
This is a follow-through study which aimed to determine the changes that have transpired in the implementation of the Lease Agreement of NDC-Guthrie Plantation, Inc. Multi-Purpose Cooperative (NGPI MPC) and NDC-Guthrie Estates, Inc. Multi-Purpose Cooperative (NGEI MPC) with Filipinas Palm Oil Plantation, Inc. (FPPI) in San Francisco and Rosario, Agusan del Sur during the last five (5) years i.e., from the time the Policy and Strategic Research Service (PSRS) conducted a study in 2005. The findings of the study show the following changes that have transpired in the implementation of Lease Agreement and the current situation of the ARBs and their cooperatives: 1) the case filed by NGEI MPC on the nullification of the “Addendum to Lease Agreement” is still pending at the Supreme Court for final resolution; 2) there is still no improvement in the quality of life of majority of the ARBs as a result of the implementation of the Lease Agreement; 3) the ARB-members of NGPI MPC are better off compared to ARB-members of NGEI MPC because the former provides more benefits to its ARB-members; 3) the NGPI MPC continuously operate and provide services to its members and all its businesses are profitable while the NGEI MPC has no economic activity since 2004 due to internal conflict between the members of the BOD and a group of former officers of the cooperative. Notably, the internal conflict between these groups resulted in the organization of another cooperative named as FPPI Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARB) Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MPC) and the filing of several cases against the current Chairman and members of BOD of NGEI MPC by the officers and members of FPPI ARB MPC. These cases have caused the unnecessary delay in the distribution of economic benefits by FPPI to ARB-members of both cooperatives.