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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF MASAGANA RICE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MRIDP) - CONVERGENCE TARGETS MONITORING COMMITTEE (CMTC)

In the exigency of service and to achieve targets for the 2023-2024 dry season rice cropping, the Masagana Rice Industry Development Program - Convergence Targets Monitoring Committee (MRIDP - CTMC) is hereby created.

The Committee aims to follow up with the concerned offices and partners the convergence targets supporting the implementation of the following four key strategies of the MRIDP: 1) Resilience, risk mitigation, and productivity enhancement through climate change adaptation (*Matatag*); 2) Convergence in farm clustering and consolidation (*Sama-Sama*); 3) Motivated and enthusiastic farmer-entrepreneurs in the rice value chain (*Ganado*), and 4) Technological and digital transformation of the rice industry (*Napapanahon*).

The MRIDP - CTMC shall be composed of the following personnel:

Chairperson : **Junel B. Soriano**
*Director IV, Bureau of Agricultural Research, and
Focal Person for Convergence Initiatives of MRIDP*

Vice Chairperson : **Eusebio S. Villamanto**
*Acting Department Manager Operations, National
Irrigation Administration*

Members : **Dir. Andrew B. Villacorta,**
Head Directorate, National Rice Program
Mr. Emerson S. Yago
Director for Rice Clustering and Consolidation, MRIDP
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*Director for Rice Value Chain Development and
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Dr. Alex T. Rigor
Focal Person for Luzon Cluster, MRIDP
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Focal Person for Visayas Cluster, MRIDP
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Technical Consultant for Mindanao Cluster, MRIDP

Ms. Eden Victoria C. Selva

Department Manager, NIA-Public Affairs and Information Staff

Mr. Martin T. Tacloban

Acting Division Manager, NIA-Institutional Development

Roles, Duties, and Responsibilities:

- a) Follow up with DA RFOs and NIA on the following targets and activities:
 - i. onboarding of IAs, SWISAs, and FCAs with a target area of about one million hectares for the 2023-24 dry season cropping;
 - ii. implementation of various activities to ramp the rice production during the 2023-2024 dry season cropping;
 - iii. preparation of provincial rice industry development plans; and
 - iv. mapping of El Niño affected areas and the identification of measures to implement.
- b) Review and recommend adjustments in resources, including budget, workforce, technology, and infrastructure;
- c) Monitor and assess the progress of the project implementation based on the targets;
- d) Convene with concerned offices and partners meetings as necessary to discuss the progress and other matters related to the project implementation; and
- e) Submit progress reports and other related data to the Office of the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development and NIA Administrator.

The above Committee are authorized to hold meetings, and the expenses incurred during the meetings shall be chargeable against NRP funds and other available funds, while traveling expense, per diem, and incidental expenses to be incurred by the above officials and personnel in the performance of their duties and responsibilities as designated are chargeable against their respective offices' funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All other orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent are deemed revoked.

Done this 05 day of September 2023.


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