



Republic of the Philippines

## DEPARTMENT of AGRARIAN REFORM

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Memorandum Circular No. 07  
*Series of 1996.*

Subject: Commitment in Support of the  
Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP)

The Department of Agrarian Reform, along with other National Government Agencies, signed a Pledge of Commitment in support of the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP) and the Philippine Plan for Gender Responsive Development (PPGD): Agrarian Sector. This was done during the POPCOM Board Meeting held on February 22, 1996, in the presence of His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos.

DAR has committed to integrate population and development (POPDEV) concerns in the policies and programs of the Department, specifically in the ARC Development Program, through the conduct of the following activities:

1. Issuance of a Memorandum Circular re: POPDEV Institutionalization in the Agrarian Reform Community (ARC) Development Program
2. Conduct of POPDEV Field Trainers' Training for regional and provincial trainers, and development facilitators
3. Conduct of POPDEV trainings for agrarian reform families

To facilitate the integration process, all Regional Directors, PAROs, Bureau Directors and Office Heads are hereby enjoined to collaborate with the Regional Population Offices (RPOs) and local government units' population office in the conduct of the aforementioned activities. For this purpose, it shall be noted that the Commission on Population (POPCOM) Central Office issued an Office Order to all RPOs, directing them to extend full support to DAR's POPDEV activities.

The inclusion of POPCOM Regional Directors and local population officers in relevant committees, councils and bodies at all levels (e.g. CARP Implementing Teams, PARCCOM, etc.) is likewise suggested to ensure smooth coordination and linkaging with partner institutions.

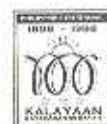
This Circular takes effect immediately and supersedes all issuances inconsistent herewith.

*14th May* 1996. Diliman, Quezon City.

  
ERNESTO D. GARILAO



*"Tulong-tulong sa pagsulong*



**PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT TO THE  
PHILIPPINE POPULATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

We, Cielito F. Habito, Hilarion J. Ramiro, Jr., Salvador H. Escudero III, Ernesto D. Garilao, Ricardo T. Gloria, Victor O. Ramos, Rafael M. Alunan III, Leonardo A. Quisumbing, Gregorio R. Vigilar, Lina B. Laigo, Rizalino S. Navarro, Chairman and members of the POPCOM Board of Commissioners and representing the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) respectively, all government agencies organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, hereby freely, voluntarily, and collectively manifest our full and unequivocal support to the Philippine Population Management Program, affirm our unqualified adherence to all its established policies enunciated by His Excellency, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, and solemnly commit ourselves to the following declarations:

THAT, human numbers need to be balanced with their demands on resources and the environment, which is an integral component of our sustainable development goals;

THAT, poverty alleviation, one of the primordial goals of the government under the stewardship of His Excellency, President **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, assures that all people are entitled to a better quality of life;

THAT, rapid population growth and the resulting population size, composition and uneven distribution seriously affect the capability of government to effectively deliver basic services;

THAT, POPCOM is the national agency mandated to promote, coordinate and monitor the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP) premised on a population policy which respects human rights and dignity and whose ultimate goal is the improvement of the quality of life of our people, in a just and humane society, based on the free and informed choice of couples and individuals;

THAT, we fully support the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP) which recognizes the need to broaden population concerns beyond fertility reduction to reproductive health and family welfare, child survival, urbanization and migration;

THAT, in order to achieve synergy, all government agencies will integrate population concerns in their policies and programs;



THAT, in order to translate into concrete action programs and projects our agencies' support and commitment, community of purpose, efficiency, effectivity and economy, we all jointly agree to specifically outline our respective contributions in the promotion of an integrated population management program.

On the basis and in consideration of the abovementioned premises, and in order to insure the full integration of population dimensions and concerns in our respective agency plans, programs, projects and activities, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE POPCOM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY SOLEMNLY PLEDGE, COMMIT AND AGREE TO UNDERTAKE, DO, AND PERFORM THE FOLLOWING:

#### **NEDA**

1. Incorporate the PPMP perspective in the development process by including in the planning guidelines to be circulated to the different government agencies and instrumentalities the requirement that the population perspective be included in the development plans to be formulated at all levels.
2. Provide technical assistance to LGUs on population and sustainable development planning.

#### **DOH**

1. Prioritize Family Planning (FP) using the reproductive health approach.
2. Institutionalize GOP support for FP/RH by developing a long term funding scheme starting in 1996 for implementation in 1997 and onwards.
3. Set up a program for government agencies to have access to FP as part of its health care services package.
4. Intensify the conduct of premarriage counseling services in partnership with DSWD and other agencies.

#### **DA**

1. Institutionalize integration of population and sustainable development concerns in the training of trainers for agricultural extension and other related workers.
2. Include referral system for FP in services provided by agricultural extension and other workers.

#### **DAR**

1. Include population and sustainable development components in setting up policy guidelines in creating viable Agrarian Reform Communities (ARC).
2. Establish population and sustainable development training for ARC regional and provincial trainers and their beneficiaries.

**DECS**

1. Ensure incorporation of population and sustainable development key concepts in staff development, curriculum and instructional materials development, textbooks and national testing programs at all levels.

**DENR**

1. Institutionalize population and sustainable development integration into DENR planning processes through the issuance of a memorandum circular to all regional offices and projects.
2. Reinforce the population concern as a special aspect of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) System.
3. Develop a population, development and environment model/ framework to better understand the interrelationships and consequences of imbalance.
4. Develop resource studies and data base on population among DENR projects.
5. Intensify IEC campaign strategies incorporating the population-environment as one of the messages.
6. Enhance the Population-Environment IEC Program through program expansion and budgetary allocation.
7. Develop IEC materials for all ecosystems incorporating population and environment message.
8. Strengthen DENR capacity to implement population IEC programs in both the uplands and coastal areas which operates with a participatory and community-based methodology.

**DILG**

1. Continue to provide support for policy development, coordination with LGUs, capability-building programs, and integration of the population dimension in local plans. This includes the monitoring of the Presidential directive to allot 20% of 20% of the development fund to human and ecological security (HES) programs which provides focus to the population issues;
2. Integrate population development concerns in the development planning module of the Integrated Capability-Building Program of Local Government Academy (LGA), and include PPMP concerns in LGU Development Plans.
3. Monitor the creation/maintenance of population offices at the LGU.
4. Emphasize population issues in HES-related advocacy and IEC plans addressed to LGUs.
5. Continue to participate in PPMP's Special Projects (e.g. Selection of Outstanding LGUs, the Rafael M. Salas Forum, Policy Studies, celebration of Population and Development Week).
6. Ensure that each LGU will provide basic health services to include Family Planning.
7. Support for the passage of House Bill 2138 and Senate Bill 554.
8. Assign focal persons in the Department who will be responsible for the above commitment and undertake institutional development measures to ensure continuity of quality participation in PPMP.



**DOLE**

1. Monitor compliance of companies with 200 employees or more with requirement to put up clinics which include services for family planning.
2. Promote/encourage inclusion of FP services in collective bargaining agreements.

**DPWH**

1. Consider impact of human settlement planning (including access to adequate potable water supply, basic transport facilities, etc.) in infrastructure planning in collaboration with the concerned population and local government units.

**DSWD**

1. Strengthen the Population Awareness and Family Life Enrichment Program (PAFLEP) for the out-of-school youth by emphasizing Human Behavior and Social Environment; Family Relations; Population Dynamics, Planning and Decision Making.
2. Ensure inclusion of family planning as a minimum basic needs (MBN) indicators used in monitoring the changes in the levels of well-being of families targetted under poverty alleviation.
3. Integrate, in partnership with DOH and other agencies, population and sustainable development concepts in Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) which is one of the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) flagship programs.
4. Intensify in partnership with DOH and other agencies responsible parenthood and premarriage counseling services using the total family approach concept.
5. Increase efforts to provide training and technical assistance on population matters to development workers especially to the provincial social welfare officers.
6. Integrate family values and PopEd in the Day Care Program for pre-schoolers as well as their parents.
7. Intensify family values and population education in the Functional Literacy Program for women who avail of skills training and productivity.

**DTI**

1. Include women-related criteria in the prioritization for beneficiaries of DTI enterprise/livelihood development programs.
2. Require that population be considered as a critical factor in environment impact assessment in the creation/ establishment of economic and industrial zones.

We further pledge that we will ensure that basic health services for employees include family planning information and services and that employees and other program beneficiaries are properly briefed on population, resources and environment (PRE);

Furthermore, we pledge that the herein outlined scope of work, responsibilities, accountabilities and agreements shall form an integral part of our performance commitment submitted at the

beginning of every calendar year to the President of the Philippines and shall become a critical factor in the evaluation of our overall performance;

We shall attach to, and which shall form an integral part of this Pledge of Commitment, project documents which specifically outline in detail critical activities to be undertaken in order to achieve general program goals and objectives; and

We, together with POPCOM, shall conduct a continuing, regular and/or annual consultation and review, to revise, modify and/or improve program plans and projects responsive to the needs and demands of any given time as well as to determine the faithful observance of the covenants, commitments, stipulations and agreements of the pledgors as herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereby expressly manifest our unequivocal commitment to honor, pursue and protect our pledge and our cause and to defend the same by hereunto affixing our signatures this 22nd day of February 1996 at Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

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NEDA

for

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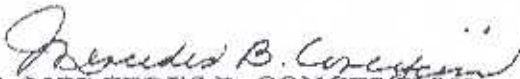
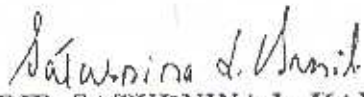
HON. VICTOR O. RAMOS  
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## CONCURRENCE/ATTESTATION:

BY VIRTUE of the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines as Chief Executive, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS hereby attest to the SANCTITY AND INVIOABILITY of this PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT TO THE PHILIPPINE POPULATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM executed between and among the herein-named government department Secretaries and members of the POPCOM Board of Commissioners and, likewise, hereby grant the requisite executive concurrence and pledge of support, as well as the appropriate administrative and legal mandates required under the premises in its observance, execution and implementation.

FIDEL V. RAMOS  
President

PUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
COMMISSION ON POPULATION  
Welfareville Compound  
City of Mandaluyong

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26 March 1996

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MEMORANDUM

TO : All POPCOM Regional Directors and  
Officers-In-Charge

FROM : The Executive Director

SUBJECT : RPO Assistance to the Department of Agrarian  
Reform

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The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is in the process of institutionalizing POPDEV in their Agricultural Reform Communities.

In this connection, please extend the needed assistance.

*Cecile*  
CECILE JOAQUIN-YASAY

*3/29-96*