

## **Narrative Report on the Major Accomplishments of Regional Development Council MIMAROPA**

### **1. Regional Development Planning**

#### **a. Regional Physical Framework Plan (RPFP) 2016-2045**

Technical writeshops on MIMAROPA RPFP 2016-2045 were conducted on March 01 and May 21 at NEDA MIMAROPA

Conference Room to revisit and complete the initial drafts written by the NEDA MIMAROPA staff in preparation for the technical workshop with regional line agencies (RLAs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs).

#### **b. MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022**

The RDC, during its 4th quarter meeting held on December 13, 2016 in Marinduque, passed Resolution No. 2016-057-554 approving the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022. The RDC

Secretariat conducted provincial roadshows on the Philippine Development Plan and MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022 in the provinces of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro on August 23, Marinduque on August 30, Palawan on September 14, and Romblon on September 28.

The events were participated in by MIMAROPA stakeholders including government agencies, academe, youth, development partners, local media and civil society organizations. The RDP launching on August 23 was graced by the presence of NEDA Undersecretary Adoracion M. Navarro who highlighted the priority targets and strategies in the PDP and RDP 2017-2022.

#### **c. Regional Development Report (RDR)**

The RDC approved the 2016 RDR through Resolution No. 2016-057557. The RDR provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the RDP. The region's annual performance is evaluated based on the targets and results matrix of the MIMAROPA RDP 2017-2022. The assessment was prepared based on the annual accomplishment reports and sectoral reports of regional line agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, and private sector representatives.

NRO MIMAROPA facilitated the preparation of the 2017 Regional Development Report (RDR). A writeshop was conducted on April 05 at NEDA MIMAROPA Conference Room to formulate the draft 2017 RDR. The draft report was presented and reviewed during the second quarter sectoral committee meetings.

The RDC passed a resolution approving the 2017 RDR during its 2nd quarter meeting held on June 07 in Odiongan, Romblon. The 2017 RDR provides an

annual assessment of the implementation of the Regional Development Plan (RDP) relative to the updated targets and result matrices.

d. Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (RRP)

The Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan covers areas in the region affected by super typhoon Yolanda and other calamities. The plan aims to immediately restore normalcy, guided by the principles of “building back better” and turning the calamity into an opportunity to do something better.

The following activities were undertaken: a) prepared the macroeconomic analysis on the post disaster needs assessment of typhoon Nina for the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque and the MIAMROPA region; b) conducted series of consultations on the preparation of RRP for areas affected by typhoons Nona and Nina; and c) formulated the draft RRP for the said affected areas.

2. Policy Reviews and Recommendations

During the 1st semester, NEDA MIMAROPA reviewed and provided inputs to three policy proposals. These are:

- a. Position paper on mandatory creation of MENRO
- b. Senate Bill on NEDA Charter (February 14)
- c. Bills filed for the establishment of a Department of Culture (SB 1528 and HB 6113) (March 6)

The NRO MIMOROPA also prepared and submitted updates on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10879, s. 2016.

3. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

The Regional Project Monitoring Team (RPMT) composed of technical staff from NEDA, PMS, DBM, DILG, and private sector representatives conducted field monitoring visits in the provinces of Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Romblon, and Palawan. Projects visited were ones implemented by DPWH such as roads, bridges, and flood control structures; NIA irrigation projects; and school buildings, HFEP projects and Busuanga airport.

The team also conducted project facilitation meetings on the following: 1) NIA Small Irrigation Project in Buenavista, Marinduque and Aborlan, Palawan, 2) Yolanda damaged health facilities in Coron District Hospital and Culion Sanitatrium and General Hospital, 3) Yolanda Housing Projects in Palawan, DA Philippine Rural Development Project in Romblon, and various road projects in Sibuyan, Romblon. The activity was conducted to verify the on-site status of project implementation and facilitate resolution of issues that can be addressed at the ground level.

During the 1st quarter of 2018, the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) conducted two project monitoring visits. The major projects monitored were: Mindoro Island Circumferential Road Project (Abra de Ilog – Puerto Galera Section) connecting Oriental and Occidental Mindoro on January 24, 2018; Sibuyan Circumferential and Romblon Circumferential Roads in the Province of Romblon on February 26-March 2, 2018.

The RPMC also conducted problem solving session (PSS) on January 18, 2018 for major projects encountering problems in implementation. The PSS resulted to the immediate conduct of field validation of the reported issues by the implementing agencies. Another two problem solving sessions were conducted during field monitoring visits.

During the 2nd quarter, the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) MIMAROPA conducted two project monitoring visits in Lubang Island, Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan.

The MIMAROPA RDC prepared evaluation reports/comments on the following project proposals:

- a. Uraro starch processing container hub
- b. Upgrading of the processing facility of Matulatula Agrarian Reform Community Cooperative
- c. Upgrading of calamansi processing facilities of Pakyas Association of Rural Improvement Club
- d. Productivity enhancement for the production of seaweed and seaweed by-products
- e. Abaca Fiber Production for Sustainable Livelihood of Indigenous People (IPs) and the Same Time Abaca Farmers in the MIMAROPA region
- f. Proposed Calaiat Heritage Development Program submitted to Sec. Ernesto M. Pernia
- g. Provided comments/inputs in the BP Form C for the submitted project proposal of PCSD on Palawan Environmentally Critical Area Network Management Program.

NRO MIMAROPA prepared and consolidated inputs to the review of DOST MIMAROPA proposals for inclusion in the 2018 National Priority Plan (NPP) and also reviewed and provided comments on the feasibility study on the proposed School of Medicine in the Palawan State University.

#### 4. Other Significant Accomplishments

- a. Regional Government Center Management Committee (RGCMC)

The MIMAROPA RGCMC conducted benchmarking activity on January 11 at the Diosdado Macapagal Government Center (DMGC) in San Fernando City, Pampanga.

The benchmarking activity aims to acquaint the RGCMC members with the best practices and lessons learned from other regions with established and operational regional government centers. Various concerns regarding lot acquisition, space requirement, budgetary processes, and legal actions were discussed during the open forum.

The RGCMC, during its 1st quarter meeting held on January 17 at Max's Restaurant in Calapan City, passed the following resolutions to effectively advocate and support the establishment of the RGC:

- i. RGCMC Resolution No. 2018-001 approving the usufruct agreement between MIMAROPA RDC and Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro
- ii. RGC Resolution No. 2018-002 approving the terms of reference (TOR) for the procurement of consultancy services for the formulation of the MIMAROPA RGC master plan and architectural design.
- iii. RGCMC Resolution No. 2018-003 requesting DPWH MIMAROPA to provide funds for the backfilling of the MIMAROPA RGC site amounting to ₱60,000,000.00

During the meeting the RGCMC also reviewed the schemes for the establishment of the RGC and terms of reference for the hiring of consultant.

b. Advisory Committee (AdCom)

The Advisory Committee (AdCom) of the MIMAROPA RDC conducted its first meeting for the term 2016-2019 on May 30 at Montilla Hall, House of Representatives, Batasang Pambansa, Batasan Hills in Quezon City.

Discussed during the meeting were the fiscal year (FY) 2019 budget proposals of national government agencies (NGAs) and SUCs in MIMAROPA endorsed by the RDC during its 62nd Full Council meeting held on March 20 in Calapan City.

The following were also presented during the meeting:

- i. proposed DOT-Department of Public Works and Highways convergence projects in MIMAROPA per congressional district amounting to ₱6,010,693,547.14.
- ii. status of locally identified projects that cannot be funded from the resources of the local government units for possible funding and implementation by NGAs

- iii. action plans in addressing environmental issues in tourism destination areas in MIMAROPA particularly Puerto Galera (Oriental Mindoro) and El Nido and Coron (Palawan).

c. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> RDC-PSRs National Conventions

In 2017, seven (7) of 12 private sector representatives (PSRs) of the region participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> National convention of RDC-PSRs held on June 21-23 in Panglao, Bohol. The convention served as venue for generating awareness and support for Ambisyon Natin 2040 and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022.

In 2018, Six (6) of 12 PSRs of the region participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> National Convention of RDC-PSRs held on May 22-25 in General Santos City. The convention served as a venue to discuss peace and development through better governance.

d. Quarterly Regional Economic Situationer (QRES)

Four (4) quarterly regional economic situationers (QRES) were prepared in CY 2017. QRES is a preliminary and indicative assessment of the economic performance of the region using data on agriculture, tourism, mining, industry and environment, and other proxy indicators.

In 2018, the 1<sup>st</sup> QRES was disseminated during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter RDC full council meeting in Romblon.

e. Investment Programming and Budgeting

i. FY 2019 Budget Review

The MIMAROPA RDC conducted FY 2019 Budget Review during the first quarter RDC Sectoral Committee meetings held on February 06 to 09 at the Golden Phoenix Hotel Manila in Pasay City. It was participated in by various RDC sectoral committee member agencies, SUCs, PSRs, and chiefs of staff of MIMAROPA congressmen.

The RDC sectoral committees together with the chiefs of staff of MIMAROPA congressmen reviewed the FY 2019 budget proposals as presented by the regional directors and SUC presidents. During the fourday sector committee meetings, a total of thirty-nine regional agencies and six SUCs presented their FY 2019 budget proposals for endorsement by the RDC MIMAROPA.

## ii. RDC Endorsement of FY 2019 PPAs

The MIMAROPA RDC, during its 62nd Full Council meeting held on March 20 in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, endorsed the FY 2019 proposed priority programs, projects and activities (PPAs) of 31 MIMAROPA agency regional offices and six SUCs amounting to ₱123.04 billion for inclusion in the FY 2019 budget.

The FY 2019 proposed PPAs include Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects under the DOT-DPWH convergence and priority projects identified in the Local Development Investment Programs that cannot be funded from the resources of the LGUs. These priority projects cover Health Facilities Enhancement Program of DOH, Farm-to- Market Roads of DA, SALINTUBIG Program of DILG, Communal Irrigation System of NIA, Level III Water Supply System of LWUA, and Local Roads and Bridges Program of DPWH.

## iii. Budget Implementation

A budget implementation report was prepared to compare the RDC endorsed budget of AROs and SUCs with the actual budget approved in the GAA in 2015-2017.

During the 62nd RDC Full Council meeting and RDC AdCom meeting, the RDC sectoral committee chairpersons presented the budget utilization rates and percent share to national agency budget of selected member agencies of the development administration, economic development, infrastructure development, and social development committees.