

Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS) and Meganomics Specialist International, Inc. Impact Assessment of the Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP), Volume I: Integrative Report. November 2003.

The integrative report of the Impact Assessment of the Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP) summarizes the main impacts of the Project at the household and institutional levels. The report also highlighted the main findings of the other studies such as: Cost Effectiveness Analysis of the Rural Infrastructure (RI) Component; Technical Assessment of Quality of RI Component; Assessment of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) System of the Project and Log Frame Assumptions; and Review of Validity of Log Frame Assumptions. An overall assessment shows that ARCDP appears to have contributed to increased farm income, made possible through increased productivity and increased cropped area. There were noticeable improvements in the capacity and capability of the various institutional groups involved in the project. However, the assessment of accomplishments vis-à-vis targets still show that ARCDP fell short of meeting its targets. The real household income which was projected to increase by 40 percent even declined by four (4) percent. The decline in real household income was due largely to the 41 percent reduction in non-farm income. Within the ARCDP sites, agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) who are members of the People's Organizations (POs) are relatively better off compared with those ARBs who are not members of the POs. The study also points to the following: the constraining factors which should be addressed immediately or avoided in the next phase; the facilitating factors which should be retained, continued and encouraged in the coming phase; and the sustaining factors to ensure the continuity of the project.