

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 122, November 04, 2003]

DIRECTING THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) TO UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC REFORM MEASURES IN THE CDA

In view of the urgent need to institute reform measures in the CDA, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, hereby direct the Acting Chairman of the CDA to lead the Board of Administrators and CDA Management in ensuring that the following tasks and reform measure in CDA are undertaken and completed within a period of six (6) months from date hereof, or earlier as indicated:

- a. Conduct of a comprehensive audit by an independent team, duly appointed by the Commission on Audit (COA);
- b. Conduct by professional research consultants of an Impact Evaluation Study of cooperative assistance programs, implemented by and through the CDA, particularly those involving the release of government funds;
- c. Adoption of appropriate measures such as, but not limited to, enforcing compliance with the terms and conditions of loan?grant agreements as well as audit rules, and imposing sanctions on erring or non-complying cooperatives;
- d. Reorientation and reengineering of CDA in coordination with the Presidential Commission for Effective Governance (PCEG) and the Cooperative Sector, with the end-goal of addressing key development policy and program issues, as well as the organizational, operational and administrative concerns of the CDA. The Reorientation/Reengineering Plan shall be consistent with the mandate of CDA under R.A. 6939 as well as with Civil Service rules and regulations. The said Plan shall be submitted to the Office of the President (OP) for approval within three months from date hereof;
- e. Strengthening of the CDA Internet Control Unit (ICU) as an integral part of the reengineering process, in compliance with Administrative Order No. 70, Series of 2003;
- f. Resolution of audit issues previously brought to the attention of CDA Management, in coordination with the COA and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and other matters related thereto;
- g. Preparation of a plan, in coordination with the Cooperative Sector, Office of the Presidential Adviser for Cooperatives (OPAC) and DBM, on how best to utilize the grant funds included in CDA's 2003 budget, consistent with the agency's mandate and redefined program thrusts, as well as applicable policy issuances by DBM, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), National Credit Council (NCC), National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) and OP;
- h. Adoption of measures to prevent deficit in CDA's 2003 budget;
- h. Preparation of 2004 budget taking into consideration the CDA mandate and needs of the Cooperative Sector, as well as current national government priorities; and