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Department of the Interior and Local Government
Department of Agriculture



Date: July 29, 2016

JOINT DA AND DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01,
SERIES OF 2016

TO: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;

1. ALL DA REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
2. DAF-ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY
3. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND

1. DILG REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL AND CITY DIRECTORS
2. PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS
3. CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS
4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
5. MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS

OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF DA AND DILG JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 1, SERIES OF 2013, RE: THE EXTENSION OF FULL SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCILS (AFCs) AS PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, PLANS, AND PROGRAMS, AND REITERATION OF DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULARS 97-271 AND 98-200 RE: LGU PARTICIPATION IN THE AFCs AND THE AFCs IN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

President Rodrigo Duterte stated in his blueprint on food security, entitled: Feeding the Millions, that it is his moral obligation to provide available and affordable food for the Filipinos through food sufficiency and maximum productivity. To achieve this goal, the Department of Agriculture (DA) will pursue for a nationwide face-to-face interaction with the stakeholders in agriculture and fishery sector to address their concerns.

On the other hand, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall advance to deepen the drive for transparency and accountability of Local Government Units (LGUs). One way to achieve this is by strengthening the citizens' part in local governance to provide them an opportunity to offer feedbacks on LGUs' service delivery. In line with this, the stakeholders' role is to monitor and track the funded programs and projects through interviews, focused group discussions, and fora.

The DA, through the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), has a nationwide network of local Agricultural and Fishery Councils (AFCs) which are private-led and can provide vital inputs in the development of relevant and transparent plans, programs, and projects to be implemented by the LGUs for the agricultural and fishery-sectors. With the recognition that the AFCs would usher a participatory local governance, the DA and the DILG enjoin for strict compliance by the LGUs compliance of the provisions of the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2013 (copy attached), as follows:

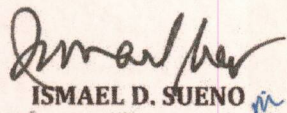
- Inclusion of local AFCs Chairperson or representative as a regular member and consultative development arm of the LDC;
- Involvement of the AFCs in local planning and budgeting process to ensure the inclusion of its budget in the LGU's annual appropriation;
- Participation of the AFCs in the implementation and coordination of local plans, programs, and projects;



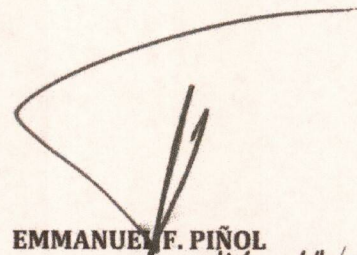
- Designation of full-time AFC Secretariat-Coordinator at the Provincial, City, and Municipal levels; and
- Participation of Provincial/City Directors and City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers in AFC meetings and consultations, assistance in monitoring of programs and projects in their respective areas, and giving advice on matters and issues related to the DILG.

All DA Regional Executive Directors, DAF-ARMM Regional Secretary, and all DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to disseminate this issuance and see to it that the intent of such is accordingly complied with.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, GUIDANCE, AND COMPLIANCE.



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