



World Bank concludes First Implementation Support Mission to PRDP

Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala (3rd, left) and World Bank (WB) Rural Development Specialist Samik Sundar Das (2nd, left) lead the opening of the exhibit during the First World Bank Implementation Support Mission Kick-off Meeting on August 24, 2015. The exhibit features the accomplishments and updates on the PRDP. The kick-off meeting officially starts the month-long joint review and assessment of the PRDP and the World Bank on various proposed and implemented projects. Also in the photo are PRDP National Project Director and DA Undersecretary Emerson Palad (right) and PRDP National Deputy Project Director Arnel De Mesa (left).

The World Bank Group will give its rating to the Department of Agriculture's Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) today (September 18, 2015), in a wrap-up meeting at the DA-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI), Quezon City.

The rating was determined after a team from the group reviewed and assessed the Project's implementation on the ground in the last four weeks.

Agriculture Secretary Proceso Alcala will meet with World Bank consultants led by its Rural Development Specialist and Task Team Leader for PRDP Carolina Figueroa-Geron to receive World Bank's rating for the PRDP.

Alcala urged the PRDP implementers to continue spreading the good ways of doing things as the Project progresses.

"Indeed, the DA has had a good choice to pursue the PRDP's

implementation. We have proven that we can put all measures in good place despite rigid standards and arduous processes—things that we are not used to but we now learn to embrace and value," said Alcala.

"We have faced difficulties—yes—but we have hurdled these—thanks to our zealous LGU partners. Our shared enthusiasm with LGUs is certainly greater than the challenges we have to hurdle, together," he added.

The mission commenced with a kick-off meeting on August 24, 2015, followed by visits to North Luzon (Luzon A), South Luzon (Luzon B), Visayas, and Mindanao clusters.

During the mission, the World Bank team met with the heads and personnel of PRDP's Project Support Offices (PSOs) and Regional Project

Coordination Offices (RPCOs) and discussed the current set-up of PRDP's implementation on the ground. The World Bank also checked if tools, processes and monitoring systems in the sub-project sites are in place.

The team visited on-going I-BUILD projects and proposed I-REAP sub-projects and consulted with beneficiaries, proponent groups and other stakeholders during the cluster missions.

Two proposed sub-projects in Palawan and Bohol under the I-REAP component with Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding were also visited during the mission.

Under the GEF financing, the DA-PRDP aims to assist enterprise developments in GEF-identified areas while strengthening fisheries resources management and biodiversity conservation. ■



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Kick-Off Meeting

To officially start the World Bank's First Implementation Support Mission on PRDP-implemented sub-projects, a kick-off meeting was held on August 24, 2015 at the DA-Bureau of Soils and Water Management Convention Hall.

Prior to the meeting, Secretary Proceso J. Alcala and World Bank Rural Development Specialist Samik Sundar Das led the opening of the exhibit which features updates and accomplishments of PRDP during the last six months.



Cluster Mission

The three-day mission in each cluster started with an opening program and open forum, followed by a press conference, a contractors' conference and workshops of the World Bank team members with their counterparts from the PRDP implementing offices and units.



Puerto Princesa City, Palawan hosted the World Bank Implementation Support Mission in Luzon B cluster. Products from the PRDP project areas in Calabarzon, Mimaropa and Bicol regions were showcased in the exhibit.

For the field visit of sub-projects, the I-BUILD team visited the Bukang Liwayway-Makandring FMR in Puerto Princesa City and Johnson Island for Seaweeds Production Project under I-REAP and Global Environment Facility.



LUZON B
August 26-28, 2015



LUZON A

September 1-4, 2015



The provinces of Isabela and Cagayan hosted the First World Bank Implementation Support Mission in Luzon A Cluster.

During the field visit to the proposed sub-project under PRDP, the team from World Bank and PRDP went to Mallig, Isabela for the Olango-Siempre Viva-Trinidad-Manano farm-to-market road and the Isabela Dairy Enterprise. Separate consultations with the beneficiaries and local government units (LGUs) officials were conducted for the two sub-projects.



The World Bank First Implementation Support in Mindanao was held in Cagayan de Oro City. World Bank consultants and DA-PRDP personnel visited the Integrated Coco-based Enterprise proposed project in Tubod, Lanao del Norte and the Rehab/Reopening of Dapacan Bajo-Bunawan-Don Bernardo Neri FMR with Spillway Bridge project in Calamba, Misamis Occidental.

MINDANAO

September 8-10, 2015



VISAYAS

September 14-16, 2015



The last leg of the World Bank First Implementation Support Mission was held in Bohol for the Visayas cluster.

The group went to Ubay, Bohol to visit the proposed Bohol Dairy Processing and Marketing project and proceeded to Sagbayan, Bohol to visit and assess the newly-implemented Rehabilitation of San Agustin-Canmaya Diot FMR project.

A separate group also visited a GEF site with proposed Small Livelihood Project (SLP) in Danajon Bank, Talibon, Bohol.

NEWS BRIEFS

LUZON A New FMR to boost Isabela dairy industry

The DA-PRDP expects its P62.45-million worth farm-to-market road (FMR) sub-project in Mallig, Isabela to benefit around 1,800 households, the majority of which are engaged in dairy farming.

The 9.17-kilometer FMR traversing five barangays in Mallig will provide the necessary transportation infrastructure to boost the production and marketing activities of the province's growing dairy industry, as well as other commodities like rice, corn, bitter melon (ampalaya), eggplant, dragon fruit, and squash.

LUZON B DA's enterprise dev't initiative to boost Palawan's seaweeds

The island province of Palawan will soon reap the benefits of a sustainable seaweed industry as the DA-PRDP is set to implement a seaweed nursery, production and marketing start-up sub-project.

The P3.1-million enterprise development sub-project to be established in Johnson Island will help farmers and fisherfolk from the marginal areas have their own source of income, or increase incomes from their existing livelihood. The intervention will be supported by a Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant on natural resource management that aims to capacitate communities to conserve, protect and revive marine protected areas, fish sanctuaries and other biodiversity areas.

VISAYAS DA-PRDP gives green light to Central Visayas road project

The DA-PRDP has signaled the rehabilitation of a farm-to-market road

(FMR) in Sagbayan, Bohol, the first PRDP infrastructure sub-project to be implemented within the Central Visayas region.

The rehabilitation of the 5.9-kilometer FMR worth P48.2 million will connect four barangays in Sagbayan and benefit about 2,000 farmers. Likewise, it will support 1,256 hectares of land planted to rice, corn, coconut, banana, vegetables and root crops.

MINDANAO Tampakan village in S. Cot gets first taste of clean and safe water

After decades of waiting, more than 600 residents of the village of Lampitak in Tampakan, South Cotabato will finally get a taste of accessible, clean and safe water with the construction of the Lampitak Potable Water System.

The P4.3-million project implemented by the DA-PRDP is also the first sub-project to be completed in the country.

The project which consists of water reservoirs and around 60 units of faucets with water meter and washtubs will serve around two thousand villagers.



PRDP Enabling Tools

Promoting planning reforms among LGUs—The PCIP



Approved PCIPs as of August 14, 2015

Cluster	No. of Provinces	No of PCIPs by Cluster		
		On-going preparation/for approval	Approved by PDC	Total
Luzon A	22	3	19	22
Luzon B	16	2	13	15
Visayas	16	5	1	6
Mindanao	26	1	25	26
TOTAL	80	11	58	69

One of the enabling tools developed and promoted under the PRDP is the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP), a strategic plan that rationalizes the interventions within the various segments of the value chain of commodities that are of significance to the province and that will contribute to the national goals of the agriculture and fishery sector. It is a three-year rolling plan within the context of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Plan (AFMP) and Regional AFMPs in collaboration with the DA Regional Offices, other government agencies, and private stakeholders, including agribusiness interests.

The PCIPs identify the priority commodity value chains as well as rural infrastructure and enterprise sub-projects that both the DA and PLGU will support. It also represents the convergence of AFMP, RAFMP and provincial priorities for the agriculture sector. The tool promotes bottom-up planning and demand-driven decision making.

Aside from a requirement to request for funding under the PRDP, the Project aims to use the PCIP as a tool to help Local Government Units (LGUs) in properly planning initiatives and projects even outside the PRDP.

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