

**Areas for Partnership and Complementation in the delivery of agriculture and fishery services  
WG on Sustainable Rural Development**

Areas	Strategies	Institutions/units concerned	What needs to be done
<b>Planning</b>			
	<b>Institutionalize the use of participatory planning techniques and methodologies in the preparation of the agriculture and fisheries modernization plan (AFMP)</b>	DA PS, FOS, ATI	<b>Capacitate DA-RFUs to conduct training for LGUs on participatory planning methods</b>
	Recommend and espouse for a continuous bottom-up, top-down iterative planning process	DA PS, FOS, RFUs & LGUs	Assist LGUs in the conduct of local development planning workshops
	<b>Advocate for a harmonized planning calendar</b>	<b>DA PS &amp; RFUs</b>	<b>Disseminate a harmonized DA planning calendar to all stakeholders in order for them to have a meaningful participation in relevant DA activities.</b>
	Advocate that agri-fishery development is a shared responsibility among all rural development stakeholders	DA PS, FOS & RFUs, NAFC	Conduct regular dialogues and consultations with local development partners
		<b>LGUs</b>	<b>Encourage LGUs to share in the costs of development</b>
	Ensure the active and sustained participation of local development partners in planning, implementation, monitoring &	LGUs and Local organizations	Actively participate in local development planning activities and consultations

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	evaluation of programs & projects		
			<b>Ensure cost sharing arrangements for programs and projects as well as take on the delivery of devolved functions &amp; services</b>
	Request for technical and administrative support from oversight agencies i.e. NEDA & DBM, on restructuring and rationalizing DA budget system	Oversight agencies	DBM & NEDA to pursue the rationalization process of the bureaucracy
			<b>DBM &amp; NEDA to support the rationalization of the DA budget system</b>
		DA & LGUs	DA & LGUs to actively collaborate in oversight planning, monitoring and evaluation.

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	<p><b>Initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DA has initiated participatory planning since 1999 after the enactment of AFMA, however the process has not yet been fully adopted by the DA RFUs due to various reasons i.e. lack of capacity by DA RFUs, limited budget for participatory plan preparation and implementation, lack of development focus of LGUs, etc.</li> <li>• <b>DA will continuously strengthen the participatory planning process</b></li> <li>• DA will rationalize its budget system for greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability.</li> <li>• <b>DBM &amp; NEDA to institutionalize the Organizational Performance Indicators Framework (OPIF) and Agriculture Public Expenditure Review (AgPER).</b></li> <li>• DA to push for the use of participatory planning process through the MRDP APL 2 project to be implemented in the whole of Mindanao. One component of the project is the development of the institutional capacities of all stakeholders in planning, implementation and management of project activities.</li> </ul>		
<b>Policy</b>			
	<p><b>Encourage active participation of the LGUs and Agricultural &amp; Fishery Councils (AFCs) at all levels (local to national) and other private sector organizations on policy advocacy and review.</b></p>	<p><b>DA PRS &amp; RFUs, NAFC, AFCs, LGUs</b></p>	<p><b>Conduct regular policy dialogues through DA-LGU policy forum to update LGUs on policy development as well as consult them on emerging policy issues.</b></p>
			<p>Tap AFCs through the NAFC Secretariat/Sectoral Committees in</p>

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			generating inputs for policy formulation and review.
<b>Operations</b>			
	<b>Mainstream convergence initiatives in the planning and implementation of programs and projects for agribusiness development</b>	<b>DA, DAR, DENR &amp; LGUs</b>	<b>Create regional and local TWGs to mainstream the convergence approach as per the approved Implementation Guidelines on convergence initiatives.</b>
			Validate areas for convergence, prepare corresponding business plans and integrate budgetary concerns in the regular agency's allocation (*).
	<b>Improve the delivery of devolved services i.e. basic research, extension, production support e.g. animal dispersal.</b>	<b>DA FOS &amp; RFUs</b>	<b>Prepare, advocate and implement a phase-out plan for devolved agriculture services.</b>
			Institute common framework for project implementation cost sharing scheme such as in the provision of infrastructure & post harvest facilities
		<b>DA FOS &amp; RFUs, ATI</b>	<b>Capacitate LGUs to take on the delivery of devolved services</b>
	Improve monitoring and evaluation	DA-FOS & RFUs, LGUs	Disseminate M&E results of

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	processes and ensure accountability in program/project implementation		program/project implementation.
		LGUs	<b>Timely provision of regular M&amp;E reports to DA</b>
		AFCs	Tap AFCs to provide feedback on program/project implementation
	<p><b>Initiatives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Convergence team (DA, DAR, DENR) initiated joint validation of agribusiness lands.</li> <li>• <b>National Convergence team prepared and disseminated the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convergence initiatives at local level, however, follow through activities e.g. mobilization/creation of local convergence team, identification of convergence sites for development, needs to be done.</b></li> <li>• Convergence team forged arrangements with GTZ on environment and natural resources (ENR) efforts, specially for agribusiness land development. An implementation arrangement plan needs to be prepared.</li> <li>• <b>DA has designed an operations manual for market related infrastructure under the DFIMDP. However, a unified policy for the cost sharing arrangement with LGUs needs to be resolved within the DA and with oversight agencies.</b></li> </ul>		