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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 the program interventions that are needed to sustain gains that have been achieved by the ARCs. Binahaan Expansion ARC was selected based on the movements in the levels of development in ARCs from CY 2001 to 2007, i.e., ARCs that have regressed in its level of development from Level 4 to Level 1 based on the 2001 to 2007 ALDA ratings. Both primary and secondary data were used in the analysis of the study. Results of the study show that the regressed level of development of the Binahaan Expansion ARC was mainly due to an abrupt slump in its rating on Key Result Area (KRA) on Farm Production and Income (FPI), and the inclusion of three expansion barangays in the conduct of ALDA in October 2007 which resulted to low rating in ALDA due to the requirement of additional economic and physical support interventions. There was also a significant drop in the rating on its KRA on Economic and Physical Infrastructure Support Services (ECOPISS) because the additional expansion barangays still require economic and physical infrastructure support services. Moreover, the KRA on Organizational Maturity (OM) of the ARC has consistently been affected because of the existence of weak cooperatives/organizations and the continuous inclusion in the ALDA of a cooperative which has been non-functional for several years. While the study notes that ALDA is a comprehensive tool for assessing the level of development of an ARC, it indicates some procedural and administrative weaknesses in the conduct of ALDA.