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The case study aimed to generate inputs for the review of the Assessment of the Level of Development of ARCs (ALDA) as a tool for measuring the development levels of Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) and to identify program interventions that are needed to sustain gains that have been achieved by the ARCs. The San Roque ARC was selected based on the movements in the levels of development in ARCs from CY 2001 to 2007, i.e., ARC that has progressed in its level of development from Level 1 to 5 based on the 2001 to 2007 ALDA ratings. Both primary and secondary data were used in the study. Findings of the study show that high ratings on land tenure improvement (LTI), basic social services (BSS), economic and physical infrastructure support services (ECOPISS), and organizational maturity (OM) have greatly contributed to the advancing level of development of San Roque ARC. OM contributed to the ARC's high ALDA ratings in 2006 and 2007 because of the exclusion of two (2) non-functional cooperatives in the ALDA though not yet officially delisted by the National Agrarian Reform Community Task Force (NARCTF) of the DAR. Notably, San Roque ARC's level of development has been advancing, however the ARBs' overall economic status shows only a slight improvement. Out of the five barangays covered by San Roque ARC, only the lone barangay with access to irrigation have ARBs whose productivity and income increased. Moreover, the study also notes some procedural and administrative weaknesses in the conduct of the ALDA.