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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. Kablon 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 low level of development at 1 based on the 2001 to 2007 ALDA ratings. Both primary and secondary data were used in the study. Results of the study indicates that Kablon ARC maintained a development level status of 1 for six years i.e., from 2001 to 2007 due to low ratings in almost all Key Result Areas (KRAs). Only the KRA on Land Tenure Improvement (LTI) posted high ratings among all the KRAs because the ARC's LAD accomplishment is 75 percent complete while leasehold is already 100 percent complete. The KRA on Organizational Maturity (OM) obtained low ratings because of the non-functional lone cooperative in the ARC since 2002. The KRA on Economic and Physical Infrastructure Support Services (ECOPISS) fluctuated from 2001 to 2007 because the CARP funds provided for the ARC in 2000 and 2002 were only for the rehabilitation of a farm-to-market road in a particular *sitio* of the ARC. There is also fluctuating trend in the FPI ratings which is attributed to unpredictable weather conditions which affect the ARBs' farm productivity and the fluctuating prices of the ARBs' farm produce brought about by the prices dictated by the traders who buy their produce at the "*Bagsakan Center*" established in the barangay. 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.

