



SPECIAL ORDER

No. 1252

Series of 2023

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES A. LAYUG AS HEAD OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70, SERIES OF 2018

To ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach as enunciated in Executive Order No. 70, Series of 2018, a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC or the "Task Force") is created under the Office of the President. One of the members of the NTF-ELCAC is the Department of Agriculture. The Task Force is assisted by a National Secretariat.

In the first meeting of the Task Force on May 10, 2023, the NTF-ELCAC Executive Committee or their authorized representative agreed to 1.) strengthen and expand the mechanisms of NTF-ELCAC to deliver programs and projects to Geographically Isolated and Conflict –Affected Areas (GICAS) as well as to promote peace, unity, and good governance; 2.) activate the Project Management Office or Peace and Development Office to enhance national government agency interventions related to the implementation of EO No. 70, Series of 2018; and 3.) designate the Department of Agriculture as Chair of the Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment (PRLE) Cluster, being the appropriate agency to lead in ensuring provision of training , skills development, and other capacity building activities as well as livelihood opportunities to the communities to generate productivity and economic prosperity (Kindly see attached NTF-ELCAC Executive Committee Resolution No. 01, Series of 2023).

In view of the above, Assistant Secretary Layug as the permanent alternate representative of the Department of Agriculture to the NTF-ELCAC, is hereby designated as **HEAD OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70, SERIES OF 2018**, in concurrent capacity with his regular functions, duties and responsibilities and with his other designations. As such, he shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

1. Undertake coordination activities with the DA implementing/operating units (IOUs), banner programs and other national government agencies on the implementation/delivery of programs and projects in the GICAS;
2. Review and consolidate and prioritize list of intervention projects, and activities to be undertaken by the DA IOUs to GICAS;



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3. Ensure the conduct of training and extension activities in coordination with ATI and other concerned DA offices for GICAS;
4. Conduct awareness on the DA initiatives, projects, and activities for GICAS;
5. Prepare and submit to the OSEC proposal for the budgetary requirements of the PMO;
6. Prepare and submit progress report on the PMO activities to the NTF Executive Committee copy furnish the OSEC;
7. Conduct validation, assessment and field monitoring of the projects and activities undertaken by OU in GIDA; and
8. Perform other tasks as needed.

The Head of the PMO shall be assisted by personnel from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Inspectorate and Enforcement and personnel from other DA units under reassignment arrangement and hire additional personnel, if necessary.

He shall be entitled to travelling expense, per diem and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties and responsibilities in view of the designation, chargeable against OSEC and/or DAIE funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and DA-Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to Asec Layug in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

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

Done this 4th day of October 2023.


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Senior Undersecretary