

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATED TO THE  
NORTHERN SAMAR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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**PHASE II IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

1. GENERAL.

1.1 This MEMORANDUM expresses the understandings of the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and Australia concerning the responsibilities and contributions respectively of the two Governments with regard to the implementation of Phase II of the Northern Samar Integrated Rural Development Project (NSIRD Phase II) located in the Province of Northern Samar. The Project is described and its objectives set out in Annex I to this Memorandum of Understanding.

1.2 The Project aims to improve the quality of life for the majority of residents in the Province. Phase I comprised those activities undertaken in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the

Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and Australia, signed in Manila on 25th January 1979. Phase II of the Project provides for the continuation of the work commenced during Phase I and incorporates changes to the design, organisation and management of The Project which have been agreed to by both Governments.

1.3 Australian assistance under the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding is limited to activities which will benefit the Province of Northern Samar.

## 2. AUTHORITIES

2.1 The Executing Authorities for this Project will be:

For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines: The Samar Integrated Rural Development Project (SIRD) of the National Council on Integrated Area Development (NACIAD).

For the Australian Government: The Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) of the Department of Foreign Affairs. ADAB may nominate suitably qualified agents to undertake any part of its functions on its behalf.

2.2 Responsibility for the integrated rural development program in Northern Samar will rest with NACIAD and the appointed Cabinet Co-ordinator.

2.3 Integration and co-ordination during planning and implementation of NSIRD II will be a function of the SIRD in Catarman and Manila. The Project Director will be responsible for these functions with respect to the SIRD, delegating to the Deputy Project Director (DPD) responsibility for matters relating to IMSIRD. Integration of the NSIRD with the ongoing activities of the GDP will take place through the SIRD involvement in the Provincial Development Council's (PDC) Executive Committee.

2.4 The Joint Policy Board (JPB) chaired by the Cabinet Co-ordinator and composed of senior representatives of the two Governments will be responsible for inter-government co-ordinated Implementation of the NSIRD program In accordance with a joint budget approved by that body and financed jointly by the two Governments. Inter-agency co-ordination will be the responsibility of the NSIRD Working Committee (NSIRDPWC) to ensure that implementation is in accord with sectoral policies and ongoing sectoral programs.

2.5 Supervision and management of implementation at the regional level for agriculture and at the national level for contract roads, bridges and water supplies will be by Project committee which have been established for this purpose.

2.6 Implementation of Project activity will take place through the responsible agencies of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

2.7 Final responsibility for the Project rests with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, whose representatives will execute the Joint