

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 40, April 27, 2021]

IMPLEMENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROJECT AND CREATING AN INTERAGENCY GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the updated Philippine Development Plan 2017 - 2022 emphasizes the role of local government units (LGUs) in promoting local investment, social protection, and delivery of other basic services;

WHEREAS, the National Government has embarked on a series of continuing reforms to strengthen local governance, improve local resource mobilization, and public financial management through a programmatic approach;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Reform Project (LGRP), in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), aims to boost local government revenue mobilization through improvements on the administration and management of real property taxes;

WHEREAS, the Project Administration Manual of the LGRP provides guidance on administrative and financial management requirements to ensure timely implementation of the Project, within the approved budget, and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the National Government and the ADB;

WHEREAS, the LGRP has a project horizon of four (4) years with the Bureau of Local Government Finance of the Department of Finance (DOF) as the Executing Agency, and several key National Government agencies as implementing partners;

WHEREAS, to ensure the successful implementation of the LGRP, and as part of its implementing arrangements, there is a need to convene an interagency body that will set the policy direction of the Project, and ensure proper complementation, cooperation and coordination of executing and implementing agencies, and relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order

Section 1. Creation. There is hereby created an Interagency Governing Board (IGB), with the DOF Secretary as Chair and representatives from the following agencies and entities, as members:

- a. National Economic and Development Authority;
- b. Department of Budget and Management;