

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1048, November 15, 1976**]

IMPLEMENTING THE SAMAR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the government to promote the integrated development of agriculture, natural resources, infrastructure and social services in underdeveloped areas to solidify the economic and social structure of our society;

WHEREAS, an integrated area development project has been adopted for Samar Island;

WHEREAS, the success of the project requires that the management and planning of the island be comprehensive, decentralized, and framed within regional and national plans;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to enhance the organizational framework and systems capability for planning, managing and monitoring this integrated development project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, in order to ensure the success of this project, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*—The Samar Integrated Rural Development Project, identified as the fourth Integrated Rural Development Project of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Project, is hereby declared an integrated rural development project of the national government under the direct supervision of the Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Integrated Rural Development Projects of the National Economic and Development Authority. The Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Integrated Rural Development Projects, as created in Letter of Instructions No. 99 and stipulated in Presidential Decree No. 805, is composed of the Secretary of Agriculture as Chairman, Secretary of Public Works as Vice-Chairman, with the Secretaries of Finance, Public Highways, Natural Resources, Local Governments and Community Development, Agrarian Reform, National Economic and Development Authority, and the Office of the President, as members. The Cabinet Committee shall be charged with the planning and implementation of all rural development projects in the country. The following policies are adopted for the effective implementation thereof: (a) to integrate national and local government programs and projects within its jurisdiction; and (b) to decentralize the planning and implementation of rural development projects.

SEC. 2. *Cabinet Coordinator for the Project*—The Secretary of Local Governments and Community Development shall be the Cabinet Committee Coordinator for the Project and shall act for the chairman of the Cabinet Coordinating Committee in all administrative matters, in accordance with the broad policies and guidelines established by the Cabinet Committee. As Cabinet Committee Coordinator he shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Oversee the coordination of the planning and implementation of the project;

- b. Review the project's consolidated plans, budgets, and work programs and recommend approval by the Cabinet Committee;
- c. Arrange and/or negotiate with local and foreign financing institutions, subject to approval by the Cabinet Committee for the funding of rural development projects in the area;
- d. Approve requests of the implementing departments and agencies for budget releases for projects in accordance with the consolidated plans, budgets and work programs approved by the Cabinet Committee; Provided, that such approval shall be subject to the availability of funds in accordance with the existing budgetary policy, laws, rules and regulations which shall be secured from the President;
- e. Appoint the Project Director;
- f. Bring to the attention of the Cabinet Committee matters that require its urgent consideration.

SEC. 3. *Creation and Domicile of the Samar Integrated Rural Development Project Office and the Samar Field Offices.* —There is hereby created a Samar Integrated Rural Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the Project Office, which shall be under the supervision of the Cabinet Committee, through the Cabinet Committee Coordinator, for the purposes of coordinating the planning and implementation of the project by the implementing departments and agencies at the national and local levels. Unless otherwise decreed, the jurisdiction of the Project shall cover the provinces of Northern, Eastern, and Western Samar.

The Project Office shall be headed by a Project Director who shall maintain a technical and management staff to assist him in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

Samar Field Offices for Northern, Eastern, and Western Samar shall be set up to facilitate the implementation of plans and programs for the areas. Project Officers to be appointed by the Project Director shall head each of the field offices. The Project Officers shall maintain a technical and management staff for effective implementation of the areas' plans and programs.

SEC. 4. *Appointment, Tenure of Office, Qualifications and Compensation of the Project Director.* —The Project Director of the Samar Office shall be appointed by the Cabinet Committee Coordinator. He shall serve until such time as the Samar Project Office is dissolved, unless sooner removed from office for cause by the Cabinet Committee Coordinator.

The appointee to the position of Project Director shall possess the following qualifications:

- a. A natural-born citizen of the Philippines;
- b. Of legal age and residing in the Philippines;
- c. A proven record of executive competence in the field of public administration and/or infrastructure projects or in the management of agricultural, industrial and similar programs.