

## MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement made and entered into by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL WELFARE and DEVELOPMENT**, herein represented by its Secretary, **Hon. CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN**, with principal office at IBP Road, Constitution Hills, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City, herein referred to as **DSWD**.

*and*

The **DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES** herein represented by its Secretary, **Hon. RAMON J.P. PAJE** with principal office at Visayas Avenue, Quezon City, herein referred to as **DENR**.

### WITNESSETH THAT

*Whereas*, Executive Order (EO) No. 23 dated February 1, 2011 declared a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests and instituted the DENR through the DA-DENR-DAR Convergence Initiative, to develop a National Greening Program (NGP), and the DSWD to identify upland farmers covered by the NGP as priority beneficiaries of the DSWD-DENR social and environmental protection program;

*Whereas*, EO No. 26 dated February 24, 2011 declared the implementation of the National Greening Program as a government priority in order to pursue sustainable development for poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

*Whereas*, the DSWD as the lead government agency in social protection, welfare & development and DENR as the lead government agency on environmental protection and development both endeavour to contribute to poverty reduction and empowerment through the provision of appropriate interventions to the disadvantaged population in the upland and coastal communities;

*Whereas*, the DENR is the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources;

*Whereas*, both agencies recognize the need to establish a cooperative approach, converging and conservatively utilizing its resources and capacities in one common area and beneficiaries, in order to create optimum impact to attain a triple goal of human, ecological and economic security;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties herein agree to work together in a program "Sustainable Livelihood and Environment for DSWD disadvantaged clients" (*the cooperation program, for brevity*) through the following undertakings:

### Section 1: Purpose

To establish partnership arrangements to implement an area-based, ecosystem approach of sustaining the environment and livelihood of the poor and marginalized within the context of



## **Section 2: Component of the Cooperation Program**

The cooperation program will implement disaster preventive or risk reduction livelihood projects in areas covered by the National Greening Program (NGP) of the government. Development of sustainable and job generating livelihood project models in the satellite sites will be implemented **through the Cash or Food-for-Training Program of the DSWD.**

Beneficiaries to be covered by the program are DSWD's Pantawid Pamilya recipients and disadvantaged clients, and, upland dwellers whose livelihoods were adversely affected by the log ban enforced by the government. Non-pantawid beneficiaries situated in the identified project sites will be assessed by DSWD on eligibility to be covered of the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program.

## **Section 3: Role and Function of the Parties**

Under this cooperation program, the parties bind themselves to the following responsibilities and any other tasks necessary to attain the purpose of this Agreement.

### **Section 3.1 The DENR shall:**

- a. Provide technical expertise in this cooperation project;
- b. Designate a national and field focal persons in charge of the implementation of the said project;
- c. Disseminate information to all regional offices, peoples organizations and other stakeholders;
- d. Implement the NGP with convergence efforts with the DSWD national and field offices;
- e. Design project models under the principles of the NGP and convergence strategy of the national government.

### **Section 3.2 The DSWD shall:**

- a. Provide livelihood capital assistance and/or Cash/Food for Training of the program beneficiaries;
- b. Ensure that all CCT eligible households in the project sites are enrolled in the DSWD Pantawid Pamilya Program;
- c. Evaluate and assess the success of the project for possible replication to other identified project sites;
- d. Update DENR regularly on project implementation/operation;
- e. Conduct semestral project evaluation.

### **Section 3.3 The DSWD and DENR shall cooperate in the following activities:**

- a. Inventory of existing resources, knowledge, expertise & cultures, and develop institutional framework for coordination and exchange of information and operational policies/guidelines in harmony with and among DENR and DSWD partners and operating units working along livelihood development, employment and income generation activities to avoid duplication and enhance complementation of expertise and resources;
- b. Mapping and assessment of target/identified areas and beneficiaries as basis for pilot testing and eventual replication of ecologically sound, community and industry based livelihood development models;



- c. Consolidate individual or family-sized livelihoods to achieve economies of scale in both community-and-industry-based enterprises, and strengthen capacity of prospective beneficiaries in project management and enterprise development to scale-up micro-enterprise initiatives through skills inventory and development, and complete social preparation process;
- d. Synergized implementation of all program/project components taking into consideration the principles of sustainable development to address critical and strategic concerns of the poor and the disadvantaged population of the upland & coastal and other environmentally protected and reserved areas, and clients of DSWD residential care facilities on health & nutrition, food & education, dwelling productivity and/or land;
- e. Creation of an inter-agency team that would conduct a quarterly or bi-annual assessment and monitoring of programs/projects implemented under this Agreement and conduct of regular meetings to ensure proper coordination and complementation of resources for efficient/effective implementation of plans and addressing of emerging issues;
- f. Capacitate field implementers on all aspect of program implementation.

#### **Section 4. Funding**

Section 4. Institutional Arrangement. DSWD shall allocate funds for the livelihood capital assistance and cash/food-for-training of the program beneficiaries, while DENR provide technical expertise and other non-monetary resources that may be deemed necessary to operate the program and/or to be provided to the beneficiaries (i.e. tenorial and productivity instruments, land, supplies and materials needed in the project sites)

#### **Section 5. Project Implementation**

**Section 5.1** Parties shall initially pilot the program models in Region 2 within a period of six (6) months prior to replication. Lessons learned shall be documented as basis for the development of customized plans for replication in other areas.

Within one month after the affectivity of this agreement, the parties shall prepare the program design, detailed project activities and tasks, responsibilities, implementing arrangements and designate national and field offices focal persons.

**Section 5.2 Program Sustainability.** Parties shall undertake sustainability activities such as but not limited to the following:

- a. Facilitate the active involvement of the youth to ensure that the next generation will have the capacity to sustain the gains from the project;
- b. Conduct of regular project review;
- c. Establish tie-ups with research organizations and academic institutions for application of appropriate technology and continuing research and development to ensure sustainable livelihoods.
- d. Identify mechanisms to further strengthen the NGP and the DSWD's social protection programs to achieve the goals of poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation, environmental stability and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**Section 6. Duration.** This agreement shall take effect immediately upon signing by the parties, and shall remain in full force and effect unless sooner terminated in writing for any reason and at

**Section 7. Termination.** The termination as initiated in the previous section which shall take effect after three (3) months from actual receipt of such written notice by the other party.

**Section 8. Amendments.** Any amendment of the provision of this agreement should be upon mutual written consent of both parties.

This Agreement is signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of MAY 12 2012 2012 in QUEZON CITY.

**DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL WELFARE  
and DEVELOPMENT**

  
**CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN**

Secretary

**DEPARTMENT of ENVORINMENT and  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

  
**RAMON J.P. PAJE**

Secretary

**Witnesses:**

  
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**Quezon City**

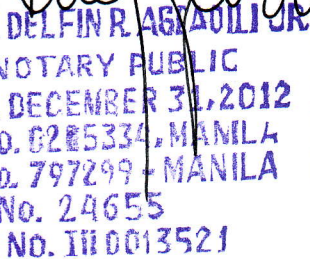
**BEFORE ME**, a Notary Public for and in above jurisdiction on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
MAY 12 2012 personally appeared:

Name	ID No.	Date	Place of Issue
<b>CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>RAMON J.P. PAJE</b>	_____	_____	_____

Known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Understanding and acknowledge that the same are her/his free and voluntary act and deed.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL**, on the date and place mentioned above.

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