

NEDA Regional Office 7 (Central Visayas)  
Report of Major RDC Accomplishments, CY 2017 and S1 2018

1. Regional Development Planning

Central Visayas Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 Preparation. The RDC coordinated the preparation of the Central Visayas Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022. As part of the plan preparation activities, sectoral and provincial consultations were conducted in order to ensure maximum stakeholders' participation in the crafting of the region's blueprint for development in the next 6 years. The plan was also discussed extensively in the meetings of the four RDC sectoral committees. The Central Visayas RDP, 2017-2022 follows the outline of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP). It consists of 21 chapters that discuss in broad strokes the region's strategies in pursuing the development thrusts of the Duterte Administration. The Central Visayas RDP, 2017-2022 was approved by the Central Visayas RDC in February 2017 through RDC Resolution No. 4 (s. 2017). Printed copies of the RDP were distributed during the formal launching of the Plan in Cebu City. The Plan has also been posted in the NEDA7 and RDC7 websites.

RDP 2017-2022 Results Matrix. Following the approval by the Central Visayas RDC of the RDP, the RDC came up with the RDP 2017-2022 Results Matrices (RM). The RM contains the RDP outcome indicators and the corresponding annual sectoral targets grouped according to the chapters of the Plan. The RM, which is an accompanying document of the regional plan, serves as the primary instrument to operationalize and monitor the progress in the attainment of the RDP development objectives. The Central Visayas RDC approved the RDP 2017-2022 Results Matrices in December 2017 through RDC Resolution No. 70.

2. Policy Reviews and Recommendations

The Central Visayas RDC endorsed the proposal of the Calabarzon Regional Development Council for the inclusion of a functional Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC) as sub-indicator of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). The Central Visayas RDC hoped that this would encourage LGUs to organize and institutionalize their respective LPMCs, thereby facilitating project implementation. The move would also strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of projects at the LGU level.

3. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

NEDA7, as Secretariat of the RDC and the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC), developed the Project Information Management (PIMS), a web application to monitor the status of ongoing projects in the region. PIMS enables the public to view project profiles and status of implementation via the Internet. Project status can also be updated by implementing agencies online, thus, eliminating the submission of hard copies of status reports. The system is also capable of generating project reports by agency, fund source, status, sector and location, with graphical representation.

Five regional line agencies (DILG 7, DTI 7, DOH 7, DENR 7 and DPWH 7) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with RDC 7 for the use of the PIMS. The MOA with DSWD 7 is in process. The preparation of a User Manual has also started and is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2018. As of end of June 2018, the five mentioned agencies have inputted a combined total of 2,771 ongoing Yolanda Rehabilitation Projects and 2,575 GAA-funded projects in the PIMS.

From January 2017 to June 2018, the RPMC through its project monitoring team, conducted site visits to 94 ongoing projects regionwide. These projects were mostly Yolanda and Bohol earthquake rehabilitation and restoration projects, and GAA-and ODA-funded projects of different implementing agencies.

To facilitate project implementation by addressing implementation bottlenecks, the RPMC conducted Project Facilitation Meetings (PFM) for the access road leading to the new Passenger Terminal Building of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport, and the road upgrading/bridge/flood control projects of DPWH 7 with high negative slippages. By bringing together the concerned agencies, offices and LGUs in these meetings, the RPMC helped clarify implementation issues, recommended appropriate actions by the concerned agency/office.

A training on monitoring and evaluation was also conducted by the RPMC for participants from the Local Project Monitoring Committees in the provinces of Negros Oriental and Siquijor during the last quarter of 2017. The training aimed to reorient the local project monitors on the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) concepts, objectives, processes, forms and measurement tools, and share practical tips on conducting project site visits and project facilitation meetings.

#### 4. Other Significant Accomplishments Related to Regional Development

The RDC was able to rally the support of concerned central offices in harmonizing the programs, activities and projects (PAPs) of regional line agencies, to focus on priority agriculture commodities based on DA's Value Chain Analysis (VCA) reports. The provincial LGUs of Siquijor, Bohol and Cebu prepared their respective Provincial Commodity Investment Plans (PCIPs) for adoption by DA and other national line agencies. Some of the identified subprojects in the PCIPs have found their way into the budget proposals of DA, DPWH, DAR and NIA.

The RDC was instrumental in having research proposals of SUCs funded by DOST and CHED. In 2017, two of the proposals endorsed by the RDC to DOST were funded: 1) the Institutional Capability Building of the Biodiversity, Environmental and Natural Resources Research Center of the Cebu Technological University (CTU); and 2) the Establishment of a Niche Center on Environmental Informatics in Central Visayas of the University of the Philippines Cebu (UP Cebu). Proposals from Higher Education Institutions submitted to CHED for funding under its K to 12 Transition Program, did not require RDC endorsement.

NEDA7, through the RDC-Economic Development Committee, continued its coordinative work with other regional line agencies in providing technical and financial assistance to the coffee growers in the town of Tuburan, Cebu. What started as a DENR-National Greening Program in the town, has now become an income-generating business for coffee growers. This was the result of collaborative efforts of the Municipal Government, DENR, DA, ATI, DAR, DSWD, CDA, DOST, Cebu Technological University, DTI and local businessmen.