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| FOR | : | **MERCIDITA P. JABAGAT** |
|  |  | Regional Director, Field Office XI |
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| ATTENTION | : | **THE ASSISTAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  **REGIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR - SLP** |
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| FROM | : | **THE DIRECTOR** |
|  |  | Sustainable Livelihood Program |
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| SUBJECT | : | **FEEDBACK ON THE COURTESY CALL AND KICK-OFF/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING** |
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| DATE | : | 10 February 2016 |
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* Day 1/ 9-12 AM: Leveling-off Meeting with the ARDO and RPMO Staff - Relay and Clarifications on 2016 SLP Directives/ Thrusts/ Priorities/ Milestones/ Breakthrough Goals/ Lead Measures and Major Policies
* Day 1/ 1-2:30 PM: Plenary Discussion with ARDO and all SLP Staff – NPMO/RPMO Role clarification, issues/ concerns on SLP implementation, municipal-level targeting
* Day 2/ 11-12 AM: Wrap-up/ Exit Conference with the RPMO staff

Below are the major agreements/ recommendations for follow-through within the 1st quarter of 2016 with details contained in the attached report:

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| SLP Regular Concerns | a. Courtesy call with the Regional Director and/or Sit-in the Regional ManCom meeting for the discussion of procurement and fiduciary policies relating to SLP implementation (*subject to concurrence by RD*); this is in light of the expressed challenges of the FO on procurement processes which is deemed a major obstacle and COA findings in the past  b. Provision of TA in the conduct of the PPDAW to be scheduled in February 2016  c. Partnership mapping initiatives for employment facilitation  d. Mapping/ linkage with service providers for Life Skills Training and Career Counseling relative to the Enhanced Skills Training Package (P30K)  e. Roll-out Training on the enhanced project proposal templates and feasibility assessment tool with Field PDOs, C/ML’s, MCCT Community Facilitators, and LGU Livelihood Workers; this is toward strengthening convergence mechanisms  f. Tracking of the 15% fund utilization program milestone / 1st Quarter assessment |
| Other Concerns | Special Action Force (SAF) 44 livelihood assistance updates |
| Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP – LED) clarification on implementation |
| Globe BanKo ATM cards yet to be given |

The assigned NPMO Team will continue close coordination with the RPMO to carry out the aforesaid action points. This is for your information in the meantime.

**DENNIS A. RAPOSAFEEDBACK REPORT**

2016 Courtesy Call and Kick-Off/Technical Assistance Meeting with Field Office IX and XI

10 February 2016

| **FO** | **Concern** | **Resolutions/ Agreements** |
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| **Thrust and Priority: Program Implementation** | | |
| XI | One PDO per legislative district, city, municipality | FO XI will strictly adhere to the 51 allocated field staff.  • Some areas will have 1 PDO for 2 municipalities due to the program’s saturation (but in no way will there be more than 1 PDO per municipality). • 1 PDO will act as a Cluster Coordinator for Davao City |
|  |  | The FO will consider the 2 PAMANA Closure Program PDOs as mainstream implementers of SLP as well in Davao City barangays. |
|  |  | PDO financial portfolio (e.g. Regular funds, MCCT, Pablo, El Nino) is the concern of the ARDO in terms of the implementer’s absorptive capacity and execution accountability. (*NB: portfolio management as an area for capability building*) |
| XI | Convergence Mobilization | For the monitoring of SLP participants, the C/MAT is responsible. • Fall-out rate of EF interventions after receiving employment is not fully attributable to the PDO’s performance (*NB: for notation/consideration in the IPC of the field PDO*)  • Employment fall-out may be also attributable to the lack of behavioral competency needed by the participant, in which behavior change training may step-in. • Role clarification issues should be resolved at the regional level during the regular URPMT meetings. |
|  |  | For the implementation of the MCCT livelihood component, role and program clarification must also be discussed during URPMT. • SLP should capacitate MCCT Community Facilitators & LGU livelihood workers in the SLP processes and feasibility studies |
|  |  | For the Community Core Groups, members are beginning to request for additional compensation for their efforts. • Field PDO must level-off with the CCG the following o CCG was formed in the principle of volunteerism, but honoraria may be availed during trainings and workshops. o Additional costs such as transportation and food must be covered by the PDO through TEV and CMF, respectively. |
| XI | Modes of Disbursement | • Acquisition of goods and services for the program participant is pursued via procurement to avoid issues on liquidation, and expedite utilization. o Strategy: acquisition of such will be done by the SLPA via community procurement, governed by existing procurement laws. o Guidelines for FO XI reference: MC 13, MC 5, JMC 2015-003 |
|  |  | • FO XI Management Committee will discuss fiduciary guidelines of SLP to discuss the scope and limitation of each modality vis-à-vis mode of disbursement. |
| XI | 2015 Context | • Late downloading/liquidating of Typhoon Pablo and BUB funds; BUB Funds were downloaded to the FO with out proposals; Proposals needed to be drafted by PDOs became difficult due to political interference; Typhoon Pablo Funds amounting to approximately Php 211M were only downloaded mid-year and needed to be utilized before year-end.  • Now, however, most are already either for implementation or liquidation (2016)  • 2015 was characterized by the term “Damage Control" |
|  |  | 1. Implications of the alleged “Damage Control” o Procurement was used instead of CAP o Technical requirements for the project’s feasibility in terms of implementation was overlooked |
| XI | Other Challenges | Incoming Election |
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| **Thrust and Priority: Program Enhancement** | | |
| XI | Employment Facilitation | • In terms of the modalities for EF, the following was clarified. o PEAF cannot be used to obtain starter-kits, but it may be used for purchasing items required by the employer if it cannot be covered by the employer or other sources o The additional Php 10,000.00 in the Enhanced Skills Training parameter is meant for the empowering of participants, whereby sustaining the initial intervention. • Though CBLA has been communicated as an EF accomplishment, FO XI refuses to count such due to its lack of sustainability. o FO XI recommends its charging and accomplishment against MD only. o The modality will be part of the items to be tackled in the Omnibus Guidelines Workshop. |
|  |  | • Employment facilitation strategies that have been outlined by the FO XI are the following. o It was clarified that served families may still be penetrated if not all individuals are served. o Partner employer requirements will serve as basis for the EF intervention, whereby grooming the participants to meet employer KSA standards. o Transport (c/o FO) participants to Davao City for training; board and lodging charged to Skills Training Fund (EF) o Barangay Job Fairs |
| XI | Other Challenges | Utilizing the Php 24B El Nino Funds.  a. The FO XI has yet to plan for the implementation of SLP activities b. Purchasing and inn keeping of flora and fauna must be scheduled properly; weather patterns subject purchases to perishing |
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* Morning: Leveling-off Meeting with the ARDO - Relay 2016 SLP Directives/ Thrusts/ Priorities and objective of the field visit;
* Afternoon: Focused group discussion with the SLP RPMO Staff
  + Relay and Clarify 2016 SLP Directives/ Thrusts/ Priorities/ Milestones/ Breakthrough Goals/ Lead Measures and Major Policies,
  + NPMO/RPMO Role clarification, issues and concerns on SLP implementation;
  + Municipal-level targeting template orientation
  + Exit-conference

Below are the major agreements/ recommendations for follow-through within the 1st quarter of 2016 with details contained in the attached report:

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| SLP Regular Concerns | a. Provision of TA in the conduct of PPDAW  b. Mobilization of the MAT given the 1 PDO: 1 municipality scheme  c. Augmentation of staff capacity for completion of PAMANA projects  d. Guidance Note for the turnover/ continued monitoring of PAMANA SLPAs (*NB: integration with MAT functions – for clarification*) |
| Other Concerns | Special Action Force (SAF) 44 livelihood assistance updates |
| Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP – LED) clarification on implementation |

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**FEEDBACK REPORT**

2016 Courtesy Call and Kick-Off/Technical Assistance Meeting with Field Office IX and XI

10 February 2016

| **FO** | **Concern** | **Resolutions/ Agreements** |
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| **Thrust and Priority: Program Implementation** | | |
| IX | Field Office IX Restructuring and Staffing Concerns | • FO IX aims to capacitate the C/MAT in Convergence for 2016. • The FO IX continues to request for the Convergence Terms of References. |
|  |  | • The RPMO finds difficulty in turnover of PAMANA SLPAs due to accountability of signatories in association bank accounts. • A consensus was made that PCs will temporarily be the signatory for the SLPA as part of the turnover period. • An alternative motion was raised that MLs should be capacitated and be signatories of SLPAs. • Also, it is unclear as to who and how the new PDO would implement those ready for fund release |
| IX | Employment Facilitation | • The Skills Training Modalities must undergo NC II packages through TVIs accredited by TESDA, as deemed best by the RD. |
| IX | ARMM – IX Seaweed and Cacao Projects | • The Seaweed and Cacao Projects with ARMM is behind schedule, but is ongoing and properly disbursing. • With the 47 SKAs and 1st tranche download at Php 19M for total project cost, only 28 SKAs have received procured materials last 28-29 December 2015. • 2nd Shipment of materials came last 18 January 2016. |
| IX | ARMM – IX Seaweed and Cacao Projects | • ARMM is in the process of liquidating and disbursing all materials; however, the NPMO and RPMO will follow-up on the 2nd week of February 2016 to identify ARMM’s readiness for the 2nd tranche worth Php 50M. |
| **Thrust and Priority: Program Enhancement** | | |
| IX | Employment Facilitation | • The RPMO does not agree with CBLA as an EF accomplishment, in dissonance to the memorandum allowing it. |
|  |  | • The RPMO lobbies for the consideration of self-employed as an EF accomplishment individuals providing freelance and home-based services while not owning enterprises themselves. • The RPMO requires the said beneficiaries to maintain a customer logbook inclusive of the date, time, place and price of the service rendered. |
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| **Thrust and Priority: Plans and Policy Development** | | |
| IX | Empowering the SLPA | • The RPMO aims to capacitate the SLPA as a fully-fledged People’s Organization.  • This implies that PDOs need not be a signatory of the SLPA to open a bank account. It would also hasten the process of release and withdrawal, as well as future turnover. • However, there are currently no fiduciary safeguards to protect connivance among signatories. |
| IX | PAMANA 2016 Implementation | • PAMANA has funds only for Capacity Building. • With ongoing PAMANA areas in FO IX, the NPMO and RPMO are studying possibilities of charging manpower under Training Funds. |
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| **Thrust and Priority: Capability Development** | | |
| IX | Field Office IX Restructuring and Staffing Concerns | • All field PDOs must have commerce backgrounds, as deemed by the RD.  • The 14 MOA PDOs have been removed and will be replaced to accommodate the directive. |

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