

Executive Order 406

(June 14, 1990)

MANDATING CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ALIGN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM TO ACCELERATE THE AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program is central to the government's efforts to hasten countryside agro-industrial development;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, apart from accelerating land acquisition and distribution, equally mandates the beneficiaries development through the provision of physical, technical, social and economic support services;

WHEREAS, while the main responsibility for the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program lies with the Department of Agrarian Reform, certain departments and agencies are expected to be equally involved and committed to the success of the said Program;

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. The Departments of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communication, National Defense, Justice, Budget and Management, and Trade and Industry, and Land Bank of the Philippines and Land Registration Authority are hereby mandated to review, evaluate and align their respective programs and projects with the end in view of integrating them into the major thrusts of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

SECTION 2. There shall be an inter-agency CARP Implementing Team (Team) composed of the representatives of the aforementioned agencies and chaired by Department of Agrarian Reform representative at the national, regional, provincial and municipal levels, which shall have the following functions:

- a. Undertake measures to promote, integrate and harmonize the working relationship between and among the participating government agencies, non-

government organizations (NGOs) and the agrarian reform beneficiaries themselves;

- b. Undertake measures to hasten the generation, development and execution of CARP programs and projects;
- c. Undertake measures to consolidate and maximize the utilization of available resources of government for the program;
- d. Recommend measures to improve, increase and accelerate the delivery capacity of agencies for the implementation of CARP program and projects;
- e. Submit a monthly accomplishment report to the Secretary of Agrarian Reform.

The Team shall convene a meeting of its members within one (1) week from the effectivity of this Executive Order and every month thereafter.

At the provincial level, the Team shall serve as the implementing arm of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Coordinating Committee (PARCCOM).

SECTION 3. All the aforementioned agencies shall immediately issue the implementing guidelines to all their regional, provincial, municipal and barangay officials, if any, to insure program integration and accelerate the service delivery capacity of these field implementing units.

SECTION 4. The Department of Agrarian Reform adopt a strategic and area-focused operations approach to accelerate the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementation. It shall concentrate its land distribution and beneficiaries development activities in 24 identified Strategic Operation Provinces (SOPs) which account for 70 percent of the land distribution workload, i.e., Pangasinan, Kalinga Apayao, Ifugao, Isabela, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Batangas, Quezon, Mindoro Occidental, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, Antique, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Leyte, Western Samar, Zamboanga del Sur, Bukidnon, Agusan del Sur, Lanao del Norte, South Cotabato, North Cotabato and Maguindanao, without prejudice to the implementation in the remaining provinces of the country.

SECTION 5. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall implement viable agrarian reform areas development pilot projects in the 24 SOPs particularly in the low income municipalities (LIMs) identified under the Pro-Poor Program of the government and in the aforesaid Department settlement areas. In subsequent years, replication of successful pilot projects may be undertaken in other provinces and low income municipalities. To support these pilot projects, the Bureau of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development (BARBD) of the Department of Agrarian Reform shall intensify its beneficiaries training and social infrastructure building activities

particularly in the areas of organizing, value formation, cooperative development, capability building, enterprise development, social preparation and the like.

Project preparation activities for these areas shall be accelerated and shall be supported by the Project Facilitation Committee under the Office of the President.

Fifteen (15) percent of the CARP 1990 budget (P1.3 billion out of the P8.9 billion) and in the succeeding years CARP budget as approved by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) shall be allocated, released to and administered by the Department of Agrarian Reform for the promotion, development and organization of agrarian reform beneficiaries associations and cooperatives and the implementation of the agrarian reform areas development pilot projects. The same shall be taken out of the budget allocation of CARP agencies for extension infrastructure, research and development, database and other support services which will likewise be part of the essential components of the specific development projects.

To facilitate the implementation of development activities in the identified agrarian reform pilot projects, the Department of Agrarian Reform may call on the other Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementing agencies, government financial institutions, government-owned or controlled corporations and local government units to assist in the implementation of these projects. The Department of Agrarian Reform may also sub-contract various sub-components of the pilot projects to private organizations, private contractors, non-government organizations and the like to facilitate implementation.

SECTION 6. Heads of all other Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementing agencies, and government financial institutions, government-owned or controlled corporations, governors, mayors, barangay chairmen and other officials of local government units in the 24 SOPs shall provide support to the implementation of the agrarian reform development pilot projects in their respective areas.

SECTION 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 14th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.