

Agrarian Program and Implementation

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Basic Concepts of the Agrarian Reform

- **Land reform** - the full range of measures that may be taken to improve or remedy the defects in the relations among men with respect to the rights in the use of land
- **Agrarian reform** - comprises not only land but also the reform and development of complimentary institutional frameworks, rural education and social welfare institutions, and not limited, simply, to the questions of the relations of the farmers to the land

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Basic Concepts of the Agrarian Reform

Agrarian reform program - is designed to bring about improvements in all the institutions surrounding farm life and other group measures necessary to make the work of the tenant, farm worker and owner-cultivator a success



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Objectives of the Agrarian Reform Program

- It aims to transfer land ownership from the landlord to the tillers of the soil in order to achieve a dignified existence for the small farmers
- The following measures are the focus of the agrarian reform program:
 - Public health provisions
 - Family planning
 - Education and training of farmers
 - Reorganization of land reform agencies
 - Application of labor laws to agricultural workers
 - Construction of various voluntary associations
 - Provide employment opportunities for the underemployed or surplus rural labor
 - Other community development services

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Importance of the Agrarian Reform Program

- It helps the farmers secure capital investment for new industries
- It hopes to correct the imbalance of our society by readjusting the social structure of farm laborers and wage earners, the settlers of public lands and farmers owning the family-size farm lands
- It paves the way for the creation of a stable society that will make democracy more meaningful among the people

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Components of Agrarian Reform Program

- **Land distribution** - the program of granting certificates of titles to farmer for the land they are tilling
- **Companion measures** - the creation and development of new social institutions that could help carry out the implementation of institutionalized reforms

Some of these measures include the following:

- Credit
- modern and better methods of production
- marketing facilities
- equitable pricing
- infrastructure
- farmers' cooperatives

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- **The Public Land Act of July 1, 1902** - this offered homestead plots, not in excess of 16 hectares, to families who had occupied and cultivated the tract they were residing on since August 1, 1898
- **Rice Share Tenancy Act of 1933 (Public Act of 4054)** - its principal purpose was the regulation of tenancy share contracts in the tenant-landlord relationship, providing for a 50-50 sharing of the crop
- **Sugar Cane Tenancy Contracts Act (Act No. 4113)** - this regulated the relationship between landowners and tenants on sugar lands

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- **Rice Share Tenancy Act of 1946 (Republic Act No. 34)** - this regulated the relationship between landowners and tenants on sugar lands
- **The Agricultural Tenancy Act of 1954 (RA No. 1199)** - this focused on the distribution of agricultural production
- **Land Reform Act of 1955 (RA No. 1400)** - this was enacted to create the Land Tenure Administration which included programs like the reduction of large landholdings and consolidation of smaller, uneconomic holdings into plots of adequate size

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- **The Agricultural Land Reform Code of 1963 (RA No. 3844)** - its most important provision was the reduction of the retention limit of land to 75 hectares
- **Code of Agrarian Reform of the Philippines (RA No. 6389)** - this is an amendment to the Agricultural Land Reform Code
- **Agrarian Reform Special Fund Act (RA No. 6369)** - this created an agrarian reform special account to finance the agrarian reform program of the government

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- **Presidential Decree No. 27** - this declared the entire Philippines as a land reform area, providing for the emancipation of tenants from the bondage of soil
- **Executive Order No. 129-A** - its focus was on the reorganizing and strengthening of the DAR and EO No. 228 declared full land ownership to qualified farmer beneficiaries covered by the PD No. 27

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- **Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (RA No. 6657)** - The following are the salient features of CARL:
 - Addresses the issue of social injustice
 - Covers the redistribution of all agricultural lands regardless of tenurial arrangement or commodity produced
 - Founded on the land-to-the-tiller principle
 - Provides for the security of tenure of landless farmers and team workers over the land they till
 - Provides a beneficiary award ceiling of 3 hectares and landowner retention limit of 5 hectares
 - Provides a 30-year repayment period for the farmer-beneficiary at 6% per annum
 - Provides just compensation for landowners

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Agrarian Legislations

- **Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (RA No. 6657)** - The following are the salient features of CARL:
 - Provides a term limit for land distribution
 - Provides for the implementation of leasehold
 - Provides for the administrative adjudication of cases
 - Provides for the delivery of support services to both farmer-beneficiaries and dispossessed landowners
 - Envisions the transformation of landless tillers into responsible and progressive landowning farmers
 - Creates the Agrarian Reform Fund as the source of funding for CARP

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Key Strategies on the Implementation of CARP

- Pursuance of land acquisition and distribution (LAD) and leasehold
- Fair and just delivery of agrarian justice to all affected parties
- Delivery of support services designed to build ARB capabilities for group action and cooperation, improved agribusiness productivity, access to basic services and self-reliance
- Building/ strengthening development partnerships with key CARP publics
- Area focused development
- Convergence and complementation among CARP implementing agencies

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