



Department of Agriculture PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT HEAD Project Support Office (PSO)

BACKGROUND

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD or the "Bank"), specifically under Loan Agreement for IBRD Loan No. 8421-PH dated September 8, 2014 in an amount equivalent to FIVE HUNDRED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS (US\$501,250,000) for the purpose of part-financing the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP), and another loan from the same Bank in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (\$170,000,000), under Loan Agreement for IBRD Loan No. 8816-PH dated March 2, 2018, for the purpose of providing additional financing to scale up the original Project.

The development objective of the Project is to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in targeted areas in all the 16 regions of the country. It is envisaged to promote more inclusive rural development by supporting smallholders and fisher-folk to increase their marketable surpluses, and by improving access to markets. The PRDP would also support reforms in the planning, resource programming and implementation practices of the DA. It will facilitate the integration and financing of priority local investments derived from the DA's agricultural and fisheries modernization plans which have been developed using a value chain approach, and through a consultative process with local stakeholders. The Project will be implemented over a period of six years (2014 to 2020).



Specific investments and interventions are implemented under four (4) central components of the Project enumerated and briefly described as follows:

Component 1: Local and National Levels Planning (I-PLAN). This component supports the implementation and mainstreaming of the DA's AFMP planning framework, thereby providing an operational platform for integrated technical support service delivery at the local and national levels. At the regional and local levels, regional AFMPs are being developed taking into account spatial and value chain analysis and using tools for vulnerability and suitability assessment, participatory resource analysis. The local AFMPs shall build on the success of local governments in the implementation of their own development plans.

Component 2: Infrastructure Development (I-BUILD). A network of strategic rural infrastructure is being established, linking priority value chains in targeted Project areas that are identified through the regional AFMPs. By the end of the Project, the component will be able to establish an improved access to strategic and climate-resilient rural infrastructure and facilities that primarily benefit target beneficiaries.

These rural infrastructures include farm-to-market roads (FMRs), bridges, communal irrigation systems (CIS), potable water systems (PWS), production and post-production facilities and other infrastructure such as fish landings, fish sanctuary/Protected Area guardhouses, among others.

Component 3: Enterprise Development (I-REAP). This aims to strengthen and develop viable rural agro- industries through investments in the appropriate segments of efficient value chains of key agricultural and fishery products in targeted Project areas. Specifically, I-REAP is designed to: (i) increase productivity and marketability of agriculture and fishery products through increased access to information and support services; and (ii) increase farm and fishery household incomes through engagement in value-adding activities.

Component 4: Project Implementation Support (I-SUPPORT). Providing overall operational support to the implementation is the I-SUPPORT component that ensures efficient and effective delivery of the Project transactions in terms of financial management, procurement, monitoring & evaluation, geotagging, social and environmental safeguards and grievance redress mechanism. It leads in the introduction of innovations and reforms towards more effective and efficient administrative support system in Project implementation, mainly working through the existing DA bureaucracy. At the national level, the National Project Coordination Office (NPCO) is established at the DA Central Office to steer the overall implementation of the Project. Four (4) Project Support Offices (PSOs) have been established to support the implementation in the main islands of the



country (2 in Luzon, 1 in Visayas and 1 in Mindanao). A Regional Project Coordination Office (RPCO) is formed and functioning in each Regional Office of the DA to focus on the implementation of the Project in the region.

SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Administrative Unit Head under the Administrative Unit of the PRDP- Project Support Offices (PSO) shall be supporting the Components and other Units in achieving the Project Objectives and Outputs thru prompt and quality delivery of administrative support.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting directly under the supervision of the Project Director/Deputy Project Director. The Administrative Unit Head is expected to carry out the following task but not limited to

- 1. Oversees and administer the day to day operations and implementation activities under the Administrative Unit;
- 2. Assist the Project Director/Deputy Project Director in supervising and directing the administrative operations/functions of the NPCO, PSO and RPCO;
- 3. Assist the Project Director/Deputy Project Director in the formulation and recommends administrative policies and guidelines for effective office management
- 4. Assist the Project Director/Deputy Project Director in ensuring the compliance of the office with the administrative personnel policies and guidelines;
- 5. Overall in charge of the Project's administrative concerns;
- Supervise general office administration;
- 7. Supervise the preparation of the Work and Financial Plan of the Unit;
- 8. Supervise the preparation of Draft Inventory Report of Physical Property Plant and
- 9. Oversees/control the procurement, maintenance and replenishment of office inventories/utilities and supplies and maintain adequate stock levels and ensure its serviceability and availability;
- 10. Attend regular consultation, coordination and management meeting among the components and units at the NPCO, PSO and RPCO;
- 11. Prepare correspondences on administrative and Project related matters;
- 12. Evaluate and assess the performance and behavior of the consultants through the review of Personal Evaluation Profile and Terms of Reference;
- 13. Supervises and monitors the system of records and documents filing and retrieval;



14. Performs other functions as may be directed by the Project Director and Deputy Project Director

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

- A. Education and Relevant Experiences
 - 1. Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Management, Human Resources, Commerce and/or related course;
 - 2. Preferably five (5) years experience on administrative works;
 - 3. Preferably has three (3) years experience working with Foreign Assisted Projects (FAPs);

Knowledge, Competencies and Skills

- 1. Familiarity with PRDP and other Foreign Assisted Projects (FAPs) within the Department is an advantage;
- 2. Has attended forty-eight (48) hours relevant training/workshop/seminar;
- 3. Proficiency in computer skills (Microsoft Office);
- 4. Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- 5. Work with a team
- 6. Able to work under pressure
- 7. Willing to travel if necessary

APPROVED BY:

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