampanga; Flood Control masterplan for Licab, Nueva Ecija. A one-day follow-through resource mobilization seminar was conducted to help these LGUs understand the process and requirements in marketing their projects to both local and foreign investors.

TRAINING PROGRAM ON PROJECT EVALUATION

A Training Program in Project Evaluation was conducted last June 21 to 25, 2004 at the Sarabia Manor Hotel in Iloilo City. The training was organized by the NEDA-Regional Development Coordination Staff (RDSCS) headed by Director Marcelina E. Bacani. NEDA Regional Office VI (NRO VI) led by Director Truman T. Cainglet provided assistance in the administrative aspects of the program. The program forms part of NEDA-RDO activities under the PDMF that aims to strengthen the capacities of NEDA Regional Offices technical staff in evaluating projects, being one of their major tasks. A total of 38 participants attended the training.

Known experts in project evaluation and development both within and outside of NEDA were tapped as resource persons, namely: Engr. Antonio U. Navarro (Market Analysis), Assistant Director Jose S. Montero (Technical Analysis), Ms. Rena dela-Cruz Doña, Ph.D. (Financial and Economic Analysis), Ms. Josefina U. Esguerra (Social and Environmental Assessment), Director Victor E. S. Dato (Project Implementation), and OIC-Director Jonathan L. Uy (ICC Policies and Project Financing)

Assistant Regional Director Leon M. Dacanay, as overall Advisor and Facilitator, provided guidance on the content and flow of the training. He likewise delivered the Introductory Lecture.

Message from DDG Augusto B. Santos

Deputy Director-General Augusto B. Santos joined the activity on June 23. In his message, he said that capacity building activities are very relevant for RDO in view of the mandate of NROs as evaluators of region specific projects. He likewise provided participants to learn everything they can during the trainings because the skills and knowledge they obtain can be applied in whatever endeavor they may venture into.



FUND SOURCING

Aside from project preparation, The NEDA Regional Offices have been assisting LGUs in sourcing funding for their projects and in coordinating with the appropriate funding agencies to support their projects.

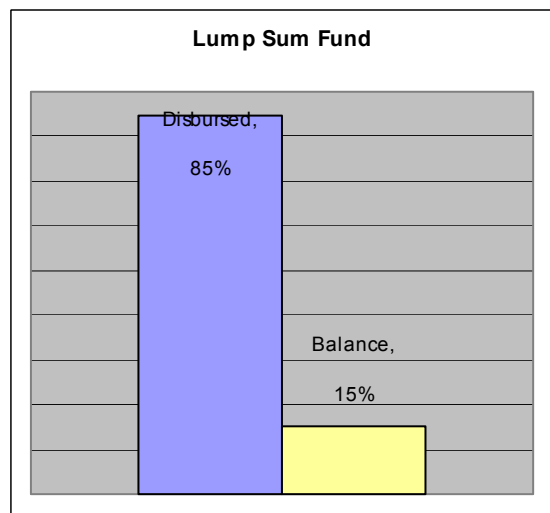
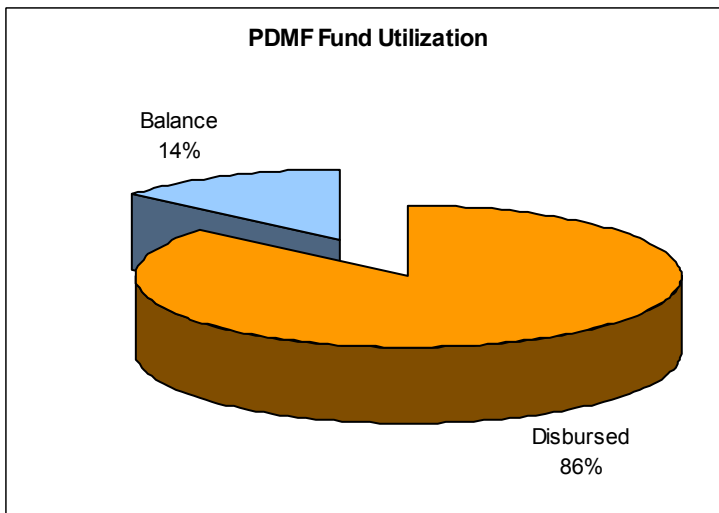
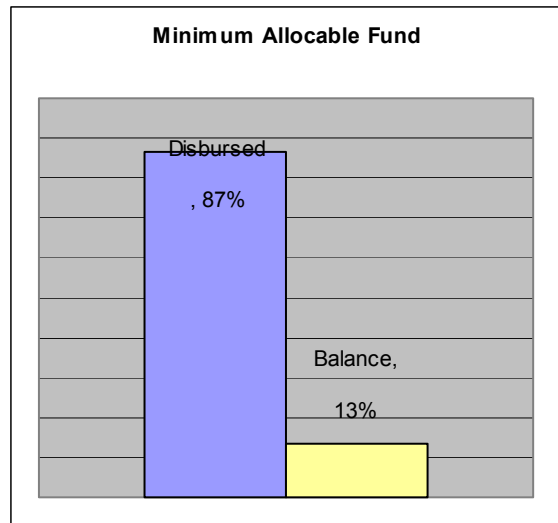
- The Dabubu River Irrigation Project was presented to regular RDC 2 business meeting for funding or fund sourcing by the National Irrigation Administration (Region II).
- The Municipality of San Isidro has applied for a loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines for the construction and operation of the public market. The LBP has committed to finance the project (Region II).
- The Libertad Municipal Government is exploring financing assistance for its municipal waterworks improvement project from the Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project (Region 10).
- NRO XI is eyeing Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to fund the Improvement of the Level III Water System of Sulop Municipality.

FUND UTILIZATION

As of the second quarter of 2004, disbursement was at 86% of the total funds or PhP 20.589 million. This marked a three percent increase from the previous quarter.

Only 13% of the funds released under the MAF¹ are yet to be disbursed. This is largely comprised of ARMM's share (PhP 1.097 M), which is expected to move once project bidding is completed. On the other hand, only 15% of the funds released under the LSF¹ are yet to be disbursed.

Fund Utilization for both MAF and LSF is expected to increase in the 3rd quarter as there are five projects currently in the final stages of completion.



¹The Minimum Allocable Fund comprises the share of NEDA Regional Offices and ARMM-RPDO from PDMF based on regional population and poverty incidence and the Lump Sum Fund is the equal share of NEDA Regional Offices of PhP 902,124.06 each. These funds were sourced from the 20th tranche of the Japan Fund For Increased Food Production Program in the Philippines (KR2).