

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 474, August 12, 1991]

ESTABLISHING THE COORDINATIVE AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH COTABATO/GENERAL SANTOS CITY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Area Development Projects (ADPs) are multi-sectoral projects which focus on the development of certain geographical areas;

WHEREAS, the National Economic and Development Authority Board has approved the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective and stable mechanism for the coordination and management of the said project consistent with government's policy of decentralization and regionalization as provided under Executive Order No. 363, s. of 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **South Cotabato/ General Santos City Area Development Project Office.** There is hereby established the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the ADP Office, which is placed under the Regional Development Council, Region XII, for the coordination, supervision, and direction in the implementation of the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project. The ADP Office shall be composed of a Project Board and a Project Management Unit (PMU) which shall hold office in General Santos City.

Sec. 2. **Project Board and Project Management Unit.** (a) The Project Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture	- - - - -	Chairman
The Regional Director National Economic and Development Authority, Region XII	- - - - -	Vice-Chairman
The Provincial Governor of South Cotabato	- - - - -	Member
The Mayor of General Santos City	- - - - -	Member
The NEDA Regional Director for Region XII	- - - - -	Member
The representatives from government agencies involved in the Project	- - - - -	Members
The representatives from non-	- - - - -	Members

government organizations (NGOs) to be - -
designated by the Regional
Development Council and the Regional
Assembly, Region XII

The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Formulate and establish the development goals and policies for the project within the context of the Regional Development Plan;
- b. Provide overall direction, coordination and supervision in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of all project components and development activities of the Project;
- c. Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in the planning and implementation of the various components of the Project;
- d. Review and endorse to the Regional Development Council, Region XII, for approval the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the Project;
- e. Review and endorse, through the RDC, to the Department of Budget and Management, the annual budget for the Project including that for the operations of the ADP Office;
- f. Organize the Project Management Unit (PMU) and appoint its Project Director;
- g. Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Project Director;
- h. Submit to the President, the RDC, the NEDA Board and Congress quarterly progress reports on the Project and such other reports as may be required;
- i. Formulate implementing rules and regulations pertaining to the internal operations of the ADP Office; and
- j. Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the President or the RDC may direct.

(b) **Project Management Unit.** The Project Management Unit (PMU) shall serve as technical and administrative secretariat of the Board, and as such, undertake the day-to-day activities of the ADP Office. It shall perform the following powers and functions:

- a. Coordinate the preparation by the line agencies and local government units of the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs including the annual budget of the Project and submit the same to the Board;
- b. Coordinate with line agencies, local government units, financing institutions, non-government organizations, and other concerned entities in the implementation of the Project;