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The case study aimed to generate inputs for the review of the Assessment of the Level of Development (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. Sinamar ARC was selected based on the movements in the levels of development in ARCs from CY 2001 to 2007, i.e., ARC that has maintained its high level of development at 5 based on the 2001 to 2007 ALDA ratings. Both primary and secondary data were used in the study. Results of the study indicates that Sinamar ARC maintained a development level status of 5 from 2001 to 2007 due to high ratings on the Key Result Area (KRA) on Economic and Physical Infrastructure Support Services (ECOPISS). This is attributed to the implementation of the Agrarian Reform Infrastructure Support Project-Phase II (ARISP II), a foreign-assisted project in the ARC. The project provided full range of support interventions to the ARC such as: infrastructure development, institutional development, capacity building, and agriculture and enterprise development. The KRA on Farm Production and Income (FPI) also shows good performance due to the increase in ARBs' farm productivity and household income. These are the outcome of the combined support services provided by the ARISP II, the LGU and other CARP implementing agencies (CIAs). The KRA on Organizational Maturity (OM) also obtained high ratings because of the existence of a progressive ARB cooperative. 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.

