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Special points of interest:

- **51 (75%) project development and master planning activities assisted through PDMF have been completed**
- **Eleven project development and master planning activities have been completed in the first quarter of 2004**

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Project Development and Monitoring Fund (PDMF)

Completed FS, Master Plans

A total of 68 pre-investments studies, master planning activities and capacity building programs worth Php 23.898 M have so far been assisted through the PDMF. Of these, 51 (75%) have been completed.

There are still 17 on-going projects under the PDMF, seven of which are in the final stages of completion. Eleven projects have been completed in the first quarter of 2004. Ten are under the First Tranche (Minimum Allocable Fund) and 1 under the Lump Sum Fund (LSF)¹. These projects are the following:

- Alogarat River Basin Watershed Feasibility Study (Region I).
- Establishment of CUMILOS Public Market Complex Feasibility Study (Region I).
- Anda Island Development Master Plan (Region I).
- Feasibility Studies on the Batanes Integrated Fisheries and Marine Resources Development (BIFMRD) (Region 2).
- Sto. Tomas Public Market (Region 2).

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**Existing Well 1 Tank, Libertad Municipal Waterworks
Libertad, Misamis Oriental, Region 10**

¹ The 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).

The first quarter marked a 7% increase in total disbursements as a significant number of projects were completed during the period

Completed FS, Master Plans

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- Feasibility Study on the construction and operation of selected RORO port passenger terminal facilities in Central Visayas (Region 7).
- Feasibility Study on the Improvement of Waterworks System in Libertad, Misamis Oriental (Region 10).
- Four (4) feasibility studies on water supply projects were completed and turned over to the four (4) LGU-PDMF beneficiaries (Region 12).

Fund Utilization

About 86% of the PhP 27.79 million budget for project development and master planning activities under PDMF has already been committed to LGUs. The remaining PhP 3.89 M is still available for similar activities in Regions CAR, III, V, VII, IX, XII, and XIII.

Total disbursements as of March 2004 amounted to PhP 19.842 M, or 83% of the total funds released to LGUs. This marked a seven percent increase from the previous quarter as a significant number of projects were completed during the period.

Only 14% of the funds released under the MAF 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 24% of the funds released under the LSF are yet to be disbursed. Fund Utilization for both MAF and LSF is expected to increase in the 2nd quarter as there are seven projects currently in the final stages of completion.

Project development activities that are in the final stage of implementation

- FS on the Dabubu River Irrigation Project, San Agustin, Isabela. The National Irrigation Administration Project Team is in the process of finalizing the Feasibility Study (Region II).
- FS on the construction of a Public Market cum Slaughterhouse, San Isidro, Isabela. The project team is now incorporating the revisions for the market, technical, and financial aspects of the report and is already finalizing FS. (Region II).
- FS on Agricultural Water Supply Improvement in Ajuy, Iloilo. The final report is under preparation (Region VI).
- FS on Coastal Resources Regeneration Program for LIPASECU, Antique. In the previous quarter, the printing of the final document was delayed due to late inputs & intervening activities in NRO 6. It is expected that the final document will be submitted next quarter (Region VI).

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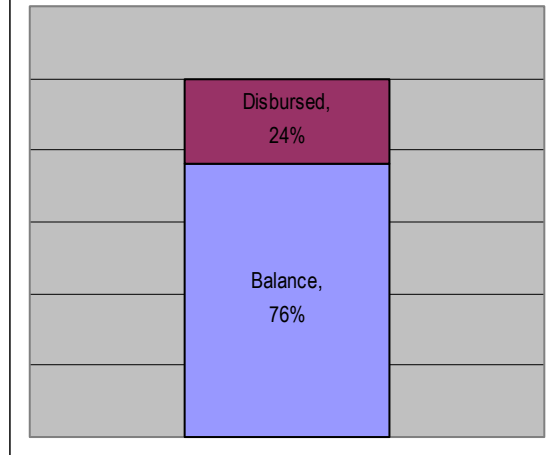
- Engineering Geological and Geohazards Assessment (EGGA) for the Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Agri-Industrial Center. The revision of the EGGA is still ongoing and the final report is expected to be completed and approved within the third quarter of 2004 (Region IX).
- Sibuguey Valley Management Council (SVMC) Feasibility Study on the Proposed Rural Road Projects and Water Supply and Sanitation Projects. The Feasibility Study has been completed and submitted to NRO IX. However, the FS is not yet formally considered as completed and final, pending the endorsement of the FS by the SVMC (Region IX).
- FS on the Establishment of a Farm Level Grain center in Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur. The project is on the final packaging of the FS final report (Region 13).

Other Accomplishments and Status of Project Studies

Among the substantial development in project activities during the 1st quarter of 2004 include the following:

- The PFS on the Establishment of Ylang-Ylang Essential Oil Project was submitted to a Netherlands company for funding (Region 3).
- The PFS on the Rehabilitation/ Improvement of the Llanera Water System and Administration was submitted to Local Water Utility Authority (LWUA) for evaluation and funding (Region 3).
- Completion of the initial review for the draft study report for the La CASSA Tourism Circuit Pre-Feasibility Study. The consultants are in the stage of incorporating the comments of NROIV-A (Region IV-A).
- Completion of the bidding process and issuance of the Notice to Proceed for the conduct of the project-Establishment of Rambutan-Kalamansi-Banana Processing Center in Oriental Mindoro (NRO-IV-B).
- Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ARMM-RPDO, beneficiary-LGUs and the consultancy firms that will undertake the preparation of the preparation of Master Development Plans

Fund Utilization , MAF



About 86% of the PhP 27.79 million budget for technical assistance under PDMF has already been committed to LGUs.

Fund Utilization, LSF

