

**MESSAGE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**Firming Up of Agrarian Reform Communities Project II Log frame**  
**Workshop &**  
**Annual Work & Budget Plan**  
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A pleasant morning to all of you.

I am pleased to join you today in this ARCP2 Logframe workshop here in Tagaytay. I recall fondly that it was only a few months ago when we launched the ARCP2 which formally signaled the official implementation of this project.

Your activity today, the firming up of ARCP 2 Logframe workshop and Annual Work and Budget Plan is very important. The Logical Framework will be formulated to serve as planning and monitoring tool in the implementation of the project. Specially, I understand that this shall serve as a measure if the outputs of the project were delivered in the right quantity, with the right quality, producing the expected results intended for our beneficiaries. Of course, we are talking here of results which will extend even after the project is completed.

The signing of R.A. 9700 signals the beginning of a new set of challenges and opportunities to be hurdled in the next five years. But this should not bother us because we have the resources and the will to translate our mission and objectives into concrete and tangible outcomes.

Let me mention a few inputs to consider in the preparation of the logframe. First and foremost, we have Republic Act 9700 also known as the CARPER Law that was recently been signed into law. At present, we are finalizing the Implementation Rules and Regulations to respond to the reform provisions of the law particularly on support services delivery which are expected to make a dent on the over-all goals and objectives of the project.

The provision on the delivery of support services which mandates that coverage should extend not only to ARBs in the ARCs but also in non-ARCs as well. Support services for ARBs in the ARCs is already institutionalized in the DAR system. However, those for ARBs in ARC clusters, ARCs and SARCs have yet to be intensified. The IRR therefore should include Complementary Support Services for the ARBs outside the ARC Cluster / ARCs / SARCs. We know this is easier said than done as this would entail additional resources, nevertheless, we are positive that this would properly addressed and delivered.

Second, on the institutionalization of the Results Monitoring Evaluation System. I am proud to note that during the various meetings conducted by NEDA and other line agencies implementing FAPs, DAR was cited by NEDA as the only agency which has complied with RME requirements. The DAR, through the FAPsO has established a reputation of being the “benchmark” in monitoring and evaluation. I hope ARCP2 will do its share to continue this tradition. To fulfill this, it has to make use of the M&E standards which has already been set by the FAPsO.

You all know that to come up with a substantial and reliable RME report, the following are critical:

1. Generation of reliable baseline of the project area at year 0 or, at the latest, year 1 of the project implementation;
2. Formulation of a realistic project logical framework (logframe); and
3. Good progress monitoring and evaluation system, covering the project’s inputs and outputs (progress M&E).

Third, is on the Sustainability Monitoring and Evaluation (SME). We have institutionalized the sustainability system that periodically evaluates the post-completion status of intervention, particularly on physical infrastructure. This is done through the different Inspectorate Teams at the Central, Regional and Provincial levels. Another positive point is that the SME is also seen by our development partners as an initiative distinct solely to DAR.

In closing, I wish to commend the efforts of the entire Project Team and the FAPsO for a good start in terms of implementing this project. The ARCP2 is a major part of the Department’s ODA portfolio. So much is expected from it. And we are certain that the entire team will deliver.

Thank you and mabuhay tayong lahat!