

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 363, July 17, 1989]

DECENTRALIZING THE COORDINATIVE AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 230, Series of 1987, the National Council on Integrated Area Development (NACIAD), created as a sub-committee of the Cabinet under Executive Order No. 835, Series of 1982, and the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO), created under Executive Order No. 907, Series of 1983, were transferred to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for the latter to recommend, within one year from the date of effectivity of the aforesaid Executive Order No. 230, the transfer of the said two agencies to the appropriate department, in conjunction with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

WHEREAS, NEDA is mandated to review the functions and activities of all other Integrated Area Development (IAD) programs/projects and any other programs requiring multi-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary approaches and to recommend the appropriate disposition and supervision of the same;

WHEREAS, an Inter-Agency Task Force composed of officials from the NEDA, the DBM, the Office of the President, and a representative from the academe, undertook a study and review of existing structure and operations of the NACIAD, CVRPO, and other integrated area development project offices (IADPOs);

WHEREAS, the study showed that while the IAD, as a development strategy, remains a viable approach towards the upliftment of depressed areas, the existing institutional arrangements implementing such strategy run counter to the policy on administrative decentralization and regionalization as expressed in Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, there are now in place specific elements of decentralization such as (i) the newly reorganized and strengthened Regional Development Councils (RDCs), (ii) the move towards the regionalization of the budget, (iii) active decentralization of national line agencies, and (iv) other measures which render feasible the shift in the institutional arrangements for the IADS, where the RDCs and local government units may now assume responsibility and authority over the same.

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. Definition of Integrated Area Development Programs and Projects. - Integrated Area Development (IAD) programs and projects refer to those requiring multi-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary approaches covering a defined geographical area.

SECTION 2. Overall Direction, Coordination, and Supervision of IAD. - The overall direction, coordination, and supervision of implementation of existing IAD projects and similar projects that may be established, are hereby transferred from the National Council on Integrated Area Development (NACIAD) to the respective Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned in accordance with the delineation of functions provided herein.

SECTION 3. Coordination and Policy guidance at the Regional Level. - The RDCs concerned shall be responsible for policy coordination and direction of all IAD projects at the regional level to ensure consistency of the projects with their respective regional development plans.

SECTION 4. Overall Direction, Coordination, and Supervision of Single-Province IAD Projects. - In the case of IAD projects which cover only one province, the responsibility for overall direction, coordination, and supervision of implementation of such projects is hereby vested in the concerned Offices of the Provincial Governor (OPG).

For this purpose, the Integrated Area Development Project Offices (IADPOs) are hereby placed under the administrative supervision of the OPG concerned. Existing personnel contracts shall be respected; while the eventual absorption of IADPOs personnel into the OPG shall be decided upon by the respective provincial governments.

Upon assumption of supervision over the project by the concerned OPG, it shall submit to the respective RDCs, for approval, the program of work and management plan for the project.

SECTION 5. Multi-Provincial IAD Projects. - In the case of IAD projects, inclusive of the CVRP, that cover more than one province, the RDC concerned shall be responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and supervision of the implementation of such IAD. The RDC shall constitute from amongst its members a subcommittee to effect close direction, coordination, and supervision over the project, as well as to provide a forum for addressing common inter-provincial and inter-agency concerns.

With respect to the CVRPO, the RDC for Region VII may retain or recommend to the President the reconstitution of the present Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) Board.

In the case of IAD Projects where the development of one sector is clearly predominant as determined by the RDC, the latter shall designate as Chairman of the sub-committee for the IAD the Regional Director of the implementing agency that is responsible for said sector.

To assist the sub-committee, the RDC may establish an ad hoc project coordinating unit whose principal functions shall include coordination of annual budget preparation, provision of technical assistance to the component provinces, maintaining liaison with other government agencies as well as foreign sources of assistance for the adequate and timely release of necessary resources for the project, and project monitoring and evaluation.