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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM** : **THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
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**SUBJECT** : **UPDATES AND PLANS FOR RISK RESILIENCY PROGRAM  
THROUGH CASH-FOR-TRAINING AND WORK (RRP-CFTW)  
FY 2024 IMPLEMENTATION AS OF 30 APRIL 2024**

**DATE** : **02 MAY 2024**

This is concerning the implementation of DSWD Field Office Caraga's **Risk Resiliency Program through Cash-for-Training and Work (RRP-CFTW)** dubbed as project LAWA at BINHI or Local Adaptation to Water Access and Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for the Impoverished. This is to provide you with updates on the said implementation, as of April 30, 2024, to wit;

1. Preparatory consultation and orientation with the Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay (P/C/M/B) Technical Working Group (TWG) members for the proposed projects and activities and target recipient LGUs were done starting on 11 January 2024 until the first week of March, 2024. These are the details:

Province	Number of Target LGUs	Date of Preparatory Consultation and Orientation	Agreements Reached/ Recommendations
Agusan del Norte	5	Provincial TWG – Jan. 11, 2024; Municipal TWGs – Feb. 21-28, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To revise the project proposal, MOA contents, breakdown of allocation, MER baseline data, and implementation plan based on the current guidelines and focus</li> <li>To list down the dates for project site validation activities</li> <li>To lobby, conduct orientation and coordination meetings with National Government Agencies</li> </ul>
Agusan del Sur	5	Provincial TWG – Jan. 11, 2024 Municipal TWGs – Feb. 26, 2024	
Province of Dinagat Islands	5	Provincial TWG – Jan. 11, 2024 Municipal TWGs – Mar. 6, 2024	

Surigao del Norte	5	Provincial TWG – Jan. 11, 2024 Municipal TWGs – Feb. 23, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for possible convergence and support</li> </ul>
Surigao del Sur	5	Provincial TWG – Jan. 11, 2024 Municipal TWGs – Feb 21-28, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct LGU forum cum Regional Strategic Planning Workshop after the conduct of National Strategic Planning Workshop to relay and capacitate the TWG about the Cash-for-Training modules and new implementation guidelines</li> </ul>

2. The project proposals of the five (5) provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur were revised based on the current guidelines and focus and these were submitted to DRMB with proposal summary and endorsement from DRMD Team and our Regional Director on 16 January 2024.
3. Lobbying of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to the PTWG through their respective Provincial Focal was done since December, 2023. However, due to the amended implementation guidelines issued by DSWD Secretary dated 19 January 2024, the office initiated the revision of the contents and provisions of the MOA concordant with the said directives, thrusts, and priorities. This document was returned by the legal section upon perusal with review inputs on 14 March 2024 and this was later enhanced and endorsed to our target PLGUs through their focal person on 18 May 2024 for the issuance of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution authorizing their Provincial Governor to forge with DSWD. As of today, the province of Surigao del Sur has submitted its signed MOA, and the remaining provinces have the following status:

Province	Status/Updates	Remarks
Agusan del Norte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already issued with SP Resolution</li> <li>• Already at the office of the Governor for his signature</li> </ul>	Provincial Focal to follow up progress on May 2, 2024
Agusan del Sur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put on hold due to pending approval of the request for exemption of PLGU from project LAWA implementation</li> <li>• A letter request for the exemption was endorsed by DRMD on April 25, 2024 to DRMB through the National Program Focal</li> </ul>	Regional Focal to follow up progress on May 2, 2024
Province of Dinagat Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already issued with SP Resolution</li> <li>• Already at the office of the Governor for his signature</li> </ul>	Provincial Focal to follow up progress on May 2, 2024
Surigao del Norte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already issued with SP Resolution</li> <li>• Already at the office of the Governor for his signature</li> </ul>	Provincial Focal to follow up progress on May 2, 2024

4. Joint Field Office and P/C/M/BLGU project site validations in the five (5) provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur were done. The said activity started on 29 February 2024 up to 18 April 2024 and here are the details per province:

Province	Name of Target LGUs	No. of Recipient Brgys.	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount of Assistance	Date of Project Site Validation
Agusan del Norte	Buenavista	5	551	4,077,400.00	21 Mar 2024
	Jabonga	3	303	2,242,200.00	12 Mar 2024
	Las Nieves	3	334	2,471,600.00	11-12 April 2024
	Santiago	2	200	1,480,000.00	15 Mar 2024
	Tubay	4	253	1,872,200.00	15-17 April 2024
Agusan del Sur	Esperanza	3	514	3,803,600.00	06 May 2024*
	Loreto	2	409	3,026,600.00	10 May 2024*
	San Luis	2	321	2,375,400.00	08 May 2024*
	Sibagat	2	269	1,990,600.00	07 May 2024*
	Talacogon	2	320	2,368,000.00	09 May 2024*
Province of Dinagat Islands	Basilisa	2	240	1,776,000.00	16 Apr 2024
	Cagdianao	2	201	1,487,400.00	15 Apr 2024
	Dinagat	1	106	784,400.00	15 Apr 2024
	Libjo	2	222	1,642,800.00	18 Apr 2024
	Tubajon	1	90	666,000.00	17 Apr 2024
Surigao del Norte	Gigaquit	3	360	2,664,000.00	07 Mar 2024
	Mainit	4	446	3,300,400.00	05 Mar 2024
	Malimono	2	310	2,294,000.00	06 Mar 2024
	San Benito	2	99	732,600.00	29 Feb 2024
	Tagana-an	8	300	2,220,000.00	08 Mar 2024
Surigao del Sur	Barobo	1	367	2,715,800.00	12 Mar 2024
	Bayabas	1	87	643,800.00	15 Mar 2024
	Hinatuan	2	402	2,974,800.00	12-13 Mar 2024
	Lanuza	2	203	1,502,200.00	14 Mar 2024
	Lingig	2	423	3,130,200.00	13 Mar 2024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25 LGUs</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>54,242,000.00</b>	* for BINHI only

5. Areas covered for project site validation were at 100% accomplishment rate or 25 LGUs out of 25 for the five (5) target provinces in the region at 2-3 barangays per LGU. This totals to 45 identified project sites for LAWA and 99 for project BINHI. Here are the details per target province:

Province	Number of Target MLGUs	Number of Target Recipient Barangays	Number of Target Beneficiaries	Number of project LAWA to be implemented*	Number of project BINHI to be implemented*
Agusan del Norte	5	17	1,641	20	25
Agusan del Sur	5	12	1,833	-	12
Dinagat Islands	5	8	859	8	13
Surigao del Norte	5	19	1,515	6	27
Surigao del Sur	5	8	1,482	11	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>99</b>

\* Project sites

6. The selected six (6) participants from DRMD Team attended the National Strategic Planning Workshop on 18-22 March 2024 at Koronadal City, South Cotabato, and are oriented on the recalibrated modules, and processes that were discussed during the activity for a smooth and successful implementation of the program.
7. The DRMD Division Chief, Disaster and Rehabilitation Section Head, and RRP Focal person conducted coordination meetings with the following OBSUs to explore additional avenues for collaboration in the implementation of RRP-CFTW's project LAWA at BINHI:

Date	Activity	Name of concerned OBSUs oriented/ coordinated	Agreements Reached/ Recommendations
26 Mar 2024	Regional Multi-sectoral Forest Protection Committee (RMFPC) 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting	DENR, PIA, CDA, BCWD, MGB, PNP, PPA, AFP, Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For information</li> <li>• To explore areas for complementation of PAPS</li> </ul>
02 Apr 2024	Regional Disaster Response Committee (RDRC) 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting	DENR, DTI, DA, PIA, DICT, DILG, DOLE, OCD, DOH, DPWH, DOST-PAG-ASA, DFA, PNP, PPA, PCG and AFP Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For information</li> <li>• To explore areas for complementation of PAPS</li> </ul>
08 Apr 2024	Coordination Meeting with Regional Program Coordinators	SLP, EPAHP, NHTS-PR of DSWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment of SLP to provide seed capital to 60 eligible beneficiaries in Surigao del Sur</li> <li>• Commitment of EPAHP to help in market linkage of RRP partner beneficiaries' products</li> <li>• Commitment of NHTS-PR to crossmatch LGU-endorsed RRP partner-beneficiaries master to database</li> </ul>
12 Apr 2024	Coordination Meeting with the Regional Program and Marketing Coordinators for Rural Agro-Industrial Partnership for Inclusive Development (RAPID)	DTI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide sustainable interventions to both RAPID and RRP partner-beneficiaries</li> <li>• Willingness to forge MOU with DSWD</li> </ul>
15 Apr 2024	Coordination Meeting with the Regional Executive Director	DENR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide sustainable interventions to both</li> </ul>

			<p>ENGP and RRP partner-beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide additional planting materials such as fruit-bearing trees</li> <li>• Willingness to forge MOU with DSWD</li> </ul>
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8. The Field Office submitted the RRP-CFTW's project LAWA at BINHI master list of potential partner-beneficiaries to DRMB on 17 April 2024 following the agreements of the 11 April 2024 CO-Regional RRP Focal Coordination Meeting. The said lists are complete with category and sectoral data entries and summaries totaled to 7,330 partner-beneficiaries for the 25 target LGUs for DA-CO's crossmatching purposes. The RRP Regional Program Focal informed Mr. Tyrone Pantua, National Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) Focal that the said lists are still subject to further validation of the NHTS-PR.
9. The RRP Focal Person sent a communication letter to the Department of Agriculture Caraga Region dated 05 April 2024 for the conduct of LGU forum and coordination meeting and the latter also spoke through phone with the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP) and Extension and Partnership Program (EPP) Focal Persons on 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, respectively. Unfortunately, they are not available for the two activities due to lined-up commitments and meetings. Thus, the RRP team scheduled a meeting within May 6-10, 2024 at DA's preferred time and date and sent them with official letter for DA's feedback.
10. The RRP Focal Person coordinated with TUPAD focal person of DOLE Caraga on 22 April 2024 after receiving advance information from the RRP National Program Focal about the proposed collaboration with project LAWA at BINHI. The RRP Regional Program Focal oriented the TUPAD focal person with some basic information about the proposed partnership and even invited her to attend the LGU Forum, however, they declined the invitation due to their RD's directives that they would only engage with DSWD Field Office Caraga upon the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and cascading of guidance memorandum from their CO counterpart to define their roles and responsibilities and implementation mechanisms of the proposed collaboration. Nevertheless, the office sent an official communication dated 30 April 2024, requesting a coordination meeting with their Regional Director and TUPAD focal person on 06 May 2024 following the DRMG's guidance memorandum dated 25 April 2024. The RRP Focal Person already informed in advance the Regional Executive Assistant (REA) and TUPAD focal person about the proposed meeting for eventual RD's confirmation.
11. The DRMD Team conducted LGU Forum cum Regional Strategic Planning Workshop for FY 2024 Implementation on 23-25 April 2024 with the target provinces' TWG members, municipal focal persons, and selected NGAs from DENR, DTI, SLP, EPAHP and NHTS-PR. Said activity was an avenue to discuss the recalibrated documentary and reportorial requirements, the simulation excises for the CFT modules, presentation of the site validations results and the finalization of the proposal revision summary, MER baseline indicators, breakdown of allocation, implementation plan/calendar of activities and resource map for areas for complementation, harmonization of activities for implementation, and strategies for the sustainability of the projects and activities to be pursued by our LGU-recipients and partner-beneficiaries.

12. Prior to the submission of the final allocation for DOLE-TUPAD for Caraga Region to DRMB, the RRP Regional Team disseminated the information and the mode and status of the proposed collaboration to the selected LGUs on 25 April 2024 during the conduct of LGU Forum following the advance information received from the National Finance Focal. The team advised the LGUs to start with the identification of additional partner-beneficiaries. Likewise, forwarded the final allocation to the LGUs on the same date given by DRMB, 29 April 2024. However, the Regional RRP Team is apprehensive of the target set by the DRMG that the submission of the master list would be on 30 April 2024 since there has been no coordination meeting yet conducted by DOLE and DSWD and the proposed sites for project LAWA and BINHI are yet to be identified and validated before the potential partner beneficiaries are to be listed. The proposed sites should be adjacent or close to our partner beneficiaries and community for the operation and maintenance of the projects and to spark economic development and drive environmental sustainability.
13. The DRMD will update the DRMB next week on the status of the list since the final allocation, target areas, and template for the master list were again changed on 01 May 2024 through an official email sent by DRMB to DRMD.
14. To ensure coordination and collaboration with our regional counterpart and proceed with the forging of a Regional MOU, while the National MOU is pending approval, the Field Office is preparing the said binding document following the guidance memorandum of the DRMG dated 23 April 2024 and expects that there will be ceremonial signing and launching of project LAWA at BINHI before the end of May 2024.
15. The DRMD conducted a Strategic Planning Workshop for its RRP Staff on 2-3 May 2024 to assess the previous program implementation and enhance the implementation process flow and all documentary and reportorial requirements such as forms, templates, and tools to be utilized by recipient LGUs and partner beneficiaries in the implementation concordant with the current thrust and focus.
16. At present, DSWD Field Office Caraga's implementation is at post social preparation stage with ongoing coordination with LGUs for the preparation and readiness of the construction and planting materials, inputs, and other logistical support and human resources for the implementation of the projects and activities. The field office is heartened to welcome the Monitoring and Technical Assistance (MATA) visit of SAS Lanada and DRMB-RRP team in Lingig, Surigao del Sur on 14-18 May 2024 for the conduct of 3-day CFT.

For your information.

Thank you.

  
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