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Present On-site and via Zoom:

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The meeting was called to order at 9:44 AM.

The meeting was presided by the LGRRRC 1 Assistant Program Manager – LGOO VIII Reggie R. Colisao, CESO V. It was also attended by RD James F. Fadrihan, CESO III and OIC-ARD / LGRRRC 1 Program Manager Agnes A. De Leon, CESO V. The meeting was conducted through the blended approach (face-to-face and online).

Fifteen (15) out of the twenty-two (22) member-agencies of the MSAC were present during the meeting, hence, there is a quorum.

NO.	AGENDA	ISSUES/HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS & DECISIONS	ACTION PLAN (WHAT, WHO, WHEN TO DO)
1	Mandanas-Garcia Supreme Court Ruling	<p>The Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in the Mandanas Case was presented/discussed by Dir. Ria V. Bansigan of DBM RO1</p> <p>The presentation dwelt on three (3) main topics: (i) IRA and the Supreme Court Ruling in the Mandanas Case, (ii) Full Devolution as Measure to Mitigate Impact of SCR in the Mandanas Case, and (iii) Draft EO on Full Devolution and Its Salient Features.</p> <p>The following issues were raised:</p> <p><u>Questions from John Gagucas (NEDA)</u></p> <p>Q: How do we ensure the growth equalization fund is objectively implemented?</p> <p>A: The Department Project Coordinating Committee or the DPCC composed of the NEDA, DOF, DBM, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, will issue guidelines that we shall be following or that will implement the growth equalization fund, which until now still not yet finished. However, DPCC will ensure that it will be objectively implemented.</p> <p>Q: Is there an intention to review the devolved functions to LGUs to determine appropriate plantilla positions the LGUs may create given the added responsibilities? Or is there a deliberate analysis whether the optional/appointed positions in the LGUs can now become mandatory positions?</p> <p>A: Currently, the DBM is making a study on the index of the occupational</p>	



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services (IOS) of the LGUs because it needs to be updated with recent development especially the full devolution plan.

And as of now, maybe we cannot yet identify all the positions needed by the LGU to fully assume the devolved functions since we do not yet have the definite guidelines, even the transition plans of NGAs are not yet finished, hence, we cannot really identify what are the positions needed by the LGU. But once the NGAs already identified the functions to be devolved, the DBM is asking to advise them of those positions which we know is important in the LGU so it will be included in the updating of the IOS. We know that there is a limit in Personnel Services of LGUs and we cannot exceed on that because it is provided by law. However, with the increase of the base of the computation of the limit, the LGU can hire more personnel. As to the mandatory positions, it will hopefully be addressed with the updating of IOS.

*** DBM asked everyone to inform their office of any information on the positions needed by the LGUs which they cannot create because it is not within the IOS.

Q: How do we manage the transition from 2022 to 2025? In 2022, the IRA amounts to 1.083 trillion pesos, however, in 2023, it will fall to around 954 billion pesos given the collapse in revenues in 2020 as a result of the pandemic

A: Economy really collapsed in 2020, therefore, there might be a decrease on the collection. DOF already had their figures of the collection for 2020, but hopefully the figures will increase because it will be a big help. However, we should recognize that there will be a decrease. As to how we manage, NEDA might have an answer to the question since they are the planning arm. As of now, the focus is the implementation of the ruling to have a smooth transition.



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As to how we manage in 2023 because of the decrease, it is one of the problems to deal with in the preparation of our transition plans, hence, there is no outright answer on how.

Addendum:

Sir John Gagucas of NEDA admitted that they are also in limbo and afraid that LGUs might have false hopes. Considering the Mandanas Ruling, LGUs might expect that their IRA share will be going higher and higher but will go down in 2023, hence, its management will be hard, and NEDA is also tackling on the concern. They hope that the Transition Plans will be finished so as to have a clear direction and also the different technical assistance to be provided to LGUs. He also added that with the plantilla positions mentioned, it is also one of the inputs made by NEDA Regional Office to their Central Office given the responsibilities of the LGUs not just in managing their resources, but also their people and those who will be displaced from the NGAs. Their office hopes for the approval of the EO and the transition plans of the agencies.

Comment from Director Hedy Jose B. Lardizabal (CSC)

Hopefully, CSC's engagement or involvement in the EO will commence at once to avoid the defects of the implementation of the LGC wherein there were a lot of problems lodged with CSC in filling up of positions in LGUs. Also, the formulation of QS for positions to be created later in accord with the IOS

A: The involvement of CSC should really come earlier to avoid greater defects of the implementation of the LGC wherein there were a lot of problems lodged in CSC in the filling up of positions in LGUs. In the formulation of qualifications of the positions to be created in accordance with the IOS which is to be updated. As early as the determination of the qualifications, CSC should really be involved.



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Response from Dir. Lardizabal:

It has been a problem [defects of the implementation] even in the implementation of the Rationalization Plan; therefore, it should be more of a preventive measure. CSC should be involved at the start to avoid the same problem. Many had been affected and it took years before the problem was settled. CSC should be involved not only in the creation of positions but also in the transfer to ensure the compliance to the Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORAOHRA). CSC will be awaiting words from DBM and CSC Central Office as to their involvement.

Addendum from DBM:

In the preparation of the Devolution Transition Plan of NGAs and LGUs, it has been included in the EO that they may now consult with the CSC.

Questions from John Gagucas (NEDA)

Do we have a timeline on the CapDev program to be downloaded by the LGA? When will it be downloaded to the Regional Offices?

A (by DBM): As to the timeline of CapDev, it is not included in the EO, but DILG might have an idea about the concern.

A (by DILG): As of the moment, LGA is conducting consultation with the DILG Regional Offices. The Department is looking into the organization as well as the Capacity Development. There were different committees created for the implementation of the Mandanas Ruling. The LGA will cascade [of the CapDev, however, they cannot start without the approved EO from the Office of the President.

Addendum from DBM:

Activities are in idle awaiting of the approval of EO because there might be changes. Therefore, we really should wait for the approved EO



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2	2020 LGRRC1 Performance Assessment Report	<p>Presiding Officer Reggie Colisao, CESO V presented the result of the LGRRC1 Performance Assessment conducted by the LGA on 04 December 2020. The result communicated contains the strengths and the areas of improvement and along with it are the recommendations in order to improve the performance.</p> <p>LGRRC1 was assessed on the following (Characteristics: Adjectival Rating):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure: Capable - Competency: Exceptional - Management Systems: Exceptional - Enabling Policies: Weak - Knowledge and Learning: Capable - Leadership: Exceptional - Use of LGA Systems: Capable <p>Action/s taken on Areas for improvement under <u>Structure</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting was already conducted on 04 March 2021 to plan and draft actions ▪ Personnel already identified to do the documentation and upload it in the DILG R1 website <p>PO solicited inputs from the members on how to improve the LGRRC1 performance for 2021</p> <p>Action/s taken on Areas for improvement under <u>Competency</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted the 3-in-Book Launching on 10 March 2021 and copies to be uploaded in the website <p>Action/s taken on Areas for improvement under <u>Enabling Policies</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization of MSAC Team for the Full Devolution through MOA <p>Action/s taken on Areas for improvement under <u>Knowledge and Learning</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requesting LRIs and other members of the MSAC to share their research studies as basis of CapDev intervention to LGUs
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	<p>Action/s taken on Areas for improvement under <u>Leadership</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business plan already incorporated in the WFP <p>Suggestion from DSWD: The DSWD Region 1 is conducting the KM Audit and one of their activities in showing alliances with stakeholders is conducting the 'knowledge-share'. DSWD capacitates the stakeholders in preparing best practices and knowledge products and it is being conducted through a contest and they are giving awards to recognize their efforts. It is claimed to be effective since many LGUs and NGAs joined the contest. Therefore, recommended that the DILG as the head of the MSAC to come up with a similar activity wherein each member agency can join and is also one way of exchanging best practices</p> <p>Q (Dir. Lardizabal of CSC): What is the role of the MSAC in the LGRRC?</p> <p>A (LGCDD Chief P. Gonzales): MSAC is the planning and policy-making body of the LGRRC</p> <p>Q (Dir. Lardizabal of CSC): The word itself, MSAC is only an Advisory Committee. Why MSAC should be leading the way rather than just giving inputs, or it might be the other way around?</p> <p>A (ARD A. DeLeon): LGRRC is already moving towards the linking and convergence with partners. That is why according to LGA, DILG is not the lead team in the MSAC, it is the LGRRC. Multi-sectoral committee shall serve as the steering committee within the Region, and the LGRRC will only serve as Secretariat. We will be having a Core Team which will help the LGRRC and the MSAC</p> <p>A (LGCDD Chief P. Gonzales): The over-arching principles of LGRRC contained the knowledge management, convergence, and multi-stakeholdership. Therefore, whatever agreements made by the MSAC will become binding, and we ourselves will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DSWD to provide a copy of the documentation of their best practice to be included in the LGRRC Compendium ▪ DBM to provide a copy of the research study on the IOS to be also included in the LGRRC Compendium
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		be implementing whatever interventions that need to be delivered especially in the CapDev needs of our LGUs	
3	LGRRC 1 Annual Work and Financial Plan CY 2021	<p>LGRRC1 Program Manager Pedro D. Gonzales presented the draft 2021 Work and Financial Plan</p> <p>I. Full utilization of the LGRRC services by the stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some of the identified PPAs were already implemented since it is almost end of the 1st Quarter ▪ For 2021, encouraged additional members to be included in the MSAC <p>II. Introduced/Conducted innovative demand-driven & development demand-driven & development oriented CapDev activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encouraged MSAC members to add CapDev activities ▪ For the CapDev for LGUs on Full Devolution, Core Team to be organized to conduct an orientation on Full Devolution ▪ ToT on VAWC, negotiation was conducted with the LMP MSAC members, and MOA was forged for its implementation but not implemented due to the pandemic. It is to be conducted 2021 through blended approach. Pool of trainers were already identified: DOH, DSWD, CHR, DILG <p>III. Knowledge Exchange Forum conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LRI members in MSAC are the partners in the implementation of CSIS. To possibly conduct knowledge exchange forum with them so that LGUs would know the importance of CSIS and would be encouraged to implement the program in their area ▪ On sharing of best practices PPA, it is an offshoot of the <i>Panangsaranget ti Pangta ti COVID19</i>, and LGUs to be invited to present their best practices during the pandemic 	



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		<p>IV. Support to Provincial LGRCs Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Negotiation is being made with LGA if they could fund the purchase of ICT equipment for teleconferencing and the Zoom subscription for the Provincial LGRCs ▪ Negotiation is being conducted with LGA to fund some of the activities and others will be funded by the DILG Regional Office. Funding assistance from MSAC members is accepted, and if they could identify PPAs wherein collaboration and convergence can be made <p>Concerns raised: NEDA: NEDA RGIN will be conducting GIS training for LGUs, if partnership is possible for the pool of resources. LGUs are the target participants, hence, it could be an avenue for collaboration</p> <p>A (LGCDD Chief P. Gonzales): : The GIS training is part of the preparation of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The result of GIS is to identify the vulnerable areas and families, and to be used as input to the CDRA. The CDRA is to ensure that disaster and climate change are mainstreamed in the CDP. If both agencies (NEDA and DILG) are in the same line, DILG will be very happy to collaborate with NEDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adoption of the 2021 WFP was motioned by CHED Supervisor Al Gerald Barde and duly seconded by PDGonzales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NEDA to invite DILG in the RGIN Meeting on 23 March 2020 and the agency to coordinate pertaining the proposal
4	<p>Recommendation for LRIs to offer short courses on the formulation of risk-informed CDP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LGUs are already preparing for the formulation/update of their CDPs. ▪ ToT on the Risk-Informed CDP Formulation was conducted in 2020 participated by RO and PO Focal Persons as well as the EnPs of the Department and some MSAC members to become pool of trainers. The LRI members and CSO representatives also joined the 5-day activity. ▪ 25 trainers are now serving as mobile teams (per province) in providing technical assistance in the preparation of CDP of LGUs 	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The possibility for LRI members to offer a short course and named as Local Development Planning Academy and tap the pool of trainers on CDP Formulation and if it can be accredited ▪ The CDP Facilitator's Toolkit can be converted as module in the short course as well as the GIS and CDRA components <p>CHED Supervisor Al Gerald Barde: Aside from the PPAs lined-up in the WFP, LGUs should also have programs that will promote and preserve local cultures. Hence the agency will be conducting a Culture and Arts Trainers and Instructors' Summit on 23 March 2021 wherein culture and arts instructors in colleges will be capacitated so they could partner with LGUs regarding cultural mapping and other related programs</p> <p>He also made an announcement that on 18 March 2021, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, CHED Region 1 will be conducting "Juana Nangunguna Laban sa Pandemya Online Forum" and to be streamlined via their Facebook Page</p>	
5.1	Policies of the LGRRC and MSAC in terms of alliance and partnership building, and support to LGRRRC programs and initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LGCDD Chief P. Gonzales sought for recommendations from the body pertaining to the enabling policies that will serve as policy direction of the MSAC operation and made the following suggestions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct of the MSAC Meeting in a quarterly basis to make the Committee more functional; 2. Conduct of a regular LGRRRC Team Meeting; 3. Regular updating of the Business Plan; 4. Update of the Knowledge Management Framework ▪ MSAC regular meeting to be conducted on a quarterly basis and to be conducted every 2nd month of the quarter ▪ LGRRRC Team Meeting to be conducted on a monthly basis and if the need arises ▪ Updating of Business Plan to be conducted in an annual basis and KM Framework 	



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		<p>Suggestion from NEDA: DILG to write the member agencies to formalize their membership as well as the primary and alternate representatives to avoid the changing representatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DILG to write MSAC member agencies to designate their main and alternate focal persons who will attend the MSAC meetings.
5.2	<p>Issuance of policies in support of the LGA systems' usage at the Regional LGRC down to the sub-LGRCs and CapDev providers</p>		
6.1	<p>Proposal to organize a team who will conduct IEC on the Mandanas-Garcia Supreme Court Ruling, and the proposal to develop standard materials/ references/modules for the IEC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization of MSAC Core Team who will be handling the orientation to our LGUs in terms of the implementation of the Full Devolution or the Mandanas Ruling ▪ MOA was presented by the Secretariat for further deliberation of the body ▪ MOA is not only focused on the orientation of Full Devolution to the LGUs but also other CapDev initiatives coming from the MSAC members which will be implemented through the MOA ▪ Automatic membership for the Core Team: DILG, NEDA, DOF, CSC, DBM, and all other agencies that will be having devolved functions to the LGU <p>Q from NEDA: In item number 2, "To facilitate networking" can the IPs be included?</p> <p>A: One of the MSAC members, which is the Sangbay DS Concepts Inc. & IPCLP is in line with IP</p> <p>Q from DSWD: The terms and conditions specified in the draft MOA are already some of the functions of DSWD towards our LSWDOs and LGUs, even if it is a regular function, can it really be included in the MOA or just the MSAC or the LGRRC as a team?</p> <p>A: Those only for the CapDev initiatives that we implement to LGUs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To include IPs in the item number 2 of the MOA




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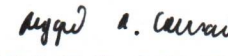
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		needing interventions based on their CapDev Agenda. Regular programs that would involve other MSAC members to be included	
6.2	Draft MOA with partner-RLAs re: collaboration on the initiatives for the IEC on the Mandanas-Garcia Supreme Court Ruling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the MOA was motioned by John Gagucas of NEDA and was seconded by CHED Supervisor Al Gerald Barde 	MOA to be signed by all the member agencies of the MSAC
7	Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSWD to invite DILG for their Knowledge Fair on 25 March 2021 All MSAC members are also invited in the 2nd Semester activities of the DSWD specifically on the Packaging of Good Practices and Awarding of Knowledge Products 	
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