



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**TO : Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, Members of the Sanggunian, and Punong Barangays**

**SUBJECT : ENCOURAGING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), PARTICULARLY THE AGRI-BASED LGUs TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PROGRAMS GEARED TOWARD FOOD SECURITY**

Food security has become an increasing concern among many countries due to rising food prices and price volatility as caused by the combined effects of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ukraine-Russia conflict, and the occurrence of natural disasters which brought an unprecedented price increase in major commodities including production inputs that resulted in a huge downturn in the global economy.

During his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) on 25 July 2022, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. declared the Agriculture Sector as the main driver of the country's growth and employment, thus taking the helm of the Department of Agriculture.

Recognizing the issues on food security in the Philippines and the impending global food crisis, Pres. Marcos directed his Cabinet, particularly the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to present the Administration's food security plan to the local government units (LGUs), and encourage them to allocate 10% of their local development fund for agricultural programs.

Pursuant to the declaration and directive of His Excellency, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) hereby issue this joint advisory encouraging all agriculture and fisheries-based local government units to provide their full support to the Agriculture and Fishery (A&F) sector by allocating a portion of their fund for the implementation of projects and programs related to A&F.

Be guided accordingly.

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