

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 595, May 22, 1980 ]**

**TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTION OF COOPERATIVE  
DEVELOPMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE**

WHEREAS, under Letter of Implementation No. 7, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD) was empowered to carry out the cooperative development program;

WHEREAS, under the present set-up of the MLGCD, the MLGCD undertakes a threefold function, namely local government, community development and cooperative development;

WHEREAS, MLGCD field personnel attend to the three functions simultaneously such that personnel are over-burdened in the discharge thereof;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to accelerate the cooperative program to ameliorate the social and economic condition of the less fortunate segment of our society who must equally enjoy the privilege of self reliance, social growth and economic independence under the New Society;

WHEREAS, the MLGCD does not have sufficient personnel to handle the implementation of an accelerated cooperative development program;

WHEREAS, the major thrust of the cooperative development program is in the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, by function and responsibility, the Ministry of Agriculture is appropriate to carry out and implement the cooperative development program;

WHEREAS, the said Ministry has sufficient field personnel to carry out the cooperative program;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The function of the MLGCD relative to the promotion, development and supervision of cooperatives particularly those provided under PD 175 and Letter of Implementation No. 23, are hereby transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.