

Third Quarter CY 2016 RPMES Accomplishment Report

RPMC Conducts Third Quarter Meeting

The RPMC conducted its third quarter meeting on 16 August 2016 at NEDA-RDC Conference Room in Calamba City. The major agenda items that were discussed include updates on the following projects and activities: a) Calabarzon Project Monitoring System; b) Monitoring and Evaluation Fund; c) Monitoring Plan for Third Quarter; d) Philippine Rural Development Project; e) La Nina Projects; f) Great Women 2 Project; g) Health Facilities Enhancement Project; h) Senior High School Implementation; i) Bottom-Up Budgeting Project; and j) LPMC Reorganization/Reactivation.

The Committee approved the following: a) LPMC Monitoring of ER 1-94 Projects and KR2 Action Plan and Recommendations; b) Post Evaluation of DOLE Projects; c) Supporting the Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team Resolution on the continued implementation of BUB; and d) Resolution expressing RPMC/RDC's empathy and support to DILG IV-A Regional Director Renato Brion.

The committee likewise adopted the Tourism Mapping Workshop & Field Monitoring Reports and confirmed PSR Ladislao Andal as member of the RPMC.



The RPMC 3rd quarter meeting was well attended by guests from implementing agencies.

The NEDA Monitoring and Evaluation Fund

According to former NEDA Secretary Arsenio Balisacan, the neglect for impact evaluation studies in the past had resulted into the failure of several programs to achieve their development goals¹. Thus, the NEDA IV-A joined the nationwide call to undertake impact evaluations to determine the effectiveness of various government projects by taking part on the implementation of the P200M Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Fund for 2016. The Fund will finance various studies nationwide using rigorous evidence from impact evaluation studies to design effective policies out of the successes and lessons learned from project implementation. Such undertaking will also determine if the government programs and projects contributed in reducing poverty incidence in the region and cut down on projects that are found to be not effective at all.

Four proposals of the NEDA Region IV-A were approved under the M&E Fund. Three of these are impact evaluation studies that will be conducted for Batangas Port Phase II Project, Laguna De Bay Strengthening and Community Participation Project and Marikina-Infanta Road Project. An ex-post evaluation study will be conducted for the SUMMID Calabarzon Project. The projects were selected based on the following criteria: a) high-impact projects, b) high-funded projects, c) requiring additional budget, d) high-potential for replicability, and e) high-potential for lessons learned.

The NEDA Region IV-A will continue to work on the said impact and ex-post evaluation studies by conducting capacity building activities, consultancy services, inter-agency consultations and project calls. Furthermore, the results of the studies will be used in formulating a more responsive regional development plans thus carrying out its mission as the lead agency for the monitoring and evaluation of regional projects for their efficient and effective implementation.

¹ Government Neglect of Impact Evaluation of Development Projects Led to Failures, Philippine Daily Inquirer, retrieved: www.business.inquirer.net (2014)

cPMS CALABARZON PROJECT MONITORING SYSTEM

By the Numbers...

- **1st** Online Regional Project Monitoring System implemented by the NEDA Calabarzon
- **1** of the banner projects of the Calabarzon RDC for 2016
- **36** regional line agencies, LGUs and PSRs supported the launching of cPMS during CY2016 RDC First Quarter Full Council Meeting
- **41** participants (agencies/LGUs) trained during the cPMS technical launching
- **237** projects uploaded (draft, submitted, published) on the system as of 15 August 2016

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