

**DAR-Policy and Strategic Research Service. Case Study on the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) Farmer-Beneficiaries in Selected Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) Areas and Public A & D Lands in Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat. Diliman, Quezon City. September 2009.**

The study assessed the results of project interventions provided under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) in selected Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) areas and how the issuance of Certificate of Stewardship Contracts (CSCs)/ Community-Based Forest Management Agreements (CBFMAs), and free and homestead patents under the CARP has contributed to the tenurial security and improvement in the socio-economic conditions of the farmer-beneficiaries. The study used the case study approach which made use of primary and secondary data. Primary data were gathered through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and individual structured interviews with the sample farmer-beneficiaries who were issued CSCs and CBFMAs and free patents in public A & D lands. This case study was selected from the list of CBFM-CARP Project Sites which were provided support services under CARP funds with the three-year period from 200 to 2002 and in 2008. The results of the study show that the 2001 CBFM-CARP projects hardly made a dent in the socio-economic conditions of the CBFM beneficiaries because of minimal provision of funds in its implementation. The CBFM beneficiaries have not yet benefited under the 2008 CBFM-CARP project because the rubber seedlings and corn seeds they received have just been planted due to delayed release of funds for the project. Moreover, the support services provided under the 2008 CBFM-CARP project are very minimal because the project only covers 75 hectares or 7.5 percent of the estimated 1,004 hectares of the total CBFM area with 195 beneficiaries. As regards the free patent holders, there are no specific program interventions which are designed to assist their needs. The aforecited findings indicate the need for adequate funds for the implementation of support programs for the farmer-beneficiaries in public agricultural lands that would increase their farm productivity and household income.