

## **15<sup>TH</sup> CENTRAL LUZON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC 3)**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Semester 2017 to 1<sup>ST</sup> Semester 2018

#### **A. Socio-economic development/land use and physical planning**

- **Central Luzon Regional Development Plan, 2017 - 2022**

RDC 3 reviewed and approved the Central Luzon Regional Development Plan (CLRDP) 2017-2022. Following the development agenda of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, the plan highlights the role of the region in achieving the national overall goal of an inclusive growth, a high trust society, and a globally competitive knowledge economy. In the formulation of the plan, RDC 3 conducted stakeholder consultations through workshops which were attended by representatives of the various sectors of the region.

- **Climate Responsive Integrated Master Plan for Pampanga River Basin 2016-2030 was endorsed by the Pampanga River Basin Committee**

RDC 3's Pampanga River Basin Committee endorsed the Climate-Responsive Integrated Master Plan for Pampanga River Basin 2016-2030. The Master Plan covers five (5) thematic areas, namely: (i) Water Resources Management (ii) Watershed Management and Development, (iii) Wetland Management, (iv) Flood Mitigation, Hazard Management, and Climate Adaptation, and (v) Institutional Management. The master plan includes an investment program that contains the list of programs and projects that will realize the development goals and objectives envisioned for the basin.

#### **B. Policy Review and Recommendations**

- **Special Committee on Culture, Arts and Tourism (SCCAT)**

Recognizing the link of culture and tourism and the relevance of these sectors to development, RDC 3 approved the expansion of the functions of the Special Committee on Tourism (SCOT) to encompass development concerns pertaining to culture and the arts, subsequently renaming it to Special Committee on Culture, Arts and Tourism (SCCAT).

- **Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC)**

RDC 3 created a Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) as a permanent committee under the RDC 3 structure. Since its creation, RDC III –RGADC held two meetings, signed a partnership agreement with the Philippine Commission on Women and organized a GAD levelling session.

- **Increasing the penalties imposed against overloaded trucks and trailers**

The penalty imposed for overloading provided under RA 8794 was reviewed and was found not responsive in addressing overloading cases. Thus, RDC 3

endorsed a request to Congress to amend Section 6 of RA 8794 specifically to increase the penalties imposed on overloaded trucks and trailers.

- **Organized and Functional Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC)**  
RDC 3 recommended to the DILG the inclusion of an organized and functional LPMC as a sub-indicator of DILG's Seal of Good Local Governance. This is expected to facilitate the effective operation of a results monitoring and evaluation system at the local levels.

### **C. Project monitoring and evaluation**

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee monitored 31 ODA and locally-funded projects. Quarterly reports through the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) were prepared and submitted to the National Project Monitoring Committee for information and recommended actions to be taken.

Problem solving sessions (PSS) were held for projects encountering implementation issues such as the DPWH-implemented Dinalupihan-Hermosa-Lubao Flood Control Project in Bataan-Pampanga area.

Meetings, capacity building and geo-tagging activities for Local Project Monitoring Committees (LPMCs) of provinces and municipalities and Project Implementation Offices (PIOs) were also conducted.

### **D. Investment Programming**

- **Central Luzon Investment Program, 2017 - 2022**

Following the adoption of the CL Regional Development Plan, RDC 3 coordinated the formulation and subsequently approved the Central Luzon Investment Program (CLIP) 2017-2022. The CLIP translates the goals and objectives of the CL RDP into viable public sector programs, projects and activities intended to strengthen the role of Central Luzon in contributing to the attainment of the national vision of "Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay".

- **Review of Proposed 2018 and 2019 Agency Budgets**

Every year RDC 3 conducts review of proposed budgets of regional line agencies and state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the region. RDC 3 reviewed the proposed budget proposals of 20 regional line agencies (DENR III, DA III, BFAR III, DAR III, DPWH III, MGB III, EMB III, DTI III, DOT III, DOST III, DILG III, DOLE III, TESDA III, CHED III, DOH III, DepEd III, DSWD III, LTO III, NIA III, National Irrigation Administration -Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation System (NIA-UPRIIS)) and the 12 SUCs for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

The review focused on Tier 2 proposals of agencies and looked at the consistency and responsiveness of budgets to the desired sector outcomes and strategies as enunciated in the CLRDP 2017 -2022.

- **Project Review and Recommendations**

Four projects for Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding were reviewed and endorsed by RDC 3 in 2017. These included the following:

- a) Arterial Road Bypass Project (ARBP), Phase III of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
- b) Bridge Construction Acceleration Project (BCAP) for Socioeconomic Development – Austrian Assisted of DPWH for the following locations (Baler, Casiguran, & Dipaculao in Aurora; 4 projects in Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija; and, Sta. Maria, Bulacan);
- c) Central Luzon Component of the Lower Agno River Irrigation System Improvement Project (LARISIP) of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA);
- d) Establishment of the Center for Agri-Fisheries Mechanization Engineering Network Project of the Department of Agriculture - Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech); and
- e) Subic-Clark Railway Project of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority and the Department of Transportation.

The RDC III also reviewed and endorsed projects proposed for local funding including:

- a) Municipal Evacuation Center Project in Dinalungan, Aurora;
- b) Roads Leveraging Linkages of Industry and Trade (ROLL-IT) Convergence Program of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and DPWH;
- c) Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects Convergence Program of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and DPWH; and,
- d) Multi-Purpose/Emergency Evacuation Center of DPWH (Mexico and Lubao in Pampanga; and, Castillejos, Zambales)
- e) Metal Innovation Project of the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST)
- f) Center for Environmental Research Project of NEUST
- g) Regional Monitoring and Training Center for Hazards and Disaster Assessment and Geospatial, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Studies (MOCHAGERS) Project of Central Luzon State University (CLSU)
- h) Establishment of Biodiversity Center Project of CLSU
- i) Establishment of Climate Change Center Project of CLSU
- j) Development of Nanomaterial-based Point Care Tests Project of Angeles University Foundation (AUF)
- k) Manila Bay Bridge Construction Project for Inclusion in in the Agency Investment Program of the DPWH and Public Investment Program of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022

## **E. Meetings Held**

For the period 1st semester 2017 to 1st semester 2018, the Central Luzon Regional Development Council held six meetings as planned. The full council passed a total of 124 resolutions of which 47 were on budget proposals of regional line agencies and SUCs, 22 were related to plan and policy formulation, 23 on programs/projects and monitoring and evaluation, 9 on support to national government programs, and 23 on the creation of RDC committees, requests for memberships and the government center.