

Newsletter Articles

4th Quarter CY 2015 RPMES Accomplishment Report¹

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The Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) has reviewed and consolidated progress monitoring reports of projects implemented in the region by the national government agencies. Among the projects monitored include projects under the DOT-DPWH Convergence Program, Strengthening, Upscaling and Mainstreaming International Migration and Development (SUMMID) in Calabarzon Project, Public-Private Partnership for School Infrastructure (PSIP) Project, Calabarzon Regional Government Center (RGC), among others.

The RPMC conducted its first quarter meeting on 23 February 2016. The major agenda items that were discussed include updates on the implementation status of the following projects and activities: a) First Quarter Field Monitoring Report; b) Calabarzon Project Monitoring System Updates; c) DOT-DPWH Convergence Project Map; d) PSIP Phase 1 Project Completion Report; e) Roadmap to Address the Impact of El Nino; f) Updates on Local Project Monitoring Committee Creation/Activation; g) Migration and Development Initiatives; and h) RGC Updates.

The Committee approved the following: a) Post-Evaluation Report on "Enhancing Production and Profitability of Market-Oriented Organic Vegetables in Calabarzon Project"; b) 2016 RPMC Priority Activities; and c) Monitoring and Evaluation Planning Workshop. The committee likewise adopted the 2016 RPMC Accomplishment Report.

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¹ Initial RPMES Report for the 1st Quarter 2016

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RPMC Conducted Field Monitoring of the SUMMID Project in Calabarzon
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The Regional Project Monitoring Team (RPMT) of Calabarzon Region conducted a four-day field monitoring of the Strengthening, Upscaling & Mainstreaming International Migration & Development In Calabarzon (SUMMID) Project on 12-15 January. The RPMT visited the One-Stop Migration and Resource Centers (OSMRCs) in the 5 Calabarzon provinces to verify their status and identify issues on their operations. The team was composed of representatives from DILG, DBM and the Private Sector Representative of the Regional Development Council. The NEDA technical secretariat coordinated and assisted in the conduct of said monitoring activity.

The Team focused on the four key result areas (KRAs) namely: a) KRA 1 – Guide on mainstreaming migration and development into local development plans; b) KRA 2 – Database of Overseas Filipinos in all the provinces developed, pilot-tested and implemented; c) Migration & Development Committees and Councils in the five provinces established; and d) KRA 4 – Engagement with OFs and their families in the mobilization of migrant resources such as investment promotion and entrepreneurship.

Notable observations of the Regional Project Monitoring Team include: a) limited database of OFs and their families; b) limited data exchange between the province and partner agencies; c) OSMRCs are lodged under different departments across provinces; d) budget and operational constraints; and e) difficulty in getting information on the amount of investments.

The RPMT recommended the following: a) inclusion of migration and development initiatives as a distinct part in the Provincial Development Physical

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Framework Plan and Annual Investment Program/Provincial Development Investment Program to ensure regular budget allocation; b) communication and advocacy on best practices and success stories; c) establishment of city/municipal migrant desks and cascading M&D in the barangay level; d) strengthening participation and involvement of SUCs, private sectors, partner agencies in M&D.

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