

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 291, September 26, 1996]

ADOPTING THE GENERAL GUIDELINES IN TRACKING THE ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF RESOURCES COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS UNDER THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) sets the framework and direction for the efforts of all sectors of Philippine Society to improve access to quality basic services, accelerate asset reform and sustainable development of productive resources and allow greater access to economic opportunities, and strengthen institution-building and participation in governance of Basic Sectors nationwide;

WHEREAS, the SRA has defined convergence as the focusing and synchronization of resources, services, and interventions by SRA Flagship Programs and other agencies/entities on specific target families and communities, using the Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) Approach as the strategy for convergence, and providing for multi-level, multi-sectoral and inter-agency coordination and consultation, as embodied in Proclamation No. 548 (series of 1995) Administrative Order No. 194 (series of 1995) and Executive Order No. 356 (series of 1996);

WHEREAS, there is an urgent to institutionalize, from existing systems and mechanisms, a comprehensive and decentralized tracking of the allocation and utilization of various types of resources committed to the programs and projects under the Social Reform Agenda in order to respond to problems that are confronted in the implementation of SRA projects and programs;

WHEREAS, this has been partially effected through the adoption of an official definition of SRA programs and projects under Proclamation No. 547 (series of 1995);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the adoption of this General Guidelines in tracking the allocation and utilization of resources committed to the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) programs and projects at all levels, as follows:

SECTION 1. Objectives. All National Agencies, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) and Local Government Units are hereby directed to adopt and implement the General Guidelines in tracking the allocation and utilization of various resources committed to SRA to ensure that these are utilization of various resources committed SRA to ensure that these are synchronized and complementary to effectively implement various flagship programs and projects nationwide.

SEC. 2. Scope and Coverage. National, regional and local SRA Flagship programs and projects shall cover those that have been stipulated in the Integrated National Action Agenda on Anti-Poverty adopted during the National Anti-Poverty Summit on 20 March 1996, the Implementing Guidelines of the Convergence Policy (AO 194)

and Institutional Arrangements to Fast-Track SRA Localization (EO 356). Specially, these programs and projects, particularly those in the Convergence Areas and in the fifth and sixth class municipalities nationwide, shall address the following:

- a) Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) that address the concerns of the poor families and communities;
- b) Basic Reform Commitments (BRC) that address specific needs of the Basic Sectors;
- c) Ecological Security Commitments (ESC) that address the environment concerns of the various types of ecosystems.

SEC. 3. Synergy of Existing Resources Tracking Mechanisms. All National Government Agencies (NGA) and Local Government Units (LGUs) shall submit their respective Consolidated Quarterly Reports as defined in Attachment A of this General Guidelines and based on the existing monitoring mechanisms adopted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), respectively, to track the allocation and utilization of specific types of resources committed to SRA:

- a. For tracking locally-funded SRA programs and projects under the General Appropriations Act (GAA), the Consolidated Performance Report shall be used. This shall be coordinated by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).
- b. For tracking foreign funds programmed and utilized for SRA programs and projects under Official Development Assistance (ODA), the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the ODA Act (RA 8182) and the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) shall be used. This shall be coordinate by the DILG.

SEC. 4. Consolidation and Submission of Quarterly Reports. Quarterly reports from the LGUs, various agencies/organization and units shall be prepared and submitted as follows:

Local Government Units Consolidated Quarterly Reports.

- a. The LGU Consolidated Quarterly Reports shall be prepared by the SRA Provincial/City Technical Working Group and submitted, with the endorsement of the Local Chief Executive, to the DILG starting December 1996. It shall contain the status of utilization of various types of resources, particularly the twenty (20) percent Development Fund under the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and the agency budgets intended for specific local SRA Flagship projects and outputs desegregated by geographical (municipal and barangay) and basic sectoral allocations.
- b. The DILG shall then prepare and submit the Consolidated Reports to the SRA Regional Technical Working Group for integration.

ODA, Regional Agency and GOCC Consolidated Quarterly Reports.