



## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and among:

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary WILLIAM D. DAR**, hereinafter referred to as “**DA**”;

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon city, represented herein by Secretary **JOHN R. CASTRICIONES**, hereinafter referred to as “**DAR**”;

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary ROY A. CIMATU**, hereinafter referred to as “**DENR**”;

The **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at DILG-NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary EDUARDO M. AÑO**, hereinafter referred to as “**DILG**”;

and

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Constitution Hills, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**, hereinafter referred to as “**DSWD**”;

### WITNESSETH THAT:

**WHEREAS**, Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 1, series of 2020 (Revised JAO No. 01, series of 2015: Strengthening the Implementation Framework for the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development) was issued in 2020 to strengthen the implementation of the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) as a strategy that can contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the countryside through complementation efforts in the rural sector;



**WHEREAS**, Chapter 8 (Expanding Economic Opportunities in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries) of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 states that the government will strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of strategies by continuing to *"pursue the national convergence initiative using the ridge-to-reef approach"* to expand economic opportunities in the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors.

**WHEREAS**, the DSWD has continuously implemented poverty reduction programs such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) which is mainly a capability building program that provides social preparation, facilitates capability building activities for households, assists them in starting or expanding micro-enterprises, and links them to employment opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, the NCI-SRD and DSWD, in their mutual desire to contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the rural areas, signified their intention and willingness to implement the SLP in the identified convergences areas;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the above premises, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **NATURE, OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

**Section 1. Title.** The MOA shall be known as **"DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DSWD"**

**Section 2. Objective.** The MOA aims to forge a partnership between the NCI-SRD and DSWD through the SLP in the convergence areas, which are the identified strategic rural areas where complementation of efforts and concerted and coordinated interventions from the NCI-SRD agencies are implemented. These convergence areas are selected based on the criteria stipulated in the NCI-SRD JAO No. 01, series of 2020, as proposed by the Local Government Units (LGUs), endorsed by the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) to the NCI-SRD National Technical Working Group (NTWG), and approved by the NCI-SRD National Steering Committee (NSC).

**Section 3. Scope and Coverage.** This MOA provides for the terms and conditions and the roles of the Parties in support to the implementation of NCI-SRD JAO No. 1, series of 2020 and the SLP of DSWD. For geographic and programmatic coverage, the partnership shall cover SLP participants in the identified convergence areas, directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture, fisheries and forestry. The partnership shall cover SLP participants belonging to families under the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (4Ps) and the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or *Listahanan* such as the vulnerable, and/or disadvantaged farmers, fisherfolk, agrarian reform beneficiaries, and indigenous peoples (IPs), as determined by the DSWD and NCI-SRD.





## ARTICLE II

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Pertinent to the provisions of the NCI-SRD JAO No. 1, series of 2020 and the SLP of the DSWD, the Parties hereby agreed to perform the following roles and responsibilities:

**Section 4.** The NCI-SRD, through the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Groups (RCI TWGs) shall:

- 4.1 Coordinate with the DSWD Regional Offices in the implementation of this MOA in the identified convergence areas;
- 4.2 Assist smallholder farmers, fisherfolks, agrarian reform beneficiaries, and IPs who are willing to participate in the SLP by linking and facilitating their membership to established farmer's cooperatives or associations in the community who are engaged in agriculture-, fishery- or agro-forestry-related enterprises or employment;
- 4.3 Provide appropriate technical assistance and support services under the relevant NCI-SRD programs such as, but not limited to, production support services, market development services, and extension support and training and technical assistance services to the SLP participants;
- 4.4 Conduct Information, Education and Communication (IEC) initiatives on the NCI-SRD-DSWD partnership within the convergence areas; and
- 4.5 Report to the NCI-SRD the progress of the implementation of the partnership in the regions.

**Section 5.** The DSWD, through the Sustainable Livelihood Program Regional Program Management Office (SLP-RPMO) shall:

- 5.1 Assist eligible households within the identified convergence areas to avail of the SLP;
- 5.2 Coordinate with the RCI TWGs in the implementation of the SLP in the convergence areas; and
- 5.3 Report to the DSWD SLP National Program Management Office (NPMO) the progress of the implementation of the partnership in the regions.



### **ARTICLE III**

#### **COMMON PROVISIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOA**

**Section 6.** The NCI-SRD and DSWD shall:

- 6.1 Designate focal persons in the implementation of the partnership under this MOA;
- 6.2 Share existing mechanisms in complementary programs for the development of the convergence areas;
- 6.3 Create and/or pursue collaborative opportunities in the implementation of SLP's micro-enterprise development and employment facilitation tracks for vulnerable families and communities, particularly involving SLP participants who are engaged or will be engaged in any agriculture-, fishery- or agroforestry-related enterprises or employment;
- 6.4 Jointly conduct its planning, budget, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation in the convergence areas, based on performance indicators aligned with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and in compliance with Commission on Audit (COA) and Republic Act No. 9184 (The Government Procurement Reform Act) rules and regulations;
- 6.5 Formulate and develop necessary policy to support the NCI-SRD-DSWD partnership in the locality; and
- 6.6 Submit reports of the RCI TWG to the DSWD and the SLP-RPMO to the NCI-SRD on the progress of implementation of the partnership under this MOA.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may be revised, amended or modified only upon notification of the nature and proper justification, mutual agreement and approval of the Parties through written instrument duly executed and signed.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **SEPARABILITY**

This Agreement must not be in conflict with existing laws, legal orders, procedures or rules and regulations; otherwise, the pertinent provision/s in violation or conflict with said existing laws, legal orders, procedures or rules and regulations will be void. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or declared contrary to law, the validity of the other conditions or provisions shall not be affected.





## ARTICLE VI DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any conflict, controversy, issue or dispute which may arise from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall, in their best efforts, try to settle the same among the Parties. In case of failure to come to an amicable settlement, it shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties using the diplomatic or official channels.

## ARTICLE VII EFFECTIVITY AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon the signing hereof and shall remain enforced until 2022 unless and until terminated by the Parties for a valid cause, subsequently extended or renewed for the same period, or revoked in writing upon mutual agreement and approval of the Parties.

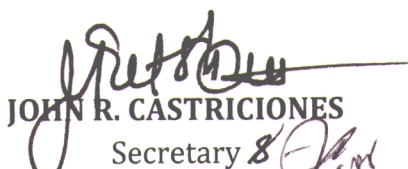
Termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to any ongoing activities previously started or formalized before its termination. In case of premature termination of this Agreement, each Party shall notify the other Parties thirty (30) days before the intended termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have set their hands this 23 NOV 2020 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019 at QUEZON CITY.


Department of Agriculture  
By:

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR**  
Secretary

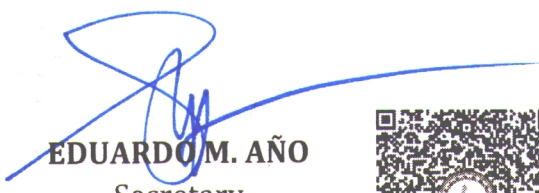
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By:

  
**JOHN R. CASTRICONES**  
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Department of Environment and Natural  
Resources  
By:

  
**ROY A. CIMATU**  
Secretary

Department of the Interior and Local  
Government  
By:

  
**EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
Secretary

Department of Social Welfare and Development  
By:

  
**ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA**  
Secretary

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AFFIRMING PARTY WITNESSES:

**WALDO R. CARPIO**

Undersecretary for Special Concerns  
DA

**ATTY EMILY O. PADILLA**

Undersecretary, Support Services Office  
DAR

**ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I**  
Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and  
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DENR

**MARIVEL C. SACENDONCILLO, CESO III**  
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Undersecretary of the Operations  
DSWD





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
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BEFORE ME, this 23 day of NOV 2020, at QUEZON CITY, Philippines  
personally appeared the following authorized representative of the Parties, namely:

WILLIAM D. DAR with WALDO R. CARPIO, in representation of the DA;

JOHN R. CASTRICIONES with EMILY O. PADILLA, in representation of the DAR;

ROY A. CIMATU with JONAS R. LEONES, in representation of the DENR;

EDUARDO M. AÑO with MARIVEL C. SACENDONCILLO, in representation of the DILG;

- and -

ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA with AIMEE S. TORREFRANCA-NERI, in representation of  
the DSWD.

Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and who  
acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and that of the government  
agencies they respectively represent.

This instrument consisting of only seven (7) pages, including this page in which this  
Acknowledgement is written, duly signed by them and their instrumental witnesses on each and  
every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on this 23 NOV 2020 at QUEZON CITY,  
Philippines.

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