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The Qualitative Phase of the Impact Assessment of Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP) is focused on the Institutional Impact which is made up of two (2) parts: Case Study of eight (8) ARCDP sites; and Survey of 56 ARCDP sites. The study focused on the following concerns: extent to which the project reached poor municipalities and the poor in those municipalities; stakeholders' participation in the ARCDP implementation; institutionalization and integration of ARCDP interventions in the municipal planning and development framework; and prospects for sustainability of the project-induced benefits. The study is made up of two (2) parts: case study of eight (8) ARCDP sites; and survey of 56 ARCDP sites. The results of the study showed the following: the project reached its target beneficiaries, i.e., given the project design and strategy which called for the active participation of the stakeholders in project implementation; the level of participation of the LGU (both municipal and barangay), the People's Organization (PO) and the community in the various aspects of ARCDP implementation was found to be significant; the ARCDP interventions relevant to planning were found incorporated in the municipal planning and development framework; about 47 percent of the barangays covered by the project have the rules and regulations concerning the use of the various infrastructure facilities approved by their Sangguniang Bayan; and the prospects for the sustainability of ARCDP induced benefits were found evident. Based on the results of the case studies, the following issues raised were related to: 1) appropriateness of project design; 2) local government support and capability of project implementers; 3) capability and viability of the POs; 4) business and market opportunities; and 5) project sustainability.