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The case study aimed to generate inputs for the review of the Assessment of the Level of Development 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. Evergreen ARC was selected based on the movements in the levels of development in ARCs from CY 2001 to 2007, i.e., ARC that has regressed in its level of development from 5 to 1 based on the 2001 to 2007 ALDA ratings. The study utilized both primary and secondary data. Results of the study show that Evergreen ARC had maintained its highest ALDA ratings of Levels 4 and 5 from 2003 to 2006 but abruptly regressed to its lowest Level of 1 in 2007. This is due to zero rating obtained on Organizational Maturity (OM) because no FGD was conducted for the lone cooperative during the year, and the low rating on Gender and Development (GAD) because of lack of interventions on this Key Result Area (KRA). The study also indicated a gray area in the conduct of ALDA in the Evergreen ARC. Notably, no FGD was conducted for the ARC in 2007 due to the inability of concerned participants to participate in the FGD. 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.

