

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE AGENCY CONSISTENT WITH THE 2021 BUDGET PRIORITIES/PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The priority programs/projects and activities of SPDA shall support the priority programs of the national government that would strengthen the country's capacity to address the COVID-19 pandemic while ensuring also that the Agency sustains its operational requirements through revenue generation from the projects.

Ensuring Food Security and Support to Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program

In support to the national government's food security program amid this pandemic, the SPDA will fast track the reconstruction of the 50-hectare fishpond which is a portion SPDA Vitali Fishpond Estate, Vitali, Zamboanga City. This area shall be devoted to the production of milkfish, king crab, prawns and other aquaculture products with high market demand. This project is expected to generate local employment at the same time augment the local supply of the aforesaid aquaculture products in the region thus helping the government in sustaining the availability of local food supply while the movement of the food supply chain is still affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. The picture below is the aerial view of the 50-hectare Vitali Fish Pond highlighting the portion which is proposed for reconstruction.



The aerial view of the SPDA Vitali Fishpond Estate indicating the portion proposed for reconstruction with an area of 50 hectares

Alongside with the aquaculture production, the SPDA shall also implement and intensify the production of broiler chicken to fill in the increasing gaps of poultry products in Zamboanga City and neighboring areas of the region particularly in the Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi (BASULTA) areas. The funding of this project was supposed to be part of the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. SARO-BMB-C-19-0012340 dated September 16, 2019 amounting to Php 100,000,000.00. However, the physical implementation was hampered due to budget

constraints given that only Php 47,000,000.00 was downloaded to the Authority. The implementation of the aforesaid project is very timely and relevant in this time of pandemic as it would help ensure the availability of locally produced poultry products not only for the residents of Zamboanga City but more importantly for the populace of the BASULTA areas. This project is in partnership with a poultry integrator who will provide technical assistance and a ready market.



Proposed project site of Broiler Production, Sitio Siguinan, Brgy. Bunguiao, Zamboanga City

On the other hand, the development of the 26,000 hectares more or less Wao and Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur property proclaimed to SPDA into an agro-industrial complex will eventually lead to the production of high-value commercial crops that can be exported to other countries hence contributing to economic growth.

Relative to this, SPDA is expecting to seal an agreement with Kennemer Foods International, Inc. (KFII), a Filipino agribusiness company that specializes in the sustainable growing, sourcing and marketing of high-quality agricultural products such as cacao beans, abaca fiber, bananas and other high-value commercial crops. Being one of the country's leading suppliers of cacao beans to the international market, we are expecting that our partnership with the KFII would boost local employment opportunities in the area and additional revenue for the Local Government Unit. This alliance can also be tapped as a potential partner in the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program of the national government.

In preparation for the sealing of this partnership, an initial onsite technical validation was jointly conducted by technical staffs of SPDA and KFII primarily to assess and determine the technical suitability of the area to the proposed project of KFII. At present, SPDA is in the process of preparing relevant technical documents while KFII is also doing its area mapping and other activities as part of their "due diligence" protocol.



Proposed site for the Kennemer Foods International, Inc. (KFII) Corporate Farm, Municipality of Amai Manabilang (formerly known as Municipality of Bumbaran), Lanao del Sur.

Another promising endeavor that the SPDA would like to pursue in CY 2021 is the development of Basilan Agri-Communities. We believe that this project will help achieve the seemingly elusive peace in this part of Mindanao. The introduction of a holistic development concept dubbed as People Economic Advancement and Community Empowerment (PEACE) Village shall create an important landmark that the government is paying attention to the socio-economic development of people in the so-called conflict-affected areas. This initiative is expected to win back the trust and confidence of the local residents who are also involved in the armed struggle against the government.



Proposed area for PEACE Village Project, Lamitan City, Basilan

Enabling a digital government and economy;

The proposed development of SPDA Property located at Veterans Avenue in Zamboanga City into a 6-storey Hotel is expected to generate substantial revenue for the government and will create employment opportunities for local residents. Being situated in an area proclaimed as the city's government center and its proximity to the city's center of trade commerce, this facility is expected to capture a bigger market share over other hotels in the area. As a government-owned hotel, this edifice can house official functions/activities of government agencies in the area.



Development Perspective of the Proposed 6-storey Hotel in Veterans Ave., Zamboanga City

The proposed renovation of SPDA Koronadal Business Center (SKBC) in Koronadal City, South Cotabato on the other hand will further enhance and boost its marketability thus annual revenues are likewise expected to rise. At present, SKBC's operation is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic however we are optimistic that its operation shall return to normal as soon as this plague is totally obliterated.

Strengthening the Health Care System

In our efforts to help the National Government in the Strengthening the Health Care System in this time of the pandemic, the SPDA shall continue to explore a partnership with private business investors for the establishment of Level II Medical Centers (hospitals) in the Provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga Sibugay and the Medical City in the Cities of Davao and Zamboanga. The proposed project will surely augment the existing but limited medical/health facilities in Mindanao in combating this COVID-19 pandemic and other form of human illnesses. Proposed as Level II Hospitals, these medical facilities will lessen the burden of local residents

in bringing patients with complicated medical conditions to hospitals with technologically-advanced medical equipment as it will be available in these facilities.



Proposed site for the Proposed Level II Hospital in the Municipality of Bongao, Province of Tawi-Tawi

SPDA Catalunan Pequeño & IFMC Property Catalunan Pequeño, Davao City

The Southern Philippines Development Authority and the Integrated Feed Mills Corporation (IFMC) has owned a real estate classified as industrial and commercial with a combined land area of 4.3 hectares which used to be the Main Office of SPDA from 1980 to 2003.

At present, a portion of the aforesaid real estate, approximately 1.6 hectares has been occupied by the Department of Agrarian Reform – Regional Office XI pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between SPDA and DAR Central Office sometime in 2007. As a result, from 2008 to present, SPDA has been renting an office space, of which the current rental rate is Php 271,000 more or less per month with 10% increase every two (2) years.

In view of the foregoing, SPDA is proposing a construction of an office building within the premises of the Catalunan Pequeño Property. The initial design, which was originally 2-storey building with roof deck, has a total funding requirement of Php 77,500,000.00. However, with the limited funds available, the Authority has decided to pursue construction of an office building with an approximate floor area of 317.5 square meters with an estimated funding

requirement of Php 5.0 million. This proposed project would help SPDA save its monthly rental for the current office building which is deemed most advantageous to the government.



Perspective and Floor Plan of the Proposed SPDA Office Building

The pursuit of INCLUSIVE and LASTING Peace in Mindanao

In 1996, after the signing of the Final Peace Agreement with the MNLF, the SPDA was identified to support the realization of some of the provisions of this Agreement. The Authority was again mandated in 2006 by virtue of Executive Order 560 to implement an Economic Catch-Up Plan for the MNLF. Recently, SPDA was again cited in the signed Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) with the MILF as one of the institutional mechanisms for Bangsamoro’s revenue and wealth sharing concerns.

- The inclusion of SPDA in the ANNEX ON REVENUE GENERATION AND WEALTH SHARING FIRST IN THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO ON JULY 13, 2013 AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO (CAB) and on January 2019, the BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW (BOL) CREATING THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) UNDER ARTICLE XII - FISCAL AUTONOMY OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON SECTION 33 which states that “*Southern Philippine Development Authority and Amanah Islamic Investment Bank. – Within six (6) months from the establishment of the*

BTA, the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board shall determine the participation of the Bangsamoro in the ownership and management of Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines and the Southern Philippines Development Authority as provided in P.D. 690, as amended by P.D. 1703, and the mode of transfer of ownership to the Bangsamoro Government”, SPDA anticipates to continue to become a mechanism for peace and development.

In view of the foregoing, SPDA has submitted to Chief Minister Murad its proposed role in the BARMM in a meeting held on June 25, 2019, at the Chief Minister’s office in Cotabato City citing among others SPDA’s proposal to be “BARMMS corporate partner in initiating economic and social developmental programs” particularly for Muslim communities within BARMM and be BARMM’s extension arm for Muslim communities outside of BARMM with still about 2 million Muslims residing outside of BARMM within Mindanao. SPDA shall continue to coordinate with the Office of the Chief Minister and make a follow-up on the status of the proposal as soon as the BARMM is done with the preparation of the Comprehensive Development Plan.



SPDA Administrator and Chief Executive Officer presented a Project Proposal on People Economic Advancement and Community Empowerment (PEACE) Village with BARMM Chief Minister, AHOD B. EBRAHIM, Al Haj held last June 25, 2019

Partnership with Private Sector in Economic Development Undertakings (PPP) in support of the national government’s priority activities/programs/projects to accelerate the economy amid this COVID-19 pandemic.

SPDA shall continue with the negotiations, coordination and linkaging with private business investors, local and foreign companies for possible joint undertaking/development of some of SPDA properties that are suitable for commercial and agricultural development. These projects are as follows:

1. Mixed-use Residential and Commercial Center for the SPDA Bonbon, Butuan City Property



2. Perspective of the Proposed Gold & Star Medical Complex, a 300-bed state-of-the-art level 3 hospital facility that will be located at SPDA's property at Brgy. Talon-talon, Zamboanga City.

