

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92, April 12, 1999]

PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LINGAP PARA SA MAHIHIRAP PROGRAM FUND

WHEREAS , “Kasaganaan para sa lahat, lalo na sa mahihirap” (*Prosperity for all, specially for the poor*) is the underlying philosophy of the Estrada Administration’s development agenda, anchored on a poverty eradication program that emphasizes food security, sustainable development, low-cost housing, good governance and peace and order;

WHEREAS , the 1999 General Appropriations Act provides for P2.5 Billion under the Lingap Para sa Mahihirap Program Fund (or Lingap Fund) “to be used exclusively to satisfy the minimum basic needs of poor communities and disadvantaged sectors” through the following programs:

1. Food, Nutrition and Medical Assistance, P500 Million care of the Department of Health (DOH);
2. Livelihood Development, P500 Million care of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);
3. Socialized Housing, P500 Million care of the National Housing Authority (NHA);
4. Rural Waterworks System, P300 Million care of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA);
5. Protective Services for Children and Youth, P300 Million care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); and,
6. Price Support for Rice and Corn, P400 Million care of the National Food Authority (NFA).

WHEREAS, the Government promotes the principle of decentralized and multi-sectoral policy formulation and program implementation in the pursuit of national development objectives;

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Lingap Fund is fully utilized to support the poverty eradication program of Government, there is a need to define the general principles and institutional arrangements for administering it;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA , by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), created under Republic Act 8425 as the coordinating and advisory body for anti-poverty programs, shall exercise policy oversight functions for the Lingap Fund.

SEC. 2. The administration of the Lingap Para sa Mahihirap Program Fund shall be governed by the following general principles:

1. All Implementing Agencies shall target the 100 poorest families per province and city identified by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the barangays identified by the National Security Council (NSC) as priority beneficiaries of their respective program components.
2. All Implementing Agencies shall build into their project designs the necessary information, education, communication and social preparation activities to ensure that target beneficiaries are ready to participate in their programs.
3. The NHA shall focus its projects in highly urbanized areas outside the National Capital Region, and pro-rate the allocation of its Lingap Fund according to the urban population of these regions.
4. The LWUA shall tap the Water Districts as partners in implementing its program component to ensure the technical feasibility and sustainability of rural waterworks projects.
5. The DOH, DSWD, NFA and CDA shall, as far as practicable, converge services in urban and rural areas where the NHA and LWUA have targeted their projects, to maximize impact on the poverty situation.

SEC. 3. A Program Advisory Committee is hereby created to oversee the implementation of the Lingap Para sa Mahihirap Program, and shall prescribe the following:

1. The criteria for selection or prioritization of program beneficiaries and target sites;
2. General fund allocation and access procedure; and,
3. Mode of participation of Basic Sectors and Local Government Units in program planning, implementation and monitoring.

The Committee shall be composed of:

1. NAPC Vice-Chairperson for the Government Sector, as Committee Chair;
2. Secretary of Budget and Management, as Co-Chair;
3. NAPC Vice-Chairperson for the Private Sector, as Committee Vice-Chair;
4. Heads of the Lingap Fund Implementing Agencies;
5. National President, League of Provinces;
6. National President, League of Municipalities;
7. National President, League of Cities; and,
8. National President, Liga ng mga Barangay.

The NAPC Secretariat and a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of representatives of the above officials shall provide administrative and technical support to the Program Advisory Committee.