

1 **Implementing Guidelines of Executive Order No. 114**

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3 **Institutionalizing the *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Program**
4 **as a Pillar of Balanced Regional Development,**
5 **Creating a Council Therefore, and for Other Purposes**

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10 Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Executive Order (EO) No. 114, the following
11 implementing guidelines are hereby issued.

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13 **Section 1. Legal Bases**

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15 a. Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, State Policies on poverty
16 alleviation and improved quality of life for all;
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18 b. Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, State Policies on protection
19 and promotion of health;
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21 c. Section 20, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, State Policies on the role of the
22 private sector;
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24 d. Section 21, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, State Policies on rural
25 development;
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27 e. Sections 4, Article X of the 1987 Constitution, on the President's general
28 supervision over local government units (LGUs);
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30 f. Section 14, Article X of the 1987 Constitution, on the participation of regional
31 development councils (RDCs);
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33 g. Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution, on the national economic goal
34 of more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth;
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36 h. Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution, on the right of all citizens to
37 quality education;
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39 i. Section 3, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution, on the rights of families;
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- 41 j. Section 16 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local
42 Government Code of 1991, on the promotion of general welfare by the LGUs;
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- 44 k. Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, on the provision of
45 essential services and facilities by the LGUs;
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- 47 l. RA No. 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act
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- 49 m. EO No. 114, Series of 2020
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51 **Section 2. Purpose of the Program.** The *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* (BP²)
52 program is institutionalized to ensure balanced regional development and
53 equitable distribution of wealth, resources, and opportunities through policies and
54 programs that boost countryside development and inclusive growth, provide
55 adequate social services, and promote full employment, industrialization, and an
56 improved quality of life in rural areas.

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58 **Section 3. The *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* (BP²) Program Framework.** The
59 multidimensional program framework emphasizes facilitation of rural
60 environments to boost sustainable countryside development and promote more
61 inclusive growth; thereby enabling all constituents, including the BP² beneficiaries
62 and locals, to invest in themselves and their communities, and improve their
63 general welfare.

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65 The BP² Program framework also emphasizes the development of sustainable
66 communities to achieve long-term growth driven by the people and for the people.
67 It espouses a vibrant local economy that promotes sustainable production and
68 consumption and enhances the countryside's resilience to climate change, natural
69 disasters, and other economic and health risks.

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71 The framework espouses social inclusion by encouraging effective participation of
72 all stakeholders to ensure that the projects and activities to be undertaken respond
73 to articulated priorities at the local level. The priorities shall be initially financed by
74 line departments and special programs and over time transferred to the local
75 government units (LGU) to ensure sustainability.

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77 Finally, the program framework encourages integration by designing effective
78 mechanisms to achieve the desired synergy for rural growth and development. This
79 mechanism includes the identification of priority activities, how they are
80 implemented, and how the integration will be accomplished. To this end, the

81 program seeks the active participation of all stakeholders to improve coordination,
82 understanding, and support for the program.

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84 **3.1. The Program's Key Results Areas.** The Program Framework consists of four (4)
85 key results areas to ensure more inclusive and balanced urban and rural
86 development, and resilient and sustainable communities.

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88 **3.1.1. Empowerment of local industries.** A sustainable program for public
89 sector investments and private sector participation shall be introduced to
90 encourage the transfer or expansion of medium and large businesses to
91 provincial economic hubs and promote regional development. To ensure
92 sustainability and competitiveness, the program shall promote local industries
93 with clear comparative advantage in the locality, leveraging on local skills and
94 resources, and the proactive and efficient services of the LGU.

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96 Moreover, enabling support shall be provided to micro, small, and medium
97 enterprises (MSMEs) to promote their continued growth. This includes
98 programs to further ease doing business, particularly in the areas of starting,
99 maintaining, and closing businesses, accessing credit, securing permits and
100 licenses, and paying taxes. Further, a system of fiscal or tax incentives that is
101 performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and transparent may be provided
102 in accordance with the national policy on tax incentives. Forward and
103 backward linkages shall be strengthened in export- and domestic-oriented
104 enterprises through increased access to markets, use of e-commerce, and
105 accelerated integrated value chains. Finally, other programs and thrusts to
106 achieve this policy objective shall be developed in accordance with emerging
107 priorities.

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109 **3.1.2. Food security and agricultural productivity.** The transformation of local
110 economies hinges on a productive and resilient agriculture value-chain. To
111 achieve this, innovations and technologies that are conducive to long-term
112 and sustainable rural development shall be encouraged and facilitated for
113 agricultural modernization, such as modern rice farming techniques, high-
114 yield seed production, and farm mechanization. Local agricultural industries
115 shall be supported and strengthened through infrastructure, logistical
116 support, and value chain development. In addition, financial support shall be
117 extended to farmers, such as but not limited to loans sourced from the
118 Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. Furthermore, measures to
119 promote economies of scale in agricultural production, promote value chain
120 development, increase farm incomes, and improve the quality of life of

121 farmers, shall be sustainably pursued. Finally, other programs and thrusts to
122 achieve this policy objective shall be developed in accordance with emerging
123 priorities.

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125 **3.1.3. Housing, social welfare, health, employment, and human resource**
126 **development.** The health and education of the people in their home
127 provinces, particularly the program beneficiaries, are important
128 underpinnings for the success of this program. To this end, comprehensive
129 assistance packages shall be designed to encourage the voluntary and
130 immediate movement of BP² beneficiaries to their respective home provinces,
131 including workers and overseas Filipino workers, especially those stranded in
132 the National Capital Region (NCR) due to the Enhanced Community
133 Quarantine (ECQ).

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135 Inclusive access to basic services such as social welfare, health, employment,
136 affordable education, and decent housing shall be provided for the BP²
137 beneficiaries. These shall include the following:

- 138
139 a. Housing and Settlements. Development of a housing and settlements
140 upgrading program that will offer affordable, disaster-resilient, livable,
141 sustainable, and gender-sensitive housing. This shall also include new
142 modalities for delivery, such as usufruct and rental housing, farm-lot
143 subdivision projects and agrarian urbanism development, housing
144 microfinance, and employee housing programs.

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146 The government shall consider settlements model (e.g., Department of
147 Science and Technology – University of the Philippines or DOST-UP
148 PLANADES’ model, EXODUS for Progress, and Innovations for Filipinos
149 Working Distantly from the Philippines (iFWD PH)) in determining future
150 housing supply and demand, and the suitable location of housing projects
151 especially in emerging growth centers.

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153 b. Social welfare. Provision of targeted and time-bound assistance packages
154 and social preparation through comprehensive family case management
155 prior to transfer and throughout the program implementation.

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157 c. Health. Strengthening of the local health systems to provide access to
158 comprehensive quality health services to all members of the community
159 by upgrading local health facilities, capacity enhancement of health

160 workers, and organization of healthcare provider networks, including the
161 assignment of individuals to a primary care provider of choice.

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- 163 d. Employment. Creation of employment opportunities through sustainable
164 livelihood programs, active labor market policies to match skills with jobs,
165 time-bound emergency employment, and retooling, reskilling, and
166 upskilling of workers to address the emerging requirements of industries;
167 exploring the conversion of idle lands into science or technology parks in
168 line with the regional spatial development framework and
169 comprehensive land use plan of the concerned city or municipality.
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- 171 e. Education and Training. Establishment of quality educational institutions
172 in rural areas that offer Science, Technology, Engineering, and
173 Mathematics, technical, and vocational courses to create a base of
174 workers ready to be tapped for manufacturing and digital-industries; and
175 increase investments in learning management systems and e-learning
176 resources.

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178 Finally, other programs and thrusts to achieve this policy objective shall be
179 developed in accordance with emerging priorities.

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181 **3.1.4. Infrastructure development.** A key success factor for the program is
182 taking advantage of economic geography to ensure connectivity of localities
183 to economic hubs and the rest of the world. This would help ensure the
184 efficient movement of goods, services, and people to take advantage of
185 markets and new opportunities. To this end, the Build Build Build program,
186 both at the national and local levels, shall be pursued.

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188 Infrastructure such as transportation and telecommunications, power
189 resources, and irrigation facilities which support the operation and
190 development of other economic sectors shall be developed in all regions of
191 the country. The completion of existing and future national road, highways,
192 and railway projects to facilitate the movement of people, the creation and
193 improvement of transport terminals, and the construction of public markets,
194 logistics chains, and cold storage in communities, shall be prioritized. Finally,
195 other programs and thrusts to achieve this policy objective shall be developed
196 in accordance with emerging priorities.

198 **3.2. Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Components.** Short-, medium-, and long-
199 term programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) in support of BP² shall be
200 implemented. The short-term PAPs shall include those that will be implemented
201 from 2020 until 2022 and other short-gestating PAPs thereafter. The medium- and
202 long-term PAPs will be implemented from 2020 and can extend beyond 2022.

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204 **3.2.1. Short term.** The short-term PAPs shall include the immediate activities
205 meant to assist the relocation of BP² beneficiaries who are ready to return to
206 the provinces. Annex A provides the guidelines for the proper conduct of
207 relocation, with procedures before departure and during dispatch of selected
208 BP² beneficiaries from the sending LGUs and upon their arrival in the receiving
209 LGUs.

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211 There shall also be a transition phase where existing supportive PAPs with
212 available funds or appropriations are implemented to facilitate the
213 repatriation of beneficiaries and start strengthening the local economies to
214 provide sources of income for beneficiaries. These PAPs shall ensure strict
215 adherence to health protocols to prevent the spread of SARS-Cov-2 during this
216 COVID-19 pandemic.

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218 During this transitory period, convergence points are critical to ensure a
219 holistic and integrated delivery of social services, including the creation of
220 common targeting systems, particularly for basic services. Strong coordination
221 with LGU local housing offices for assistance and monitoring of housing
222 program beneficiaries shall be pursued.

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224 PAPs that enhance agriculture production, strengthen existing agri-based
225 enterprises, help develop new agri-based enterprises, and provide other
226 livelihood and employment packages shall also be immediately rolled out.
227 Relevant training programs shall be conducted to develop skills that match the
228 available and potential employment in the locality.

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230 Funded PAPs that enhance connectivity, power, and communication in the
231 receiving LGUs shall also be implemented.

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233 **3.2.2. Medium term.** In the medium term, the relocation of BP² beneficiaries
234 shall continue following the same relocation protocols described in Annex A.
235 Likewise, existing PAPs with available funds or appropriations supportive of
236 the BP² program shall continue to be implemented. PAPs for funding in 2021
237 shall also be pursued to facilitate the implementation of other critical projects.

238 These PAPs shall include the development of new housing projects to ensure
239 the BP² beneficiaries' access to permanent housing. The housing sites shall be
240 identified based on a set of criteria defined in Annex B. To this end, the
241 concerned government agencies shall submit to the Department of Budget
242 and Management (DBM) a budget proposal in line with this program.

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244 The relocation of enterprises, including start-ups and new enterprises, shall
245 also be pursued by offering a combination of tax and non-tax incentives. Any
246 tax and fiscal incentives to be given shall conform to the national policy that
247 all incentives given shall be performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and
248 transparent. In addition to national government tax incentives, the LGUs may
249 also provide counterpart incentives. Non-tax incentives shall cover areas such
250 as ease of doing business, access to credit, access to utilities, and other related
251 needs of the enterprises. Considering price and quality, enterprises to be
252 established shall make use of skills and local products to help the local
253 community expand their markets and add to the value of their products.

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255 **3.2.3. Long term.** In the long term, given initial support from the national
256 government, LGUs would be more equipped to attract relocators with little or
257 no national government assistance.

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259 PAPs that require longer time horizons to implement but require initial steps
260 to be undertaken by national government agencies (NGAs) shall be
261 considered. These include the proposed decentralization of powers and
262 moving the seat of governance, priority legislation on rationalized,
263 transparent, targeted, and results-based tax and non-tax incentives, and the
264 creation of new urban centers outside of the NCR and existing major urban
265 centers.

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267 The emerging PAPs by duration are provided in more detail in Annex C.

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269 **3.3. Target Beneficiaries.** The BP² Council shall issue the necessary resolutions
270 confirming and identifying the basic set of criteria for the target beneficiaries, in
271 coordination with the relevant implementing agency.

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273 In general, the BP² program shall benefit low-income families who opt to move out
274 of NCR or other highly urbanized cities, and return or relocate to other provinces
275 due to but not limited to the following circumstances: (a) voluntary decision to
276 return to the provinces; (b) loss of job or other sources of income; (c) unsafe current

277 dwelling places; or (d) exposure to health and safety risks and other environmental
278 hazards.

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280 The preliminary details of selecting the target beneficiaries are provided under
281 Annex D.

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283 **3.4. Development of Housing Sites for the BP² Program.** The BP² Council shall issue
284 the necessary resolutions confirming and identifying the criteria for selection of
285 relocation areas. A preliminary set of criteria for selection of housing areas and
286 relocation process is provided under Annex B.

287 288 **Section 4. The Program Governing Council**

289 290 **4.1. The Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Council**

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292 **4.1.1 Composition of the Council.** To ensure a more coordinated whole-of-
293 government approach on the implementation of the BP² Program, the *Balik*
294 *Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Council shall be composed of the following:

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Chairperson:	Executive Secretary
Vice-Chairperson:	Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
Members:	Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); Secretary, Department of Agriculture (DA); Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR); Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); Secretary, Department of Health (DOH); Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT); Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF); Secretary, Department of Budget and Management (DBM); Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOTr);

Secretary, Department of Tourism (DOT);
Secretary, Department of Human Settlements and
Urban Development (DHSUD);
Secretary, Department of Education (DepEd);
Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education
(CHED);
Secretary, Department of Environment and
Natural Resources (DENR);
Director-General, Technical Education and Skills
Development Authority (TESDA);
Chairperson, Mindanao Development Authority
(MinDA); and
Chairperson, Cooperative Development Authority.

296 A member of the Council shall designate a permanent and alternate
297 representative, who is fully authorized to decide for and on behalf of his or her
298 respective department, agency, or office and perform the functions provided
299 in EO No. 114 s. 2020.

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301 The Council shall be assisted by a Secretariat, to be headed by the General
302 Manager of the National Housing Authority (NHA) as Executive Director, which
303 shall provide technical and administrative support to the Council. The
304 Secretariat shall be composed of personnel from the NHA and, as may be
305 necessary, from member agencies of the Council.

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307 The Council may amend the list of members and call upon other government
308 agencies and private sector groups to advise the Council or help implement
309 the program.

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311 **4.1.2 Powers and functions of the Council**

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313 The following powers and functions provide details and nuances to the powers
314 and function of the Council as stated in EO No. 114 s. 2020.

- 315
316 a. Provide overall direction in the implementation of the BP² Program,
317 including guidance and technical assistance to government agencies
318 and LGUs;
319 b. Approve or modify key areas and components of the BP² program, and
320 ensure the compliance of government agencies involved in its
321 implementation;

- 322 c. Develop a strategic communications plan to educate the people and
323 advocate for supportive policies in the local level, in coordination with
324 the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO);
- 325 d. Identify legislative, regulatory, and policy changes to promote
326 balanced regional development, and recommend to Congress and
327 advocate for the enactment of such reforms into law;
- 328 e. Engage, consult, and coordinate with LGUs in the formulation of
329 policies, and implementation of the components of the BP² program
330 that will allow for resource-sharing arrangements among the national
331 and local governments through, among others, co-financing
332 mechanisms with development partners;
- 333 f. Enlist the support and assistance of other government agencies,
334 instrumentalities, government-owned or controlled corporations
335 (GOCCs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs), and consult and
336 provide avenues for the private sector, relevant stakeholders,
337 advocacy groups, and non-government organizations (NGOs) to
338 participate in the attainment of the objectives of EO No. 114 s. 2020;
- 339 g. Create sub-groups, technical working groups, or committees as
340 necessary, to implement the objectives of EO No. 114 s. 2020;
- 341 h. Adopt mechanisms, such as but not limited to the establishment of an
342 online platform and BP² desks in all offices of member agencies, to
343 facilitate accessibility to the public, enhance monitoring of
344 implementation, and ensure the compliance of beneficiaries;
- 345 i. Issue supplemental guidelines amending policies through Council
346 resolutions if and when necessary;
- 347 j. By the end of each year, produce a compendium of resolutions and
348 codify the guidelines-related resolutions into an Omnibus Guidelines
349 and disseminate the same to all stakeholders;
- 350 k. Assign particular agencies to perform specific functions that will
351 facilitate more effective implementation of the program; and
- 352 l. Perform other functions and activities as necessary to carry out the
353 provisions of EO 114 s. 2020, or as the President may direct.

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355 **4.1.3 Roles and functions of member agencies.** Member agencies shall
356 provide strong and coordinated support to the objectives of the BP² consistent
357 with their respective mandates and shall identify and implement sustainable
358 programs that contribute to the said objective, in accordance with relevant
359 laws, rules, and regulations Implementing agencies shall constantly coordinate
360 with the Council regarding their programs, and shall provide updates and
361 reports as required by the Council. The member agencies shall have the

362 following primary roles and functions in accordance with their respective
363 mandates, and subject to relevant laws, rules, and regulations. Additional
364 roles and functions may be provided by the Council to carry out emerging and
365 priority programs.

366
367 **a. National Housing Authority**

- 368 i. As the designated Secretariat of the Council, the NHA shall manage
369 the BP² enrollment system and database for applicants and
370 beneficiaries. It shall coordinate the establishment of local BP²
371 Centers where applicants can manually apply and operate the online
372 portal *balikprobinsya.ph*. It shall also initially provide the necessary
373 BP² personnel needed for processing and other coordinating
374 activities;
- 375 ii. Coordinate with other NGAs on the actual transfer arrangements of
376 approved applicants, and the provision of benefits and assistance
377 packages to transferees; and
- 378 iii. Assign Regional Coordinators from its staff to provide regular
379 updates and feedback to NEDA Regional Offices on developments
380 from the BP² National Council.

381
382 **b. Department of the Interior and Local Government**

- 383 i. Assist NGAs in coordinating with LGUs in the implementation of the
384 program on various phases;
- 385 ii. Ensure that all efforts, updates, and developments at the national
386 level are properly cascaded to the LGUs;
- 387 iii. Ensure that potential constraints faced by LGUs are properly
388 evaluated, channeled to, and addressed by concerned NGAs;
- 389 iv. In coordination with concerned NGAs, provide necessary assistance
390 and support to LGUs in performing their responsibilities and
391 functions accordingly;
- 392 v. Develop and implement initiatives that shall address policy,
393 governance, and operational gaps in the implementation of the BP²
394 program at the local level;
- 395 vi. Ensure that governance principles such as transparency,
396 accountability, and citizens empowerment are embedded in the
397 program implementation at the local level; and
- 398 vii. Assist in monitoring the progress of program implementation in the
399 concerned LGUs.

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401 **c. Department of Social Welfare and Development**

- 402 i. Coordinate with the referring LGUs and the BP² Secretariat in the
403 identification, profiling, and assessment of target families, conduct
404 of social preparation and psychosocial intervention, and facilitation
405 of family development plans;
- 406 ii. Ensure linkages of beneficiary list with other targeting databases,
407 such as the conditional cash transfer program, unconditional cash
408 transfer program, rice subsidy program, indigent senior citizen
409 pension, among others;
- 410 iii. Provide immediate relocation and transitional packages to help BP²
411 beneficiaries settle in their new environment;
- 412 iv. Facilitate community-driven development initiatives in the
413 settlement areas by providing technical and other appropriate forms
414 of support to concerned LGUs; and
- 415 v. Facilitate and manage the implementation of community-based
416 interventions that will support livelihood and develop opportunities
417 for the validated eligible families, including the provision of capacity
418 building interventions to enhance their livelihood and employability
419 skills; and livelihood settlement grants to start their
420 microenterprises or support pre-employment requirements.

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422 **d. Department of Agriculture**

- 423 i. Provide BP² beneficiaries training in innovative, highly productive,
424 and profitable climate resilient food or farm production practices;
425 assistance in integrating agri-fisheries organizations; assistance in
426 obtaining credit and other available assistance packages; assistance
427 in linking to markets; and assistance in achieving household food
428 security;
- 429 ii. Identify new agri-fisheries areas in public lands in collaboration with
430 the DENR;
- 431 iii. Provide the infrastructure support for developing food production
432 areas in collaboration with relevant government agencies, such as
433 the National Irrigation Administration, the DPWH, and the LGUs;
- 434 iv. Assist in the creation of rural industries through farm consolidation
435 and transformation of producers' organization into viable business
436 enterprises, or linking producers' organizations with established
437 enterprises;
- 438 v. Assist in promoting rural tourism; and
- 439 vi. Assist food or farm producers in actively participating in the value
440 chain.

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- 442 e. **Department of Agrarian Reform**
- 443 i. Fast-track the distribution of individual titles to agrarian reform
- 444 beneficiaries on private agricultural and government-owned lands;
- 445 ii. Organize agrarian reform beneficiaries to establish mega farms and
- 446 facilitate their development;
- 447 iii. Coordinate the provision of the needed assistance for production
- 448 and processing; and
- 449 iv. Facilitate productive and sustainable agribusiness partnership
- 450 between the Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations and
- 451 business partners such as the private sector.
- 452
- 453 f. **Department of Trade and Industry**
- 454 Undertake a needs assessment of MSMEs to:
- 455 i. Link BP² beneficiaries to available business or employment
- 456 opportunities from MSME clients of the respective DTI Regional
- 457 Offices;
- 458 ii. Provide guidance to local chief executives in implementing
- 459 appropriate incentives; and
- 460 iii. Advise national government on further policy adjustments.
- 461
- 462 g. **Department of Labor and Employment**
- 463 i. Provide livelihood and emergency employment assistance to
- 464 beneficiaries; and
- 465 ii. Provide active labor market programs to match available skills with
- 466 jobs, such as through job fairs, in coordination with the local
- 467 business chamber.
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- 469 h. **Department of Health**
- 470 i. Provide the necessary technical assistance to LGUs and their health
- 471 facilities for the efficient implementation of guidelines on health
- 472 service delivery and health systems strengthening; and
- 473 ii. Assist in the smooth integration of returning residents to the LGUs
- 474 through its Centers for Health Development (CHDs) and the
- 475 Ministry of Health in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim
- 476 Mindanao (BARMM).
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- 478 i. **Department of Information and Communications Technology**
- 479 i. Develop and promote ICT in education and respond to the human
- 480 resources needs of the ICT and ICT-enabled services sectors;

- 481 ii. Provide regulations for the establishment, operations, and
482 maintenance of ICT infrastructures in unserved and underserved
483 areas especially in identified locations for BP² beneficiaries;
484 iii. Assist, guide, and support ICT-related activities and initiatives to
485 support countryside economic development; and
486 iv. Ensure universal access to ICT services and infrastructure to
487 generate investments and opportunities in the rural area.
488
- 489 **j. Department of Finance**
490 Assist in creating a conducive environment for investments and
491 enterprise development in the regions through the identification,
492 formulation, and institutionalization of necessary tax and other
493 fiscal reforms.
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- 495 **k. Department of Budget and Management**
496 i. Identify sources of funds for the PAPs to be implemented by
497 relevant agencies; and
498 ii. Monitor and assess the use of funds and physical accomplishments
499 of the program.
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- 501 **l. Department of Public Work and Highways**
502 Together with DTI, and in coordination with the respective LGUs,
503 jointly identify and implement industry-promoting and growth-
504 driving infrastructure projects in the countryside.
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- 506 **m. Department of Transportation**
507 i. In coordination with the concerned government agencies and the
508 private sector, establish a seamless and demand-responsive,
509 intermodal transport network, including appropriate railway
510 systems, that connects provinces to growth centers; and ensure
511 efficient logistics and supply chains, and unimpeded flow of people,
512 goods, services, disaster response equipment, relief goods, and
513 basic commodities in times of emergencies; and
514 ii. Strengthen convergence in agriculture, industry, trade, and
515 tourism development by ensuring that these economic sectors are
516 provided with adequate transport infrastructure support and
517 services.
518
- 519 **n. Department of Tourism**

- 520 i. Develop tourism-specific and tourism-related socioeconomic
521 projects and activities to generate local employment for BP²
522 beneficiaries; and
523 ii. Provide technical assistance to LGUs with identified BP²
524 beneficiaries in tourism development that provides local
525 employment.

526
527 **o. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development**

- 528 i. Facilitate matching and access of identified program beneficiaries
529 to available housing projects or house financing programs of its key
530 shelter agencies;
531 ii. Facilitate planning and program convergence budgeting for the
532 development of new resettlement sites and township projects to
533 ensure provision of adequate basic services and facilities to the
534 project beneficiaries;
535 iii. Identify idle government lands that are suitable as housing sites for
536 the BP² program;
537 iv. Propose incentives and provide technical assistance to LGU-led
538 housing projects that are in support of the BP² program;
539 v. Expand existing and develop new programs to promote
540 community-driven housing and relocation projects aligned with the
541 BP² program;
542 vi. Assist LGUs in the review and updating of their comprehensive land
543 use plans (CLUPs) to support the objectives of the BP² program; and
544 promote the development of regional growth centers and sub-
545 regional growth centers by providing incentives and subsidies to
546 developers; and
547 vii. Promote the development of regional centers and sub-regional
548 centers by formulating policies that will provide incentives and
549 subsidies to developers.

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551 **p. Department of Education**

- 552 i. Implement and coordinate programs and projects in formal and
553 non-formal basic education to support returning learners;
554 ii. Supervise the transfer of all returning learners in elementary and
555 secondary education institutions in the provinces; and
556 iii. Supervise all elementary and secondary education institutions,
557 including alternative learning systems in the provinces.

558
559 **q. Commission on Higher Education**

- 560 i. Formulate and recommend development plans, policies, priorities,
561 and programs on higher education that BP² beneficiaries can
562 access; and
- 563 ii. Develop criteria for allocating additional resources such as
564 scholarships and other similar programs intended for the BP²
565 beneficiaries.

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567 **r. Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

568 Guide and monitor the implementation of BP² projects to ensure
569 that natural resource endowments are protected and that
570 environmental management services such as solid waste
571 management services are provided.

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573 **s. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority**

- 574 i. Provide relevant training and scholarships interventions, including
575 entrepreneurship training, to ensure livelihood and employment
576 opportunities of the target beneficiaries and the community;
- 577 ii. Implement technical vocational education and training (TVET)
578 program offerings that aligned with the needs of the priority
579 sectors of provinces; and
- 580 iii. Capacitate beneficiaries to be TESDA-certified workers and
581 possible trainers and assessors on their areas of expertise.

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583 **t. Mindanao Development Authority**

- 584 i. Provide Mindanao-wide integrated peace and development
585 perspective and initiatives of the BP² program;
- 586 ii. Coordinate inter-regional or Mindanao-wide BP² programs and
587 projects and provide technical support as needed;
- 588 iii. In coordination with concerned LGUs, agencies, and the relevant
589 Mindanao RDCs, identify and select suitable pilot relocation sites
590 for BP² beneficiaries;
- 591 iv. In coordination with concerned LGUs, Mindanao RDCs, BP²
592 member agencies, and other relevant institutions, initiate the
593 preparation of pilot relocation sites, assist host LGUs and
594 concerned agencies in social mobilization, and facilitate inter-
595 agency support for the development of the identified BP² sites; and
- 596 v. Mobilize assistance of the development partners and other private
597 and public entities for the BP² program in Mindanao.

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599 **u. Cooperative Development Authority**

- 600 i. Mobilize medium and large cooperatives (with total assets of PHP
601 50 million and above) to assist, as a possible conduit, in the
602 implementation of the program;
- 603 ii. In coordination with other implementing agencies, conduct social
604 preparation among the willing beneficiaries to organize them as
605 cooperative; and
- 606 iii. Coordinate inter-regional BP² programs and projects needing
607 cooperative intervention, and provide technical assistance as
608 needed.
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610 **4.2. The *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Regional Council.** The RDCs shall be the
611 counterparts of the Council in the regions. In the case of the BARMM, the
612 Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC) shall be the counterpart
613 of the Council.
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615 The Presidential Advisers for Northern Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, and Visayas
616 shall provide strategic advice to the RDCs in the implementation of the BP²
617 program. In the case of Mindanao, the MinDA shall provide strategic advice to RDCs
618 in as far as inter-regional and Mindanao-wide perspectives in BP² implementation
619 is concerned.
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621 **4.2.1. Relationship of the RDCs and BEDC with the BP² Council**

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- 623 a. To ensure consistency and harmony in carrying out the BP² program,
624 all activities shall be under the guidance of the BP² Council. All
625 initiatives and agreements made by the RDCs shall be consistent with
626 policies, rules, and guidelines issued by the Council.
- 627 b. The RDCs and BEDC may involve the regional counterpart agencies of
628 the Council, including non-RDC or BEDC members, in the BP²-related
629 activities.
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631 **4.2.2. Powers and functions of the RDCs and BEDC in the BP² Program**

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- 633 a. Formulate the Regional BP² Action Plan and engage the participation
634 of concerned LGUs, GOCCs, NGOs, and other stakeholders to ensure
635 coordinated efforts in the implementation of BP² programs and
636 projects;

- 637 b. Provide technical guidance to agencies, LGUs, and other private
638 organizations in conceptualizing, designing, and financing of BP²
639 projects;
- 640 c. Promote market investment destinations in the region to bring in
641 more agri-business, manufacturing, industrial, information
642 technology-business process outsourcing, service, and tourism
643 ventures, ultimately providing more opportunities for employment
644 and livelihood in the countryside;
- 645 d. Assess the progress of the implementation of the BP² Program in the
646 region using the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System
647 (RPMES), and other mechanisms such as but not limited to, an online
648 platform and a tracer system that will track programs and projects
649 availed by beneficiaries;
- 650 e. Undertake problem-solving sessions or consultative meetings to
651 resolve issues, problems, bottlenecks, and other concerns in the
652 implementation of BP² programs;
- 653 f. Recommend measures that will further strengthen the effectiveness
654 of the BP² program introduced at the regional and local levels;
- 655 g. Create a team of information officers that will develop a strategic
656 regional BP² communications strategy to inform the public of goals
657 and objectives of the program, highlighting new initiatives in the
658 region;
- 659 h. Advocate and promote gender sensitivity, respect for the elderly,
660 protection of children, preservation of heritage, protection of natural
661 resources, and disaster risks reduction and climate change adaptation
662 in all interventions under the BP² program; and
- 663 i. Perform other related functions and activities as necessary to ensure
664 the success of the BP² Program.

665 **4.2.3. The RDC and BEDC BP² Committees**

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- 668 a. **For the RDCs.** The RDC shall create a special BP² Committee to
669 coordinate BP² activities in the region and act on matters needing
670 immediate attention as it receives guidance and instructions from the
671 BP² Council. It shall also advise the RDC on resolutions that need to be
672 formulated to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the
673 Regional BP² Action Plan.

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675 The RDC special BP² Committee shall be chaired by the designated
676 Cabinet member under the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development

677 and Security (CORDS) system and vice-chaired by the NEDA Regional
678 Director as ex-officio RDC vice-chair and shall have the following
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- i. Provincial governors
- ii. Mayors or cities municipalities hosting BP² programs
- iii. RDC sectoral committee chairpersons/co-chairpersons
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- v. DTI
- vi. DENR
- vii. DSWD
- viii. DHSUD
- ix. DOH
- x. DPWH
- xi. DBM
- xii. NHA
- xiii. DOLE
- xiv. CDA
- xv. TESDA

697 The RDC special BP² Committee shall utilize and align the key program
698 areas with the following RDC sectoral committees:

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BP ² Key Results Areas	RDC Sector Committee
Empowerment of local industries	Economic Development Committee
Food security and agricultural productivity	Economic Development Committee
Social welfare, health, employment, and human resource development	Social Development Committee
Infrastructure development	Infrastructure Development Committee

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Good governance for all the key program areas shall be monitored by the RDC's Development Administration Committee.

b. **For the BEDC.** The BEDC shall determine the appropriate structure and mechanism for coordination of BP² activities within the BARMM.

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4.2.4. The BP² Regional Secretariat

- a. **For the RDCs.** The NEDA Regional Offices, as Secretariat of the RDCs, shall continue to provide technical and administrative support to the RDC BP² Committee.
- b. **For the BEDC.** The Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority shall provide technical and administrative support to the BEDC BP² structure.

4.2.5. Role of the LGUs

- a. **Management of the COVID–19 and other pandemics.** All concerned sending and receiving LGUs shall properly observe and follow the prescribed DOH guidelines and protocols for the management of COVID- 19 and other pandemics as specified in Annex E, particularly during the immediate phase of the program. The DOH, in coordination with other concerned agencies, may propose amendments or specific guidelines to the BP² Council.
- b. **Advocacy and information dissemination.** LGUs shall assist in the advocacy and information dissemination on the benefits of the program to their constituents in terms of economic, infrastructure, and social service development, and document best practices of LGUs as a program offshoot;
- c. **Assistance to beneficiaries.** In coordination with the national government, provide necessary assistance to the beneficiaries in various phases of the program;
- d. **Governance processes and systems.** Continue improving governance processes and systems to attract investments and business which is critical to program sustainability; actively engage the private sector to offer more employment and livelihood opportunities to their constituents and the BP² beneficiaries. Monitor the progress and status of beneficiaries within their respective jurisdiction who have availed of the program and cooperate with the national government to ensure program sustainability;

- 746 e. **Local Development Council (LDC).** All concerned LGUs at all levels,
747 through their respective LDCs shall oversee the implementation of the
748 program within their respective areas of jurisdiction. The LDCs,
749 consistent with their respective mandates, and subject to relevant
750 laws, rules and regulations shall:
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 - 752 i. Identify relevant PAPs consistent with Section 17 of the Local
753 Government Code of 1991, that support the achievement of the
754 BP² overall objectives;
 - 755 ii. Ensure convergence of all local efforts undertaken by national and
756 regional agencies, the private sector, and other key partners in the
757 locality;
 - 758 iii. Ensure vertical alignment of PAPs to the national and sub-national
759 priorities.
 - 760 iv. Facilitate and assist the concerned national and regional line
761 agencies, the private sector, and all key partners in the effective
762 implementation of PAPs;
 - 763 v. Ensure proper handling and management of local investment
764 incentives; and
 - 765 vi. Monitor the program implementation in their respective localities
766 and immediately raise to appropriate the offices those that need
767 inter-agency or inter-LGU attention.
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769 **Section 5. Strategic Program Communication.** Strategic communication shall be
770 developed and implemented to educate the people; advocate for supportive
771 policies at the national and local levels; enlist the support of government agencies,
772 instrumentalities, GOCCs, SUCs, and development partners; and provide venues for
773 feedback and consultation with the private sector, NGOs, and advocacy groups.

774 **5.1 Specific communication objectives**

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777 **5.1.1. Emphasizing shared goals.** Find a common ground and communicate
778 higher-level goals and aspirations shared by majority of the population that
779 the BP² supports, including *AmBisyon Natin 2040* and those mentioned in EO
780 114 s. 2020.

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782 **5.1.2. Informing and educating the public on BP².** Make the public,
783 particularly settlers in the NCR, understand the specific elements of the
784 program to help in their decision to relocate to the provinces;

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786 **5.1.3. Preparing the provinces.** Make the implementing agencies and target
787 receiving LGUs understand the short-, medium- and long-term requirements
788 for attracting and retaining investors, entrepreneurs, employers, employees,
789 and residents or settlers;

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791 **5.1.4. Engaging stakeholders.** Generate and process public and stakeholder
792 sentiment and feedback on the program as input to BP² Council policies,
793 operations, and risk management; and

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795 **5.1.5. Managing expectations.** Manage stakeholder and public expectations
796 on the BP² program in line with the program components with specific
797 progress points categorized into short, medium, and long term.

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799 **5.2 Institutional Arrangement**

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801 **5.2.1.** To develop a communication strategy and implement a communication
802 plan, a BP² Communication Group (ComGroup) shall be created as follows:

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804 Lead Convenor: NEDA

805 Co-convenor: DHSUD

806 Spokesperson: PCOO

807 Secretariat: PCOO

808 Members: DOT, DILG, DOTr, DOLE, DA, DTI, DICT, DAR, NHA

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810 **5.3 Functions of the BP² ComGroup**

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812 NEDA, as the lead convenor, shall set the strategic direction for
813 communication and advocacy of the BP² program. It shall convene the BP²
814 ComGroup, set meeting agenda, facilitate discussion and approval of overall
815 communication and advocacy strategy. It shall also ensure coherence of all
816 official communication materials to the overall messaging, and coordinate the
817 development of a strategic communication and advocacy plan for the BP².

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819 DHSUD, as co-convenor, shall establish mechanisms for feedback and
820 consultation on policy issues and program design at the national and regional
821 levels, and communicate feedback and issues generated to the BP² Council to
822 facilitate resolution and align messaging accordingly. The PCOO, as
823 spokesperson, shall represent the BP² Council in media and public
824 engagements and communicate to the media and the public all official

825 information on the BP² program and ensure that these are aligned with the
826 overall messaging.

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828 PCOO shall be the spokesperson and secretariat of the BP² ComGroup. As a
829 spokesperson, PCOO shall represent the BP² Council in media and public
830 engagements and communicate to the media and the public all official
831 information on the BP² program and ensure that these are aligned with the
832 overall messaging. As secretariat, it shall provide technical, logistical, and
833 administrative support to the convenors, including the preparation of agenda
834 materials, meeting notes and minutes containing issues, concerns, and action
835 points. It shall also monitor status of action points and emerging issues, in
836 coordination with BP² ComGroup members. Moreover, it shall ensure smooth
837 internal coordination and communication within the ComGroup.

838 Member agencies of the BP² ComGroup and other members of the Council
839 shall provide inputs on communicating government programs and policies in
840 their respective sectors in support of the objectives of the BP² program and
841 shall come up with their own information, education, and communication
842 (IEC) materials on their agencies' contribution to BP². They shall prepare IEC
843 materials for their respective stakeholders and ensure alignment with overall
844 messaging and communication strategy.

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846 All other BP² Council member agencies shall prepare and disseminate IEC
847 materials on BP². The BP² ComGroup shall form a speaker's bureau to promptly
848 address sectoral issues or questions raised by stakeholders and the public on
849 BP² that concern their respective agencies.

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851 **Section 6. Sources of funds.** The PAPs for FY 2020 shall be charged from the
852 available funds of the NGAs concerned. The NGAs, to the extent permitted by Law,
853 are authorized to realign a portion of the budget of their enrolled PAPs. They shall
854 always be required to perform steering functions to ensure the effective and
855 efficient implementation of the PAPs by the LGUs.

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857 The PAPs for FY 2021 will be implemented under the Budget Priority Framework
858 Tier 2. Concerned agencies shall submit budget proposal to implement the program
859 for review and approval of the DBM.

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861 The cost-sharing scheme between the National Government and the LGUs shall be
862 applied only during the first two (2) years of implementation of EO No. 114 from FY
863 2020 to 2021.

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865 Thereafter, the funding requirements for the implementation of the programs,
866 projects, and activities under the BP² Program shall be funded by the LGUs out of
867 their respective local funds.

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869 **Section 7. Accountability and Transparency**

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871 **7.1. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Mechanism.** Integral to the BP² program is
872 ensuring delivery of commitments of implementing agencies under their respective
873 programs, and ensuring that the beneficiaries meet the concomitant expectations
874 from them to dwell productively in the provinces and housing sites. Thus,
875 monitoring and evaluation under the BP² Program shall comprise of two (2)
876 schemes:

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878 **7.1.1. Monitoring of beneficiaries by the NHA.** A system of monitoring of and
879 periodic reporting by beneficiaries shall be developed and implemented by the
880 NHA as Council Secretariat. The NHA shall coordinate with the PCOO, DILG,
881 and DICT for this purpose. Physical reporting of beneficiaries shall be explored,
882 especially in areas without access to information technology.

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884 **7.1.2. Project monitoring through the Regional Project Monitoring and**
885 **Evaluation System (RPMES).** The RPMES shall be utilized to monitor and
886 assess the implementation of agencies' BP² programs and projects. The
887 monitoring reports shall contain information on the following: (a) actual
888 physical progress of programs and projects against the target
889 accomplishments, including relevant information such as employment
890 generated, initial observable results, problems encountered, and measures
891 taken or to be taken to address such issues; and (b) actual expenditures or
892 financial progress made by the project against its releases (funds utilization)
893 or against the total amount for the project (funding support). Financial reports
894 shall also account for factors behind low disbursements. The integration of
895 geo-tagged photos may also be required in the submission of reports to
896 enhance M&E activities and for further transparency. The existing RPMES
897 monitoring forms shall be adopted for this purpose BP² Programs (Annexes F
898 and G).

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900 Performance of the program will be monitored and evaluated based on these
901 key results areas, the indicators for which are defined in the Results Matrix
902 shown in Annex H.

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904 **7.2. Reporting**

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906 **7.2.1. Submission of agency and RDC reports**

907 a. Agency reports. Each implementing agency shall submit to the Council,
908 through the Secretariat, a report on its implementation of the relevant
909 programs under the BP² framework including the over-all progress,
910 issues and problems encountered, actions taken, and ways forward.
911 Such report shall be at such frequency as may be prescribed by the
912 Council.

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914 b. Regional reports. The RDCs and the BEDC shall submit a bi-annual
915 report to the Office of the Executive Secretary on the status of
916 implementation of regional programs and projects, summarizing the
917 over-all progress of the BP² program, the issues and problems
918 encountered, actions taken, and recommended ways forward.

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920 **7.2.2.** The Council, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, shall submit
921 to the President a bi-annual report on the implementation of the BP² program,
922 including its accomplishments in terms of short-, medium, and long- term
923 goals and budget utilization. The Council shall review annually the
924 effectiveness of the programs and projects. The preparation of the annual
925 report shall be coordinated by the Council Secretariat and the lead agency for
926 the bi-annual report shall rotate among the Council members.

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928 **7.3. Knowledge, Information, and Database Management.** The BP² system and
929 database (*balikprobinsya.ph*) being managed by the NHA shall be enhanced into a
930 knowledge and database system. National agencies and LGUs shall agree on data
931 sharing and access to the BP² enrolment system and database. This will also
932 facilitate ease of reporting to agencies.

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934 The regional repository of project reports shall be managed by the BP² Committee
935 Secretariat, which can be accessed through the NEDA Regional Offices' official
936 website (e.g., M&E dashboard).

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938 **Section 8. Miscellaneous Provisions**

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940 **8.1. Mandatory Review of the Program.** In view of Section 7 of EO No. 114 s. 2020
941 and Section 7.2 of this Implementing Guidelines, which require a bi-annual
942 reporting by the Council to the President, and periodic reporting by the agencies to

943 the Council, the mandatory review herein shall be undertaken every three (3) years
944 from the effectivity of EO No. 114 s.2020.

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946 **8.2. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this Implementing Guidelines is
947 held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not otherwise
948 affected shall remain in full force or effect.

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950 **8.3. Effectivity.** This Implementing Guidelines shall take effect immediately.

ANNEXES

Annex A. Relocation guidelines for BP² program beneficiaries

Based on the registered enrollees in the BP² Dashboard, the Council shall select qualified enrollees based on the criteria defined in Annex D. Relocation for all groups shall be conducted in batches and the schedule of dispatch shall be determined by the Council.

Once qualified beneficiaries are selected and are scheduled to be relocated, the NHA, as Secretariat, shall provide the departments with the list and shall work closely with various departments for the successful implementation of the relocation activities.

At the same time, the Council shall call on the different agencies to do their particular role in the implementation of BP² beneficiary relocation during the departure stage, the dispatch, and upon arrival in the LGUs. In this regard, all concerned agencies shall provide, for approval of the Council, their procedures, processes and systems, including agreed timeframes of assistance provision prior to departure.

The Council shall likewise ensure communication, coordination, and collaboration with government agencies, and disseminate information, agreements, or decisions reached during its meetings.

Pre-Departure

- a. The Council, in coordination with the DILG, shall develop a categorization scheme for all provinces vis-à-vis the level of their capacities in providing the necessary services of its constituents, to ensure balanced distribution of wealth, resources, and assistance to all enrollees.
 - i. A study on the absorptive capacity and needs assessment should be conducted prior to the relocation to any LGUs.
 - ii. Needs-based capacity building shall be identified as the capability and readiness of the LGUs to receive the relocated families is also deemed important.
- b. In addition, DILG shall ensure that the LGUs guidelines and protocols for sending and receiving LGUs shown in Annex E are adhered to.
- c. The sending LGUs, through the DILG, shall work closely with DOTr in preparing the enrollees for transport to the dispatching center and shall

991 coordinate with the receiving LGUs regarding the arrival and processing of
992 enrollees. The DOTr shall be responsible in the actual transport requirements
993 of the enrollees.

994 d. DOH shall provide technical assistance to Local Health Office (LHO) regarding
995 DOH guidelines especially on prioritization on expanded testing and issuance
996 of Certificate of Quarantine Completion (CQC). DOH Regional Office shall
997 coordinate with the concerned LHOs the number, health status, and itinerary
998 of BP² returning residents.

999 e. DSWD shall ensure that enrollees are properly assessed in terms of the initial
1000 needs of selected beneficiaries to properly settle in their chosen housing
1001 areas. In coordination with DOLE, DTI, TESDA, and other agencies, it shall
1002 prepare the assistance packages to the enrollees and determine the
1003 indicative timeline of the assistance to be provided. The agencies mentioned
1004 shall ensure proper coordination in the timely delivery of the assistance
1005 packages.

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1007 *Departure*

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1009 a. DSWD shall undertake verification procedures during the day of the dispatch
1010 to ensure that the prescribed assistance is provided to the validated eligible
1011 enrollees:

1012 i. DOTr on the transportation assistance where each qualified beneficiary
1013 shall be provided PhP 3,000.00 – PhP 5,000.00 depending on the
1014 destination province. Families on the other hand shall be given the
1015 amount of PhP 3,000.00 – PhP 35,000.00. Such assistance shall be given
1016 in the form of cash or transportation services.

1017 ii. DSWD on the conduct of intake interviews, initial assessment, program
1018 briefing and disbursement of applicable packages to the verified list of
1019 individuals or families beneficiaries.

1020 b. DOLE shall conduct validation on the profile of qualified enrollees for their
1021 assistance program.

1022 c. DTI, TESDA, DA and DAR shall distribute their respective assistance packages
1023 for departing beneficiaries.

1024 d. The sending Local Health Office shall set up a Help Desk on site, to assist the
1025 BP² returning residents and check for the completeness of the medical
1026 clearances, CQC, test results and other pertinent medical records prior
1027 departure.

- 1028 e. The sending DOH Regional Office shall set-up a Help Desk on the site and
1029 ensure that BP2 returning residents strictly adhere to physical distancing and
1030 wearing of personal protective gears. The DOH Regional Office shall ensure
1031 stand-by ambulance and First Aid Kit.
- 1032 f. The receiving DOH Regional Office shall coordinate with the concerned LGUs
1033 LHO the final list, number, health status and estimated time of arrival of the
1034 BP2 returning residents who have been cleared for departure.
- 1035 g. DOTr shall see to it that safe and comfortable transport to the provinces are
1036 provided to the enrollees.
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- 1038 h. NHA, as the secretariat of the Council, shall oversee the overall management
1039 of dispatching procedure and shall ensure that the enrollees' master list is
1040 properly updated. With clearance from other departments, NHA shall be in
1041 charge with the provision of boarding passes and ensure that other
1042 administrative functions are followed. They shall see to it that an unhampered
1043 coordination shall be carried out with the DILG to ensure that the enrollees
1044 are properly received in the LGUs.

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- 1046 *Arrival in the relocation destination*
- 1047 a. The receiving LGUs shall meet the beneficiaries upon arrival and shall usher
1048 them to their temporary accommodation for the mandatory tests to be
1049 conducted by DOH. DILG shall coordinate with receiving LGUs to ensure the
1050 presence of local officials or their representatives to the arrival areas.
- 1051 b. LGU local health offices shall perform medical assessment and check for the
1052 completeness of the BP2 returning residents' mandatory health
1053 requirements. The local health office may test and/or quarantine as deemed
1054 necessary based on the assessment of the local health physician and the
1055 discretion of the LGUs. Local Health Office shall integrate the records of the
1056 BP2 returning residents to the local health information system (EMRs,
1057 masterlist, etc).
- 1058 c. DOH shall deploy medical teams to augment LGU health workers in checking
1059 the health status of the returnees upon arrival. The DOH Regional Office shall
1060 ensure availability of stand-by ambulance and assist LGUs in establishing
1061 arrangements for testing, isolation, and quarantine of BP2 returning residents,
1062 as necessary.
- 1063 d. The DSWD regional team shall also conduct an assessment with the
1064 beneficiaries to determine and discuss the livelihood support and psychosocial

1065 intervention that applies to the latter. For the families, the transitory package
1066 will be provided following the identified family intervention plan.
1067 e. The NHA, as the secretariat, shall continue to monitor the sustained assistance
1068 to the beneficiaries. They shall turn over the monitoring of the program to the
1069 Regional Development Council.
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Annex B. Criteria for site selection for housing development

1. Criteria for housing sites:

As urban centers and rural communities are developed, increased migration may be expected. Housing sites, however, must be planned within the context of the comprehensive land use plan. The identification of such sites must take into consideration the following:

- a. Presence of infrastructure such as transportation, telecommunication, water, drainage, solid waste management, and power. The new housing areas should be considered in future infrastructure development plans and programs of receiving LGUs and NGAs.
- b. Access to health, education and recreational facilities. Increased population due to in migration must be considered in the development plans and programs of the receiving LGUs. Concerned NGAs must also consider this in the delivery of social facilities and services.
- c. Sources of livelihood either through entrepreneurship or employment. These should be located in areas accessible to markets, employment centers and other sources of livelihood. The new communities in the housing areas should be included in the future livelihood development programs of the receiving LGUs and concerned NGAs. As appropriate, said government entities shall organize the program beneficiaries into cooperatives as part of livelihood development initiatives.
- d. Prioritize the safety of beneficiaries. Exposure to geologic and hydrometeorological hazards such as landslides, floods and storm surges shall be considered in the housing site selection process and site development plans. Assistance from concerned government agencies such the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), Philippines Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Authority (PAGASA) will be requested to inform site selection process.
- e. Physical characteristics shall be considered in the site suitability analysis for the selection of housing areas including the following:

- 1111 i. Topography – Housing areas should be relatively flat. Sloping
1112 areas should be developed with the assurance of soundness and
1113 structural stability for vertical constructions. The additional cost
1114 of developing sloping sites must also be considered.
- 1115 ii. Soil - Soil characteristics must conform to the standards specified
1116 for construction and development by the MGB to avoid hazards.
1117 This will also lessen the cost needed to implement disaster risk
1118 mitigation measures.
- 1119 iii. Water bodies – Existing water bodies like rivers and creeks are
1120 potential water sources for new housing areas. At the same time
1121 these waterways serves natural drainage, therefore should be
1122 preserved. Also, flooding along these water bodies should be
1123 considered in selection of housing areas. Legal easements along
1124 water bodies as provided under the Water Code should be
1125 observed.
- 1126 iv. Vegetation – Vegetative cover including those needed to
1127 maintain the integrity of watersheds specially the ones being
1128 utilized for domestic and irrigation water supply. Vegetation
1129 which are essential in biodiversity conservation including those
1130 covered under the National Integrated Protected Ares System
1131 (NIPAS) and Expanded-NIPAS should be considered.
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- 1133 f. Selection of housing areas shall be done with the participation of
1134 target beneficiaries. The receiving LGUs and concerned national
1135 government agencies shall allow the beneficiaries to participate in the
1136 decision-making process on where they will be relocated.
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- 1138 g. For housing development, the NHA, DHSUD, and LGUs shall be
1139 responsible for the identification of housing sites under the Program.
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- 1141 h. NHA shall regularly provide the BP² Council with an inventory of all
1142 existing NHA housing sites and housing projects within the receiving
1143 provinces, and the number of available units per project site. Existing
1144 guidelines of the NHA will apply in the selection and prioritization of
1145 housing beneficiaries.
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- 1147 i. The lands for housing sites can be LGU-owned properties provided for
1148 the purpose, or idle NGA-owned lands identified as suitable for
1149 socialized housing. The locations of housing projects should be
1150 consistent with the CLUPs and/or Local Shelter Plans (LSPs) of the

1151 receiving LGUs. In particular, housing sites should be residential in land
1152 use classification based on the approved CLUP of the concerned LGU.
1153 If there is no approved CLUP, the site should be approved for housing
1154 development purposes by the concerned Sangguniang
1155 Panlungsod/Bayan. If needed, land use reclassification must be
1156 approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod/Bayan prior to inclusion in
1157 the zoning map.

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1159 Use of existing housing models such as those developed by DOST and UP
1160 PLANADES (e.g. EXODUS for progress, iFWD PH, UP Planades housing
1161 model) shall be used to help determine housing needs and suitability of
1162 proposed relocation sites.

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Annex C. Emerging Programs, Projects, and Activities

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
Empowerment of local industries	Access to credit and finance		
	Establishment of loan facilities and credit funds for MSMEs and cooperatives (e.g., Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund and the Agro-Industry Modernization Credit and Financing Program)	Establishment of loan facilities and credit funds for MSMEs and cooperatives (e.g., Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund and the Agro-Industry Modernization Credit and Financing Program)	Establishment of loan facilities and credit funds for MSMEs and cooperatives (e.g., Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund and the Agro-Industry Modernization Credit and Financing Program)
	Livelihood Seeding Programs (i.e., DTI's <i>Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay</i> and other start-up capital programs)	Livelihood Seeding Programs (i.e., DTI's <i>Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay</i> and other start-up capital programs)	
	Fiscal incentives		
		Provision of performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and transparent tax incentives	Provision of performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and transparent tax incentives
		Updating and rationalizing the Local Investments and Incentive Code	Updating and rationalizing the Local Investments and Incentive Code
	Enterprise development		
		Promotion of investment in technology-based enterprises in	Promotion of investment in technology-based enterprises in

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		new growth areas (i.e., DOST's Exodus to Progress)	new growth areas (i.e., DOST's Exodus to Progress)
		Capacity building for the development and management of technology-based enterprises	Capacity building for the development and management of technology-based enterprises
	Strengthen partnerships programs of entrepreneurs with LGUs, NGAs, NGOs, and local industries.	Strengthen partnerships programs of entrepreneurs with LGUs, NGAs, NGOs, and local industries.	Strengthen partnerships programs of entrepreneurs with LGUs, NGAs, NGOs, and local industries.
		Capacity building programs for the development, growth, and innovation of MSMEs and cooperatives (i.e., Philippine Trade Training Center Global MSME Academy)	Capacity building programs for the development, growth, and innovation of MSMEs and cooperatives (i.e., Philippine Trade Training Center Global MSME Academy)
	MSMEs support services		
	Promotion of One Town One Product (OTOP)	Promotion of One Town One Product (OTOP)	Promotion of One Town One Product (OTOP)
Housing, social welfare, health, employment, and human resource development	Employment and livelihood assistance		
		Provision of livelihood opportunities to the beneficiaries through employment facilitation, capital fund, livelihood grants, and emergency employment	Provision of livelihood opportunities to the beneficiaries through employment facilitation, capital fund, livelihood grants, and emergency employment

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		Provision of community grants for community-driven development sub-projects	
		Continuous family case management	
		Promotion of partnership with private sector in developing new rural-based industries	Promotion of partnership with private sector in developing new rural-based industries
	Provision of livelihood settlement grants through the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program.	Provision of livelihood settlement grants through the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program.	Provision of livelihood settlement grants through the DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program.
Housing assistance			
	Facilitate matching and access of identified program beneficiaries to available housing projects or shelter financing programs of DHSUD's key shelter agencies	Facilitate matching and access of identified program beneficiaries to available housing projects or shelter financing programs of DHSUD's key shelter agencies	Facilitate matching and access of identified program beneficiaries to available housing projects or shelter financing programs of DHSUD's key shelter agencies
	Allocation of designated existing resettlement housing units to qualified program beneficiaries	Allocation of designated existing resettlement housing units to qualified program beneficiaries	Allocation of designated existing resettlement housing units to qualified program beneficiaries

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		Identification of idle government lands suitable for housing sites for BP2 projects	Identification of idle government lands suitable for housing sites for BP2 projects
		Promotion of community-driven housing and relocation projects	Promotion of community-driven housing and relocation projects
		Provision of support to housing development projects for employees of new industrial economic zones	Provision of support to housing development projects for employees of new industrial economic zones
		Facilitation of new housing development projects	Facilitation of new housing development projects
Local health facilities and services improvement			
	Provision of immediate attention to health and psychosocial needs of new arrivals	Improvement of access to comprehensive quality health services within the province/city-wide health systems	
	Deployment of human resources for health and provision of health commodities to LGUs	Upgrading of barangay health stations, health centers, or hospitals	
	Assignment of beneficiaries to a primary care provider	Improvement of health information systems	
		Together with CHED, expansion of existing and new allied and health-related scholarship programs as	

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		determined by the National Health Human Resource Master Plan	
	Skills development		
	Provision of training to acquire skills and capacities needed in available jobs in the locality		
	Provision of area and sector-specific TVET	Provision of area and sector-specific TVET	
	Flexible learning delivery system		
	Investments in learning management system and e-learning resources	Investments in learning management system and e-learning resources	
	Promotion of community learning centers that offer learning systems such as blended learning, distance learning, apprenticeship, and face-to-face learning	Promotion of community learning centers that offer learning systems such as blended learning, distance learning, apprenticeship, and face-to-face learning	
Food security and agricultural productivity	Innovations for agriculture production		
	Promotion of the development and the adoption of technological innovations and techniques for agricultural production (i.e., modern rice	Promotion of the development and the adoption of technological innovations and techniques for agricultural production (i.e., modern rice farming techniques,	Promotion of the development and the adoption of technological innovations and techniques for agricultural production (i.e., modern rice

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
	farming techniques, seed production, and farm mechanization) conducive to long-term and sustainable rural development.	seed production, and farm mechanization) conducive to long-term and sustainable rural development.	farming techniques, seed production, and farm mechanization) conducive to long-term and sustainable rural development.
	Promotion of climate-resilient agriculture practices (i.e., integrated farming systems, early warning system provided by weather-based farm advisories, planting flood tolerant rice during the rainy season, planting of pest resistant varieties, zero or low tillage, etc.)	Promotion of climate-resilient agriculture practices (i.e., integrated farming systems, early warning system provided by weather-based farm advisories, planting flood tolerant rice during the rainy season, planting of pest resistant varieties, zero or low tillage, etc.)	Promotion of climate-resilient agriculture practices (i.e., integrated farming systems, early warning system provided by weather-based farm advisories, planting flood tolerant rice during the rainy season, planting of pest resistant varieties, zero or low tillage, etc.)
	Digitalization of the agriculture sector including improvement of market information and database infrastructure	Digitalization of the agriculture sector including improvement of market information and database infrastructure	Digitalization of the agriculture sector including improvement of market information and database infrastructure
Agriculture infrastructure development			
	Provision of irrigation facilities and water management systems for the food production areas	Provision of irrigation facilities and water management systems for the food production areas.	Provision of irrigation facilities and water management systems for the food production areas.

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
	(i.e., Plant, Plant, Plant Program or the Rice Resiliency Program)		
	Provision of farm-to-market roads	Provision of farm-to-market roads	
		Expansion of rural road infrastructure (i.e., farm-to-market roads, farm-to-mill roads)	Expansion of rural road infrastructure (i.e., farm-to-market roads, farm-to-mill roads)
Agriculture and agro-industries support services			
	Promotion of household food security and nutrition (i.e., Plant, Plant, Plant Program)		
	Identification of food production and residential areas		
	Assessment of the crop suitability and climate/disaster risks of proposed production areas		
	Assessment of crops/livestock value chain and identification of access points for producers	Assessment of crops/livestock value chain and identification of access points for producers	
	Directing and funding the conduct of feasibility studies for selected crops/livestock	Directing and funding the conduct of feasibility studies for selected crops/livestock	

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
	Organization of producers into production units, processing and/or marketing units.	Organization of producers into production units, processing and/or marketing units.	
	Provision of climate- and weather-based farm and fishery advisories.	Provision of climate- and weather-based farm and fishery advisories.	Provision of climate- and weather-based farm and fishery advisories.
	Linking of producers to markets, assistance in evaluating marketing arrangements and monitoring of marketing of produce, and identification of weak points/inadequate kind of support.	Linking of producers to markets, assistance in evaluating marketing arrangements and monitoring of marketing of produce, and identification of weak points/inadequate kind of support.	Linking of producers to markets, assistance in evaluating marketing arrangements and monitoring of marketing of produce, and identification of weak points/inadequate kind of support.
	Provision of postharvest facilities and farm machinery to the beneficiaries' organizations	Provision of postharvest facilities and farm machinery to the beneficiaries' organizations	
	Engagement of professional farm enterprise managers by farmer organizations through an initial grant that shall be phased out in the third year of engagement	Engagement of professional farm enterprise managers by farmer organizations through an initial grant that shall be phased out in the third year of engagement	

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
	Establishment of KADIWA outlets of DA in localities using digital or online platforms		
	Strengthen Negosyo Centers of DTI for linkage to export markets and business advisory services	Strengthen Negosyo Centers of DTI for linkage to export markets and business advisory services	Strengthen Negosyo Centers of DTI for linkage to export markets and business advisory services
Support to local agricultural industries			
	Provision of support and strengthening of climate-resilient value chains for agriculture and fishery products (e.g. through climate advisories)	Provision of support and strengthening of climate-resilient value chains for agriculture and fishery products (e.g. through climate advisories)	Provision of support and strengthening of climate-resilient value chains for agriculture and fishery products (e.g. through climate advisories)
Capacity building on agriculture production			
	Conduct training in collaboration with LGUs on topics such as improved production methods, post-harvest technologies, processing methods, pre-market product preparation, credit access, etc.		
	Capacity assessment and skills trainings on crop/livestock production and climate/disaster	Capacity assessment and skills trainings on crop/livestock production and climate/disaster	Capacity assessment and skills trainings on crop/livestock production and climate/disaster

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
	risks and adaptation agriculture practices	risks and adaptation agriculture practices	risks and adaptation agriculture practices
	Access to credit, finance and other grants		
	Provision of assistance to beneficiaries in accessing credit and insurance	Provision of assistance to beneficiaries in accessing credit and insurance	Provision of assistance to beneficiaries in accessing credit and insurance
	Expansion of existing credit programs to the agriculture and fisheries sector by increasing loanable funds, easing loan requirements, and providing acceptable loan terms	Expansion of existing credit programs to the agriculture and fisheries sector by increasing loanable funds, easing loan requirements, and providing acceptable loan terms	Expansion of existing credit programs to the agriculture and fisheries sector by increasing loanable funds, easing loan requirements, and providing acceptable loan terms
	Cluster farming and land tenure		
	Promotion of block farming (i.e., DAR's Mega Farm), clustering and farm consolidation schemes, and regularization of farmer's cooperatives	Promotion of block farming (i.e. DAR's Mega Farm), clustering and farm consolidation schemes, and regularization of farmer's cooperatives	Promotion of block farming (i.e. DAR's Mega Farm), clustering and farm consolidation schemes, and regularization of farmer's cooperatives
		Development of policies that will promote joint farming, leasing of agrarian reform lands, and land tenure security	Development of policies that will promote joint farming, leasing of agrarian reform lands, and land tenure security

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		Provision of tenurial instruments, including Community-Based Forest Management Agreement and Protected Areas Community-Based Resource Management Agreement under the National Greening Program	Provision of tenurial instruments, including Community-Based Forest Management Agreement and Protected Areas Community-Based Resource Management Agreement under the National Greening Program
	Livelihood and employment opportunities for rural development		
	Partnership with private sector to develop new rural-based industries	Partnership with private sector to develop new rural-based industries	Partnership with private sector to develop new rural-based industries
	Build on the existing National Convergence Initiative-Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) Balik Probinsya sites and convergence areas	Build on the existing National Convergence Initiative-Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) Balik Probinsya sites and convergence areas	Build on the existing National Convergence Initiative-Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) Balik Probinsya sites and convergence areas
	Transformation of people's organizations to business enterprises (i.e. Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture-Climate Resilient Agri-Fishery Techno-based Enterprises (AMIA-CREATE))	Transformation of people's organizations to business enterprises (i.e. Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture-Climate Resilient Agri-Fishery Techno-based Enterprises (AMIA-CREATE))	Transformation of people's organizations to business enterprises (i.e. Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture-Climate Resilient Agri-Fishery Techno-based Enterprises (AMIA-CREATE))

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
Infrastructure development	Information, and communication technology (ICT) Infrastructure		
		Establishment of high-speed internet infrastructures in different regions to improve communication lines and support online learning modules	Establishment of high-speed internet infrastructures in different regions to improve communication lines and support online learning modules
		Provision of internet connections to national government agencies and LGUs to enhance e-governance	Provision of internet connections to national government agencies and LGUs to enhance e-governance
		Provision of ICT support for education and social services	Provision of ICT support for education and social services
	Linking key production and settlement areas		
	Identification and linking food production and residential areas for efficiency and accessibility	Identification and linking food production and residential areas for efficiency and accessibility	
	Strengthen convergence among concerned government agencies to provide adequate transport infrastructure support for tourism, agro-industries and logistics	Strengthen convergence among concerned government agencies to provide adequate transport infrastructure support for tourism, agro-industries and logistics	Strengthen convergence among concerned government agencies to provide adequate transport infrastructure support for tourism, agro-industries and logistics

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		Identification and implementation of industry-developing infrastructure projects	Identification and implementation of industry-developing infrastructure projects
		Expansion of rural road infrastructure and services	Expansion of rural road infrastructure and services
		Review and revision of transport routes to foster complementation between national and local public transport routes	Review and revision of transport routes to foster complementation between national and local public transport routes
		Provision of redundant transport infrastructure for areas frequently affected by disasters	Provision of redundant transport infrastructure for areas frequently affected by disasters
		Modernization and expansion of ports outside Metro Manila	Modernization and expansion of ports outside Metro Manila
			Enhancement of connectivity through inter-regional passenger and freight railway transport development
			Promotion of transit-oriented development in emerging growth centers
	Green infrastructure development		

Key Results Areas	Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
		Promotion of nature-based flood control measures for areas exposed to flood risk	Promotion of nature-based flood control measures for areas exposed to flood risk
		Promotion of bicycle lanes and walling paths	Promotion of bicycle lanes and walling paths
	Power, energy and electrification		
		Provision of adequate and reliable power and electricity services in growth centers outside metropolitan	Provision of adequate and reliable power and electricity services in growth centers outside metropolitan
		Promotion of new power generation technologies particularly in off-grid areas or island grids	Promotion of new power generation technologies particularly in off-grid areas or island grids
	Water resources		
		Expansion of water supply services in emerging growth centers and relocation sites	Expansion of water supply services in emerging growth centers and relocation sites
		Rehabilitation and maintenance of irrigation systems	Rehabilitation and maintenance of irrigation systems
		Provision of support to research on water storage, collection system and efficient irrigation	Provision of support to research on water storage, collection system and efficient irrigation

Annex D. Criteria for Selecting Target Beneficiaries

a. Identification of target beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries shall initially be the low-income families who opt to move out of Metro Manila or other highly urbanized cities and return to or relocate to other provinces due to but not limited to the following circumstances:

- i. the family decided to go back to the provinces;
- ii. loss of a job or other source of income;
- iii. unsafe dwelling places; or
- iv. exposure to health and safety risks and other environmental hazards.

These beneficiaries shall be the main focus of government's transitory assistance to motivate them to stay in the LGU where they shall be relocated and not to eventually go back to the major cities.

Other beneficiaries will, nonetheless, be allowed to also go back to live and work in the provinces/municipalities. Government assistance to their relocation shall be minimal or possibly none.

b. Profiling of beneficiaries

The profile shall include identification details, socio-demographic characteristics (e.g., age, sex, education, health, migration background, marital status), economic status (income level, employment, skills/employability) and health status/information to ensure continuity of delivery of health services in the relocation area (e.g. Tuberculosis Directly Observed Treatment Strategy (TB-DOTS), family planning services, immunization), among others. Profiling will aid government agencies in determining the needs and accurately identifying programs appropriate to each beneficiary and his/her family with respect to their destination province. The information shall serve as a baseline data for the results-based monitoring and evaluation.

c. Procedure for application

- i. Applicants for the BP² program may apply online through the official BP² website (www.balikprobinsya.ph), on-site through

the Barangay Offices or the NHA BP² Help Desk. Verification of applicants shall be facilitated through the NHA BP² Call Center/Hotline.

- ii. DSWD will assess the endorsed list of applicants from the NHA. Upon validation, NHA will coordinate and disseminate the list to all participating agencies and other stakeholders.
- iii. Comprehensive health assessment of the beneficiaries shall be done in local health offices of their respective LGUS (see Annex E).

Annex E. DOH guidelines for the Sending and Receiving LGUs, dated 3 June 2020

A. Background

Executive Order (EO) no. 114 dated 6 May 2020, entitled “Institutionalizing the *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-Asa* Program as a Pillar of Balanced Regional Development, Creating a Council Therefor, and for other Purposes,” recognizes the need for an inclusive and balanced regional development and equitable resource and opportunities distribution outside the National Capital Region (NCR).

While there is a need to decongest NCR and direct growth to other key centers throughout the country, it is also undeniable that it was the epicenter of the majority of COVID-cases. Hence, the DOH, as member of the council, hereby proposes these guidelines in order to fulfill the goals of EO no. 114 as regards observing strict infection and prevention control measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection.

B. General Guidelines

1. All CHDs and the Ministry of Health BARMM (MOH-BARMM) shall assist and coordinate with the LGUs and hospitals for the efficient implementation of the health guidelines and reintegration of returning residents to the LGUs.
2. All receiving LGUs shall not deny the entry of returning residents provided that prior coordination was made through the *Balik Probinsya* (BP) personnel and the Regional/ Local COVID-19 Task Force and other concerned agencies as deemed necessary.
3. Both the sending and receiving LGUs, through the local health offices, shall maintain their own database and medical records of the returning residents and communicate regularly as necessary to provide uninterrupted and quality health services.
4. Local health offices shall submit to their respective CHDs annual report on the health status of the returning residents. CHDs shall submit a consolidated report to the DOH Central Office for consolidation and submission to the Council.

C. Specific Guidelines

1. Pre-Departure

- a. Sending LGUs, through the Local COVID-19 Task Force, shall ensure that the returning resident is not potentially infectious of COVID-19. A Medical Certificate from the local health office or private clinic and a Certificate of Quarantine Completion shall be provided and shall clearly state, at the minimum:
 - i. That the returning resident is neither a close contact, suspect, probable nor a confirmed COVID-19 case; AND
 - ii. That the returning resident has completed a 14-day quarantine period with no manifestation or recurrence of any signs/symptoms during or after the period, based on the existing quarantine guidelines set by the DOH, if he/she has been previously classified as a close contact, suspect, probable, or a recovered confirmed COVID-19 case
 - iii. That, for confirmed cases, they must be classified as RECOVERED.
- b. Sending local health offices or private health facility shall facilitate the endorsement of pertinent medical documents of the returning resident if available to ensure continuity of health services in their receiving LGUs. The following documents may include but not limited to:
 - i. Copy of individual treatment records and laboratory results from previous consultations
 - ii. TB-DOTS treatment (past medications, ongoing and future treatment plans)
 - iii. Family Planning commodities received/ currently receiving and schedule of check-up
 - iv. Prenatal or Postnatal check-up schedule
 - v. Immunization record
 - vi. Any other pertinent information for their integration to the receiving local health office

2. Departure

- a. The sending LGU shall provide the necessary documents to the returning resident including the medical clearance certification from local health office or private clinic and other pertinent medical records.
- b. Physical distancing measures and proper wearing of face masks and other infection and control measures such as alcohol at the vehicle entry shall be observed during the whole duration of the travel.

3. Arrival

- a. The receiving LGUs shall require the medical clearance/certification signed by the local health officer of the sending LGU or private clinic and other pertinent medical records including the Certificate of Quarantine Completion.
- b. The receiving local health officer who shall act as the primary care provider, shall assess the returning residents of any COVID-19 symptoms and shall exercise appropriate judgment and management based on existing guidelines of the DOH for suspected COVID-19 patients.
- c. The LGUs shall have the discretion of a 14-day quarantine in the local temporary treatment and monitoring facilities as warranted. For those who are not quarantined, the residents are encouraged to stay at home for the next 14 days and self-monitor and report any symptoms to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT).
- d. The Local COVID-19 Task Force, through the Local Health Office in coordination with the BHERT, shall monitor the status of all returning residents for the next 14 days. If any of the returning residents manifest symptoms, he/she shall be immediately isolated and referred to the appropriate facility in accordance with the existing guidelines.

4. Reintegration in the community

- a. The receiving LGUs shall comprehensively assess all the returning residents and shall incorporate their respective medical records in the local health information system (electronic medical records, medical file, masterlist, etc.).
- b. Nurses or midwives assigned in the barangay with returning residents, with the assistance from the Barangay Health Workers, shall update their target client lists and other records for the continuity of the provision of health services.

Receiving local health offices shall communicate with the sending health office in cases of any inconsistency in health information or records provided.

ANNEX F: RPMES Form 2

**REGIONAL PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM (RPMES)
PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

As of _____

Implementing Agency: _____

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)			(18)
(a) Name of Projects (b) Project Components (c) Loan Effectivity Date (for ODA) (d) Project Schedule Date (e) Location (f) Funding Source (g) Beneficiaries	Total Project Cost	Financial Status (in Php M)								Physical Status (%)				Employment Generated as of Reporting Period (M) (F)	Remarks				
		Allocation		Releases		Obligations		Disbursement		Output Indicator	Target		Actual		Problems Encountered	Remedial Measures taken	Initial Observable Results	Lessons Learned	
		As of Reporting Period *	For the Quarter	As of Reporting Period	For the Quarter	As of Reporting Period	For the Quarter	As of Reporting Period	For the Quarter		As of Reporting Period	For the Quarter	As of Reporting Period						For the Quarter
1	(a) Project Title (b) Project Scope																		

(c) Month/Day/Year																				
(d) Month/Day/Year																				
(e) Province/City/ Municipality																				
(f) ODA/Local																				
(g) Individuals or areas																				

*From the start of the Project (cumulative)

Prepared By: _____
 Designation/Office: _____
 Date: _____

Noted By: _____
 (Agency Head)

ANNEX G: RPMES Form 3

REGIONAL PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM (RPMES)

PROJECT EXCEPTION REPORT

As of _____

Name of Project: _____

Sector/Subsector: _____

Implementing Status: () Ahead of Schedule () On Schedule () Behind Schedule

Location: _____

Implementing Agency: _____

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Findings	Possible Reasons/Causes	Recommendations

Prepared By: _____
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Date: _____

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Annex H. Indicative *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa* Program Results Matrix

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
Key Area Outcome 1: Local industries empowered				
Sub-key area outcome 1				
Access to economic opportunities in Industry and Services for MSMEs and cooperatives increased	Proportion of small-scale industries in total industry value added increased	Banking Statistics, MSMEs, Banking System	DTI	
	Total investments of MSMEs in new growth areas increased	MSMEs	DTI	
Sub-key area outcome 2				
Access to credit and finance improved	Prescribed percent of allocation for MSMEs to total bank loan portfolio attained	Banking Statistics, MSMEs, Banking System	DTI	
Sub-key area outcome 3				
Access to production networks and MSMEs support services improved	Number of MSMEs/ Cooperatives integrated into corporate value chains increased	Agency Reports	DTI, CDA	
	Prescribed ratio of allocation of shared facilities to MSMEs attained	Agency Reports	DTI	

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
Key Area Outcome 2: Food security and agricultural productivity enhanced				
Sub-key area Outcome 1				
Agricultural value chain strengthened	Investments in marketing-related activities increased (% cumulative)	Agency Reports	DA	
	Number of new agri-based enterprises increased	Agency Reports, RPMES reports	DA, DTI	
	Number of new farm-to-market roads constructed to narrow the gap in logistics transport network increased	Agency Reports, RPMES reports	DA, DPWH	
Sub-key area Outcome 2				
Access to agriculture support services improved	Yield of major commodities increased	Agency Reports, RPMES reports	DA	
	Number of beneficiaries of common agriculture facilities, technical support and other support services increased	Agency Reports, RPMES reports	DA	
Sub-key area Outcome 3				

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
Access to credit and finance improved	Share of farmers and fisherfolks borrowing from formal credit sources to total number availing credit increased (% , cumulative)	Agency Reports	DA, CDA	
Sub-key area Outcome 4				
Access to technology and innovations for productivity and resiliency increased	Percent of farmers and fisherfolks adopting new technologies to total number of small farmers trained with new technologies increased (% , cumulative)	Agency Reports	DA	
	Percent of farmers and fisherfolks adopting climate resilient agriculture practices to total number of small farmers trained with new techniques/ mechanisms increased (% , cumulative)	Agency Reports	DA	
Sub-key area Outcome 5				
Access of small farmers and fisherfolks to land	Number of farmers awarded with lands (covered by	Agency Reports	DA, DAR, DENR	Legal barriers for joint farming and leasing of agrarian

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
and water resources increased and protected	applicable tenurial instruments)			reform lands, and land tenure security are removed
Key Area Outcome 3: Housing, social welfare, health services, employment, and human resource development improved				
Sub-key area outcome 1				
Employment and livelihood assistance provided	Labor force participation rate (men and women) increased	Labor Force Survey	DOLE	
	Percentage of underemployed workers decreased	Labor Force Survey	DOLE	
	Number of youth provided with livelihood trainings increased	Agency reports	DOLE, TESDA, DSWD	
	Percentage of unschooled or those unemployed and underemployed decreased	Labor Force Survey	DOLE, CHED, DSWD, TESDA	
	Number of families provided with livelihood settlement grants	Agency Reports	DSWD	
Sub-key area outcome 2				
Housing assistance provided	Number of beneficiaries provided with housing	National Census of Population and Housing	NHA, HDMF, SHFC, LGUs	

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
New townships established	Number of new townships established		NHA, MINDA, DHSUD, LGUs	
Sub-key area outcome 3				
Individuals assigned to a primary care provider	Percentage of BP beneficiaries assigned to a primary care provider	LGU Local Health Offices' Records	LGU Local Health Offices	
Health and psychosocial needs of new arrivals provided	Percentage of BP beneficiaries monitored by BHERTs within 14 days upon arrival in the receiving LGU	Report of BHERTS	LGU Local Health Offices	
Health commodities provided and human resources for health deployed to LGUs	Percentage of facilities with no stock-out of the following commodities: a) Family Planning Pill (COC); b) DPT-HiB-HepB Vaccine; c) Losartan; d) Metformin; and e) TB Drugs (Cat. 1)	LGU Health Scorecard	DOH	
	Percentage of barangay with at least one dedicated public health worker (public health worker includes doctors, nurse, or midwife under a permanent/plantilla position,	LGU Local Health Offices' Records	LGU Local Health Offices	

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
	job order/contractual, and DOH deployed) If the HRH has been assigned to several barangays, he/she shall choose one barangay which will be counted as his/her base assignment. Barangays with rotating health workers only shall not be included in the counting)			
Access to comprehensive quality health services within the province/city-wide health systems improved	Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR)	FHSIS, local health office record LGU Health Scorecard	DOH	
	Percentage of Fully Immunized Child (FIC)	FHSIS Data, local health office record LGU Health Scorecard	DOH	
Health information systems improved	Percentage of health facilities within the LGU with authorized EMR	Copy of MOA/Service Contract between LGU and provider	DOH	

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
Barangay health stations, health centers, or hospitals upgraded	increase in number of barangays with higher RHU/ HC to population ratio (*Adequate RHU/HC to Population Ratio is defined as having at least 1 RHU/HC for every 20,000 population)	LGU Health Scorecard	DOH	
	Percentage increase of RHU/HC with PhilHealth Accreditation	Philhealth data/records	DOH, Philhealth	
New or expanded allied and health-related scholarship programs offered	No. of new or expanded allied or health-related scholarship programs available	List of scholarship programs available from CHED and DOH	DOH	
Sub-key area outcome 4				
Skills development assistance provided	Employed graduates of technical-vocational education trainings increased	Management Information Systems (MIS)	TESDA	
	Availment of TVET programs increased	(MIS)	TESDA	
Sub-key area outcome 5				
Flexible learning delivery system promoted	Graduates of e-learning programs increased			

Objectives/Results	Indicators	Means of Verification	Responsible Agency	Assumptions
Key Area Outcome 4: Infrastructure Developed				
Sub-key area Outcome 1				
Link between key production and settlement areas improved	Average road travel time decreased	Surveys	DOTr/DPWH	
Sub-key area Outcome 2				
Communication infrastructure developed	Average broadband download speed increased (Mbps)	Akamai State of the Internet Quarterly Reports/ NBP	DICT/NTC	
	Percentage of households (HHs) with internet connection to total number of HHs increased (% , cumulative)	Broadband Commission - The State of Broadband report / NBP	DICT/NTC	
Sub-sector area Outcome 3				
Green infrastructure developed	Amount of conserved fuel and electricity increased (in Kilotons oil equivalent)	Annual Reports	DOE	