

# PROGRAMS/PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE AGENCY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL CONTRACT/PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT REFORMS

The priority programs/projects and activities of SPDA shall support the following Key Concerns and Result Areas of President Aquino's Administration :

## 1. Poverty Reduction, Empowerment of the Poor and the Vulnerable

Some of the programs and projects of the Agency are located in areas belonging to the marginalized or poor areas and target marginalized sectors like the fishermen and farmers. Among such projects are the SPDA Vitali Fishpond Project where the local fishermen are employed in our fishpond operation. Likewise, some of the areas of the fishpond have been awarded to the fishermen on a stewardship concept thereby providing them with sources of income from aquaculture production like bangus and prawns.



2. On the social aspect, SPDA shall contribute to the *empowerment of the marginalized homeless sector by partnering with the government housing institutions like National Housing Authority and Non-Government Organizations engaged in assisting the landless and homeless sector as mobilizers by giving the informal settlers opportunities to own the land they are currently occupying* through various land acquisition schemes of the National Government like Community Mortgage Program and Community Land Acquisition and Support Program.



Coordination and meetings with the National Housing Authority on the national and Region IX levels were undertaken for the disposition of the SPDA property in Rio Hondo and Mariki, Zamboanga City which was affected by the September 9, 2013 Zamboanga Crisis. The National Housing Authority has prepared the development plans for the construction of settlements/housing for those affected by the conflict and is coordinating with SPDA as the disposition entity of the subject property consisting of about 5.7 hectares.

It should be recalled that SPDA developed the area as a Muslim Settlement per Presidential Proclamation 1458 and Letter of Instruction No. 481 under the project Sahaya Resettlement/Village where the former MNLF combatants and their families were resettled in the early 1970s. The residential structures of the Rio Hondo and Mariki area consisting of about five (5) hectares has been reduced to nothing. A meeting with NHA Mindanao Area Head and Region IX officer with the SPDA officers was held at SPDA's office in Davao City in April 2015 to finalize an agreement. We are awaiting the final agreement from NHA.

*SPDA officers and staff ocular inspection and meeting with the National Housing Authority Region IX at the Mariki and Rio Hondo properties under the disposition of SPDA which was affected by the Zamboanga crisis*



Other properties subject of socialized housing per Executive Order No. 98 which is a subject of negotiation with the informal settlers in the area are the SPDA Valencia, Don Carlos and Maramag Properties in Bukidnon

**SPDA Maramag, Bukidnon property**



### **3. Rapid, Inclusive and Sustained Economic Growth**

The development of the 26,000 hectares more or less Wao and Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur property into an agro-industrial complex will eventually lead to the production of crops and goods that can be exported to other countries particularly halal products, hence contributing to economic growth. More businesses establish in the area would mean more employment and taxes generated and development of more infrastructures.



**Rice fields in Wao**



**Road network in Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur**

## 2. Just and Lasting Peace

SPDA shall spearhead the promotion of investments to the 26,000 hectares more or less area in Lanao del Sur. The influx of businesses to the area will bring about development to the area. With economic development and opportunities for jobs provided, food on the table for every family as envisioned will bring about peace and harmony.

**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 THE BANGSAMORO BASIC LAW UNDER HOUSE BILL NO. 4994 which states:**

**“ARTICLE XII SECTION 30. Southern Philippines Development Authority and Al-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. ”**

shall also enhanced the Agency’s contribution to the just and lasting peace agenda of the present Administration.



*SPDA officials headed by Administrator Tomawis visit and meeting with Chairman Hadji Murad Ebrahim*



*SPDA officers briefing the Committee on Fiscal Autonomy of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission*

**Bangsamoro Development Agency/JICA First Workshop on the Bangsamoro Development Plan (Medium to Long Term) Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro last November 26-29, 2014 in Cotabato City attended by SPDA officers**



**SPDA officials and JICA representatives discuss potential projects for the Bangsamoro in the area of Wao and Bumbaran, Lanao del Sur properties and the Vitali Fishpond Project of the Authority.**



**3. Integrity of the Environment and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation**

One of the proposed activity for the agro-industrial complex in Lanao del Sur is the preservation of the watershed areas and the regeneration of the forest areas through the agro-forestry projects proposed by the private business partner of SPDA and the private business partner shall advocate the National Greening Program of the National Government through planting of forest trees and bamboo .



**4. Partnership with Private Sector in Economic Development Undertakings**

SPDA Pikit Ice Plant in Pikit, Cotabato operates under a management contract with a local private entity in the area, the ITM Enterprises under a guaranteed income scheme.

Prior talks with other private local and foreign companies were undertaken for joint undertaking/development of some of SPDA's projects suitable for agricultural development and housing but are currently put on hold pending the inclusion of SPDA in the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law.

**5. Good Governance** through institution of the SPDA Transparency Seal, Philgeps/Procurement Laws and Strategic Performance Management System, among other national government mandates.