

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO.1, July 04, 2001 ]

TO: All National Government Agencies (NGAs)  
All Local Government Units (LGUs)  
All Government-Owned/Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)  
All Participating Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)

WHEREAS, the number of drug users increased at an alarming rate of about 300% per annum from only 20,000 in 1972 to about 1.7 Million regular users plus 3.5 million casual users nowadays, inspite of the efforts of the Dangerous Drugs Board and the erstwhile Constabulary Anti-Narcotics Unit (CANU) which was succeeded by the PNP Narcotics Group:

WHEREAS, the estimated value of illicit drug trade is now about P 250-300 Billion per annum, 95% of which is in methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu being sourced from China, thereby resulting in billions of dollars worth of much needed and hard-earned foreign exchange going down the drain and even causing 70% of the heinous crimes, further clogging the dockets of the courts and congesting the jails, with additional 20,000 drug cases per annum;

WHEREAS, the drug syndicates are now unlevelling both the economic and political playing fields, by investing their dirty money in businesses that could readily drive out of competition the legitimate businessmen who are investing legitimately-earned and borrowed money; and engaging in narco-politics or bankrolling with drug money the candidacies of many politicians who shall protect them, once installed in government;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 61 was issued on January 15, 1999 creating the National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordinating Center (NDLEPCC) purportedly to orchestrate the anti-drug efforts of NGAs, LGUs and NGOs at the operational level; and

WHEREAS, results of the local, regional and island group anti-drug summits conducted nationwide from March 12 to April 6, 2001 invariably point to the necessity of enhancing further the orchestration of and doing much more in the anti-drug campaign with a high sense of urgency, and avoid what is now going on in Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order following:

1. That all NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs shall implement the attached National Anti-Drug Program of Action which forms as an integral part of this issuance and hereinafter referred to as NADPA, for the attainment of a drug-free Philippines in 2010;

2. That the roles of the offices of primary responsibility (OPRs) areas follows:

- a) Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) shall be the policy-making body and regulatory agency on dangerous drugs pursuant to RA 6425;

b) National Drug Law Enforcement and Prevention Coordinating (D E P) Center shall orchestrate and consolidate at the operational level, the drug law enforcement and prevention effort of NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs from national down to barangay level pursuant to EO 61; and

c) Philippine National Police (PNP) is the premier and overall drug law enforcement and prevention operating arm of the government nationwide.

3. That the different NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs shall be clustered into Special Task Groups to formulate and execute implementing plans to the NADPA as follows:

a) PNP to lead in the prevention and control of the production of marijuana, ophebra, coca, opium poppy, etc. with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGAs;

b) PNP shall lead in the prevention and control of processing dangerous drugs, precursors and the like; with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGAs;

c) PNP shall lead in the prevention and control of drug trafficking by land, air and water, with the support of other NGAs, LGUs and participating NGOs;

d) Bureau of Customs (BUCUS) shall lead in the prevention and control of drug trafficking through airport and seaport, and via mails and parcels: with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs;

e) DDB shall lead in the prevention and control of the diversion of legit production, precursor and essential chemicals, with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs:

f) Anti-Money Laundering Task Force (AMLTF) shall lead in the prevention and control of financing link of the drug chain, with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs;

g) PNP shall lead in the prevention and control of Retailing link of the drug chain with the support of other NGAs, LGUs. GOCCs and participating NGOs;

h) DDB shall lead in the implementation of the Primary Prevention Approach for Non-users with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs;

i) Department of Health (DOH) shall lead in the prevention and control of Secondary Prevention for drug experimenters; with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs;

j) DOH shall lead in the implementation of the Tertiary Approach for drug dependents, with the support of other NGAs, LGUs, GOCCs and participating NGOs;