

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 374, October 30, 1989]

DISPOSITION OF THE (1) BICOL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE, (2) BOHOL INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, (3) CAGAYAN INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, (4) MINDORO INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND (5) SAMAR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the integrated area development (IAD) was adopted to provide a systematic and comprehensive strategy to ensure synchronized delivery of packaged development programs of the government;

WHEREAS, in line with the policy on administrative decentralization and regionalization as expressed in Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, the newly reorganized Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and the local government units (LGUs) have been strengthened to make them more effective instruments and partners in the process of regional development;

WHEREAS, specific elements of decentralization now render feasible the shift in the institutional arrangements for the IADs, where the RDCs and LGUs concerned may now assume active responsibility and authority over the same; and

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6688 authorizes the Secretary of Budget and Management to oversee and determine the status and future of IAD Projects and tasks the same department with the winding-up activities and disposition of IAD Program/Project Offices (IADPOs);

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. Disposition of the Bicol River Basin Development Program Office (BRBDPO), Bohol Integrated Area Development Project Office (BIADPO), Cagayan Integrated Agricultural Development Project Office (CIADPO), Mindoro Integrated Rural Development Office (MIRDO), and Samar Integrated Rural Development Project Office (SIRDPO). The BRBDPO, BIADPO, CIADPO, MIRDO, and SIRDPO are hereby abolished and their respective functions as herein indicated are transferred to the following agencies/functionaries, viz.:

1. BRBDPO:

A. To the RDC of Region V (Bicol Region):

- i. Coordination of the planning and management of the Bicol River Basin Development Program;

- ii. Monitoring and evaluation of the overall progress and effects of project implementation in the Bicol River Basin;
- iii. Promotion and encouragement of private enterprises and government agencies and instrumentalities to plan, develop, and implement projects necessary or conducive to the accelerated development of the Bicol River Basin area;
- iv. Generation of support for the Bicol River Basin Development Program within and outside the Philippines on the form of grants and donation of funds, equipment, materials, and technical assistance.

B. To the respective Governors of Camarines Sur and Albay:

- i. Identification of rural development projects in their respective areas that may be included in the Bicol River Basin Development Program, for approval of the Regional Development Council.

Preparation of feasibility studies for identified projects within their jurisdiction as authorized by the Regional Development Council.

Monitoring and evaluation of the status of provincial-based activity components of Bicol River Basin projects;

- iv. Performance of other functions as may be directed by the Regional Development Council.

2. BIADPO: To the Governor of Bohol.

3. CIADPO: To the Governor of Cagayan.

4. MIRDO: To the RDC of Region IV with respect to regional or multi-provincial IAD projects and to the respective Governors of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro with respect to single province projects.

5. SIRDPO: To the RDC of Region VIII with respect to regional or multi-provincial IAD projects and to the respective Governors of Samar, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar with respect to single province projects.

SECTION 2. Interim Arrangement. Upon approval of this Executive Order and pending implementation of the reorganization, the officers and employees of the abolished IADPOs shall, in a holdover capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits.

SECTION 3. Separation Benefits. All qualified personnel affected by such abolition shall receive the retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under existing