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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE URBAN AGRICULTURE & GULAYAN
PROGRAMS PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE (UAG-PSC)**

In recognition of the national policy of the State to provide available, affordable, and safe food, and the need to establish resilient food systems in strategic areas to address the issue on mismatch of food supply and demand, the Urban Agriculture and Gulayan Programs (UAG) Program Steering Committee (UAG-PSC) is hereby created which shall be composed of the following:

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Management Office (HVCDP-PMO)

The UAG-PSC shall have the following functions:

- a. Spearhead the crafting of the UAG Multi-year Roadmap to include UAG policies, budgetary requirements and expected outputs and outcome, among others;
- b. Harmonize, review, and revise existing issuances on UAG as may be deemed necessary;
- c. Prepare or approve the annual budget for the strengthened implementation of the UAG;
- d. Intensify the implementation, and ensure the sustainability and maintenance of UAG sites (Urban Agriculture, Gulayan sa Paaralan, Gulayan sa Barangay, Gulayan sa Pamahalaan, Gulayan sa Bakuran, etc.);
- e. Monitor and assess the impact of the UAG implementation;
- f. Establish coordination and collaboration among the different national government agencies as well as with private partners; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Secretary.

The DA-Regional Field Offices shall also create the same steering committee at the regional level to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the UAG.

The funding for the implementation of the UAG shall be sourced from the current available budget allocation of the respective agencies/offices and from other available sources of funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Reimbursement and/or payment of transportation fees, per diems, food, accommodations, and other expenses to be incurred for the activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks of the UAG-PSC and Secretariat shall be chargeable against the funds of the respective offices of the UAG-PSC members, subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All offices and employees of the Department including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, DA-Service Units, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of the creation of this Program Steering Committee and are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the performance of its duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked. Any other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, revoked, or modified accordingly.

Done this 10th day of May, 2021.


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Secretary

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