

Operationalising a National Sustainable Upland Development Strategy and Policy

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Background of EO SUD (1)

- Drafting of an EO for SUD strategy and policy was initiated by League of Municipalities in GA November 2005
- TA support and MOA with EU/DA-UDP on drafting and conduct of sharing sessions/lessons learned on SUD models by LGUs



Background of EO SUD (2)

- LMP with TA support from EU-UDP conducted series of island conferences on SUD best practices and models and drafting of EO
 - Mindanao – May 24-25, 2006 Davao City
 - Visayas - July 12-14, 2006 Bacolod
 - Luzon – 22-25 August, 2006 Davao City
- Draft EO approved and endorsed by LMP and other LGU Leagues (i.e. LCP, LPP, LnB) and DA, DENR, DAR to PGMA
 - LMP General Assembly – 24-25 October, Manila



Key Provisions of Proposed EO on SUD

- ☑ EO on SUD with food, wood/non-wood security and economic productivity as objective;
- ☑ Consistency with sustainable forest management principles, based on CBFM
- ☑ Convergence; co-management and participatory governance



Institutional Arrangements

- Revitalisation of Convergence towards Sustainable Rural Development under JMC 2006-01
- DENR as lead agency and DA and DAR assisting agency
- Creation of a National SUD Steering Committee – DENR, DA, DAR, PA on AR, LGU Leagues
- Regional/provincial/municipal committees based on convergence with LGU LCEs as chairs



Scope and Coverage (1)

- ☑ Identification and review of convergence and impact of key programmes/interventions in uplands;
- ☑ Review and assess capacities of national and local agencies to implement and perform mandates in uplands;
- ☑ Review and assess consistency and applicability of existing policies, guidelines and programmes



Scope and Coverage (2)

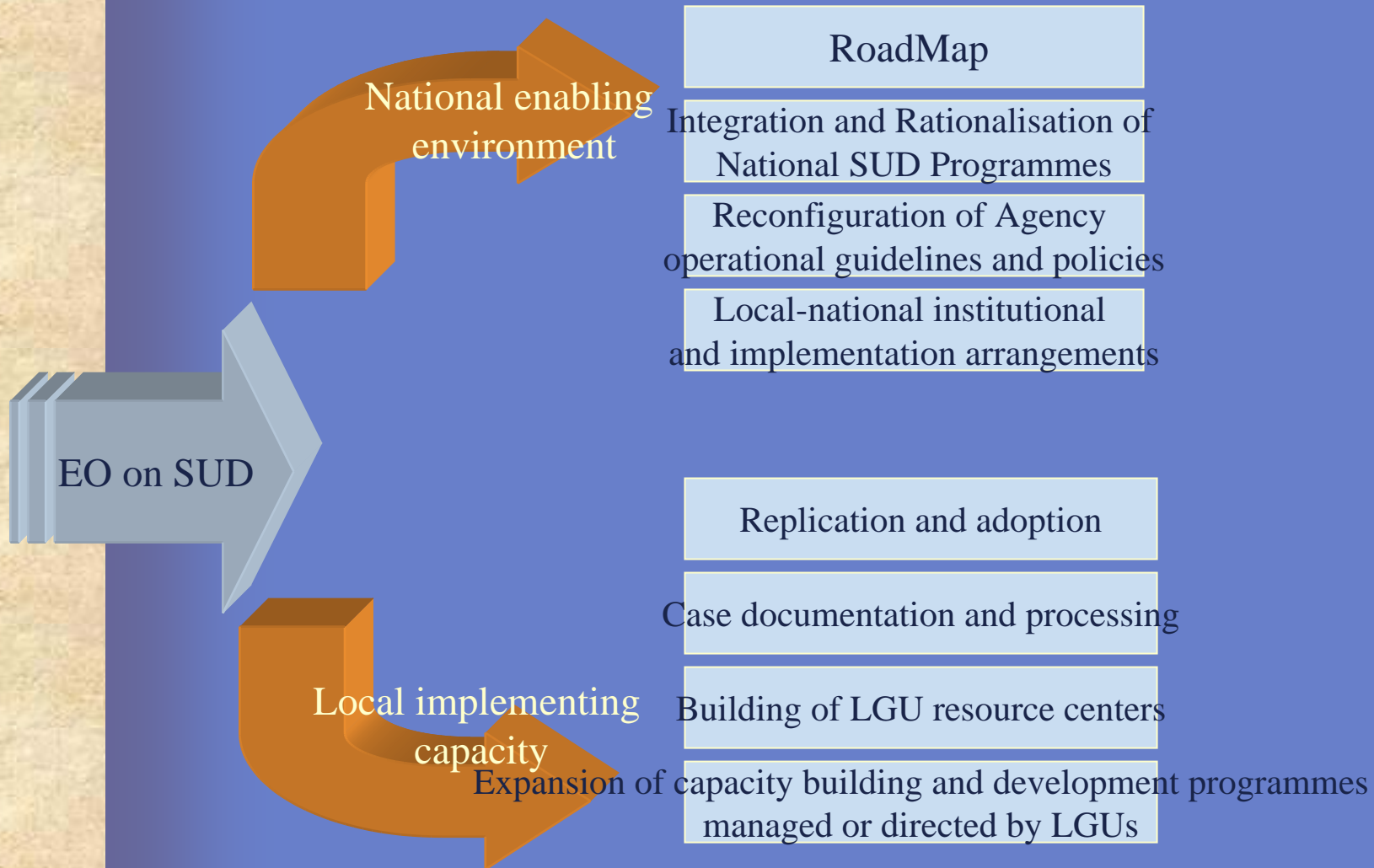
- ☑ Identify, develop and recommend specific programs of actions and interventions to support SUD
- ☑ Identify key policy reforms and recommendations to strengthen delivery and effectiveness of programmes and initiatives in the uplands



Premises for Operationalisation

- Recognition of capacity of LGUs to manage and implement programmes and projects
- Recognition peer-to-peer knowledge sharing
- National policy enabling environment TA provider but local level implementation and strengthening
- Centrality of LGUs and communities in whole strategy and support functions played by NGAs through convergence
- Re-expansion of concept of decentralisation beyond LGC; and adopt more innovative and ‘out-of-the-box’ approaches to support and strengthen local governance

Levels of Operationalising EO on SUD





Proposed Steps in Operationalising EO (National)

- RoadMap for EO Operationalisation
- Inter-Agency Programme
Integration/Rationalisation Workshop and
Convergence Arrangements
- Specific Institutional Arrangements with
LGU Leagues on Programmes/Projects
- Guidelines Formulation (Joint or
Individual)



Proposed Steps in Operationalising EO (Local)

- ☑ Expanded programme for replication of SUD models at the LGU levels
 - Other municipalities (in Visayas and Luzon)
 - Provincial-level application (Pilots in Mindanao, Visayas and Luzon)
- ☑ Documentation of best practices and lessons tie-up with academic research institutions or centers of excellence
 - Luzon – NVSIT, Isabela State University, DMMSU, CLSU and Benguet State University, UPLos Banos, Bicol State University
 - Visayas – Leyte State College, USC, UP Cebu/Visayas, Silliman University;
 - Mindanao – MSU, CMU, USM/USP, WMSU, Zamboanga State College



Proposed Steps in Operationalising EO (Local)

- ☑ Continuation of sharing sessions programme of LGUs on SUDs through LGU Leagues (i.e. LMP)
- ☑ Institutionalisation of basic practices and training modules on SUD through LMP-MDC