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MEMORANDUM

F O R : Director Remedios S. Endencia
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SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF INPUTS TO THE FY 2019 BUDGET HEARING**

D A T E : August 6, 2018

We are submitting the following inputs to the FY 2019 Budget Hearing in compliance to your memorandum dated July 30, 2018:

1. Possible Issues and Concerns That May Be Raised by Congressmen and Senators During the CY 2019 NEDA Budget Hearing

Based on responses from key staff members of Region VI representatives in the Upper and Lower Houses of Congress, they have no issues about the NEDA. Senator Franklin Drilon remains keen on strengthening the role of the RDCs because he experienced having projects approved for the region even without the RDC endorsement.

2. Major RDC Accomplishments in CY 2017 up to 1st Semester of CY 2018:

A total of 122 Resolutions, 90 in CY 2017 and 32 for the 1st semester of CY 2018 were passed by the Regional Development Council. These resolutions endorsed major development programs and projects, policy proposals for consideration by national government agencies, etc.

Regional Development Planning

The RDC through the Development Administration Committee (DAC) and Regional Land Use Committee (RLUC) reviewed the various chapters of the RDP and RDIP relevant to their sectors and endorsed its approval to the RDC. The RDC-VI approved the Western Visayas Regional

Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022 and the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022.

Results Matrices were generated, consolidated and distributed to regional line agencies for review and enhancement. The RMs will be the tool to track the accomplishments of agencies vis-à-vis the sector targets set in the RDP.

The Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP), an important document linking the Regional Development Plan (RDP) to the annual budgeting process that translates goals, targets and strategies in the plan into proposed programs, projects and activities towards realizing the vision was approved for adoption and advocacy by the RDC VI full Council last Dec. 8, 2017 through RDC-VI Resolution No. 80, Series of 2017.

In the formulation of the RDIP, several consultations and validation workshops were undertaken, Sectoral Consultation Workshops was conducted for the four sectors (Economic, Social, Infrastructure and Development Administration) last Oct. 19 – Nov. 6, 2017 and the Multi-stakeholders' Validation Workshop last Nov. 14, 2017.

Representatives from major regional line agencies, local government units, Office of Congressional Representatives, and state universities and colleges reviewed the draft RDIP and came up with the top ten priority programs, projects and activities per chapter, per sector and per province. The outputs of the Multi-stakeholders' Validation Workshop were presented during the review and endorsements of the RDC sector committees last November 16, 2017 during the Infrastructure Development Committee meeting, November 20, 2017 of the Social Development Committee, November 21, 2017 of the Economic Development Committee, and November 24, 2017 of the Development Administration Committee.

Printed copies of the RDP and e-copies of the RDIP were distributed to the members of the RDC-VI in March and June, 2018 and uploaded to the NEDA VI website.

With support from NEDA and DOST (as the secretariat of the R&D Committee), the RDC conducted forum on April 27, 2018 to generate inputs for the preparation of the Regional R&D Agenda. The Forum was intended to review the RDP chapters and come up with relevant research agenda for each chapter of the RDP that would be responsive to the challenges, targets and strategies identified in the Plan chapter. It is also a venue to harmonize with the agenda of the different consortia in the R&D Committee and the National Research and Development Agenda. The R&D Committee of the RDC is currently processing and consolidating the

inputs to come up with the Western Visayas Research Agenda for adoption and approval by the RDC.

Policy Reviews and Recommendations

The DAC reviewed various issues and concerns on development planning and local governance for endorsement to the RDC. These include the approval of the RDP and RDIP, activation of the Local Project Monitoring Committees (LPMCs) and inclusion of LPMCs as one of the indicators for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) and to include as additional SGLG criteria the implementation of the Expanded SSS Self-Employed Program to Contractual and Job Order Personnel by the LGUs, strengthening of the Local Development Councils (LDCs) and enhanced representation of the LDCs at the Regional Development Council.

The DAC also requested various LGUs to facilitate the provision of lots for the construction of jail in their respective jurisdiction to minimize congestion in district jails and to provide assistance to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in securing donation for an appropriate vehicle to support the transport of inmates in BJMP-managed jails in their respective jurisdictions. Likewise, the BJMP and the provincial governments managing provincial jails in the region to establish separate rehabilitation areas for male, female and youth inmates/offenders.

The RLUC reviewed the policies related to land use conversion and reclassification which led to the following actions: Recommended to DA and DAR to streamline their documentary requirements for reclassification and conversion of agricultural lands; requested DENR and NCIP to provide maps delineating their respective jurisdictions to LGUs and Land Use Committees; NIA to conduct sector studies identified in the FS of the PRBIDP first to serve as guide in the preparation of the final design and detailed engineering of the irrigation dams, canals and floodways; requested DPWH to fund the updating of the Cogon-Hamulauon Floodway Feasibility Study.

The RDC prepared a position paper on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) and presented during the RDCOM Meeting. The position paper advocated for the retention of the minimum age of criminal responsibility to above 15 years old vis-à-vis the proposal of lowering it 9 years old.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation

The RDC, through the RPMC, conducted the 1st Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Regional Forum last May 19, 2017 which focused on the salient features of the Government Procurement Reform Act and its Revised (2016) Implementing Rules and Regulations and the guidelines

and grounds for blacklisting, suspension and termination of projects for an effective monitoring of on-going and completed programs and projects in the region.

A total of 125 projects were monitored and validated in CY 2017 (63 regular projects and 62 Yolanda projects) and 44 projects (26 regular projects and 18 Yolanda projects) during the 1st semester of 2018.

To fast track the implementation of ongoing projects facing bottlenecks and to address other pressing concerns in the region, twelve problem-solving sessions/coordination meetings were conducted by the RPMC in 2017 and 10 problem-solving sessions/coordination meetings during the 1st semester of 2018.

Among the concerns that were addressed were those related to Yolanda livelihood projects, Villasiga Hydropower Project in Antique, Drainage Project in Iloilo City, anti-truck overloading operations in Iloilo and Negros Occidental, quarrying issues in Iloilo, operationalizing PPA's under-utilized Himamaylan Port in Negros Occ., issuance of locational clearance for the Manoc-Manoc Port Dev't Project in Malay, Aklan, regulating the hauling/transport and use of coal ash as site development material, mitigating the adverse environmental effects of the civil works of DPWH's esplanade projects, transfer of MIWD transmission pipes along DPWH's road/bridge widening projects and hospital waste management issues

Other Significant Accomplishments in Regional Development

In CY 2017, the RDC VI endorsed to Agency Central Offices, CHED, DBM and Congress the CY 2018 proposed budget for WV amounting to Php 97.84 Billion of the 23 regional line agencies and Php 7.14 Billion of the 8 SUCs. The Council also facilitated the conduct of an Advisory Committee Meeting on May 9, 2017 in Batasang Pambansa where the proposed programs and projects of the RLAs and SUCs for 2018 were presented.

To honor the most competitive cities and municipalities in the region, the 1st Recognition Ceremony for Competitive Local Government Units (LGUs) of the Regional Development Council VI (RDC-VI) was conducted last December 12, 2017 at the Iloilo Grand Hotel, Iloilo City. The annual CMCI survey is spearheaded by the Regional Investment and Competitiveness Coordination Committee (RI3C) of the RDC-VI. A total of 57 plaques of recognition were received by 37 local chief executives/representatives.

For CY 2018, the Council endorsed to Agency Central Offices, CHED, DBM and Congress, the CY 2019 proposed budget for WV amounting to P154.6 billion for the 24 regional line agencies and P7.6 billion for the 12

SUCs. The Regional Advisory Committee meeting was facilitated last May 29, 2018, at the Speakers' Social Hall in BatasangPambansa. It was participated by 14 Congress Persons and their representatives together with the RDC Chairpersons of Sector Committees, LGUs and PSRs. The major agenda include the presentation of on-going and proposed projects of DOTr and DPWH for Western Visayas and the highlights of workshop for the preparation of the Boracay Action Plan.

The RDC through the RGADC conducted a conducted a Forum on "Breaking Barriers" where we invited women who excelled in men-dominated sectors for them to share their experiences, the challenges and how they were able to triumph. This is in line with the celebration of the Women's Month in March under the theme "We Make Change Work for Women".

The RDC also spearheaded the PDP launching which was conducted on July 14, 2017 at the Cinema 1 of SM City. This was attended by more than 600 participants from the RLAs, LGUs, SUCs, private sector who committed to do their share in achieving the goals and strategies of the PDP. ASEC Mercedita A. Sombilla discussed the AmbisyonNatin 2040 as the long term vision of the country and the PDP 2017-2022.

During the 3rd quarter meeting of the RDC in Kalibo, Aklan on September 8, 2017, local volunteerism recognition was awarded to 6 volunteers/organizations for their exemplary contributions that are worth emulating. The Annual Search for Outstanding Volunteers is spearheaded by PNVSCA. The Regional Search Committee was chaired by NEDA with the following members: DILG, PIA, CSC and an RDC PSR.

In commemoration of the Violence Against Women and Children every November to December, the RDC spearheaded the conduct of the Forum entitled "Gender-based Violence in the Context of Disasters" on Novemebr 27, 2018 where Dr. Judy Taguiwalo, former DSWD Secretary was the main discussant.

For the information, education and advocacy on RDP 2017-2022, 2 Provincial Roadshows were conducted in the provinces of Iloilo (June 18) and Guimaras (June 29, 2018).

Kindly acknowledge receipt.


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