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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACH FOR RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH MULTISTAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (TRANSFORM) PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER THE SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITY PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192, Series of 1987 or the Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and consistent with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, the creation of the Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Sustainability through Multistakeholder Engagement (TRANSFORM) Project Management Office under the Office of the Secretary is hereby prescribed.

SECTION 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, conservation and protection of the country's environment and natural resources. It is also the State's policy to advance the right of the people to a healthful ecology and pursue sustainable development, to fulfill human needs while maintaining the quality of the natural environment.

SECTION 2. Objectives. This Order aims to establish, operate and maintain a Project TRANSFORM Management Office (PTMO), Special Projects and Priority Programs under the Office of the Secretary to oversee transdisciplinary projects for resilience and environmental sustainability in various Local Government Units (LGUs) nationwide.

SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall cover certain priority Public-Private Partnership projects implemented by National Government Agencies and Local Government Units under various contractual arrangements or schemes authorized by law.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. As used in this Order, the following terms shall be defined as:

- 4.1. Nature-Based Solutions – are actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously benefiting people and nature.

- 4.2. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) – a contractual agreement between the Government and a private firm targeted towards financing, designing, implementing and operating projects/programs and services that were traditionally provided by the public sector. It embodies optimal risk allocation between the parties- minimizing cost while realizing project developmental objectives.
- 4.3. Ridge-to-Reef Approach – an approach that aims to provide a holistic intervention for protecting the coastal area by targeting environmental degradation in the uplands ("ridge") that impact coastal ecosystems through sedimentation, by restoring the shoreline and protecting marine ecosystems ("reef"), thereby mitigating storm surges, coastal and inland flooding and reduce people's exposure and vulnerability to these hazards. This approach also aims to provide direct livelihood benefits to targeted households and stakeholders in the project.
- 4.4. Transdisciplinary Approach – an approach in which all players and stakeholders from various disciplines and sectors work together to achieve a common goal.

SECTION 5. Creation of the Project TRANSFORM Management Office and its Organizational Structure and Staffing. There is hereby created the Project TRANSFORM Management Office (PTMO), Special Projects and Priority Programs under the Office of the Secretary, as the lead office in enhancing the resiliency of communities, promotion of a more robust public-private partnership and poverty alleviation through job creation and strong collaboration with all stakeholders through a ridge-to-reef approach, nature-based solutions and needs-based strategies that will be implemented by the government, project partners and the Local Government Units. These programs include, but not limited to, the National Greening Program, Coastal Rehabilitation, Livelihood projects, Greenhouse Gases Inventory and Capacity Building programs.

The Project TRANSFORM Management Office shall be led by a Director (Special Projects and Priority Programs -1) and will be supported by a supervisor, the Deputy Director (Special Projects and Priority Programs - 2). They will be complemented by staff members performing technical and administrative duties.

The Project TRANSFORM Management Office shall be composed of the following units, with their corresponding functions:

5.1. Central Office Project Monitoring Unit (COPMU)

- 5.1.1. The Central Office Project Monitoring Unit shall serve as the overall manager of the various projects undertaken by the agency and is headed by a senior official of the DENR as may be designated by the agency head. It shall exercise jurisdiction over the Project Monitoring Units under the Offices of the Undersecretaries for Field Operations;

- 5.1.2. It shall ensure that projects are properly coordinated and are consistent with the agency's regular or core functions;
- 5.1.3. It shall develop the monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) framework for the Project;
- 5.1.4. It shall hold regular coordination meetings and monitoring activities based on overall schedule;
- 5.1.5. The core COPMU shall be manned by organic personnel. They shall be complemented by contractual positions as may be necessary depending on the size and complexity of projects being undertaken; and
- 5.1.6. It shall perform other functions as may be directed by the Office of the Secretary.

5.2. Luzon and Visayas Project Monitoring Unit (LVPMU)

- 5.2.1. It shall determine the issues and concerns in their areas of jurisdiction and recommend appropriate nature-based solutions as deemed necessary in the area;
- 5.2.2. It shall maintain, monitor and manage the performance of Luzon-Visayas based projects;
- 5.2.3. It shall be responsible for making relevant reports about the project within the given time frame;
- 5.2.4. It shall perform other functions as may be directed by the Office of the Secretary; and
- 5.2.5. It shall be lodged under the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations- Luzon, Visayas and the Environment.

5.3. Mindanao Project Monitoring Unit (MPMU)

- 5.3.1. It shall determine the issues and concerns in their areas of jurisdiction and recommend appropriate nature-based solutions as deemed necessary in the area;
- 5.3.2. It shall maintain, monitor and manage the performance of Mindanao-based projects;
- 5.3.3. It shall be responsible for making relevant reports about the project within the given time frame;

5.3.4. It shall perform other functions as may be directed by the Office of the Secretary

5.3.5. It shall be lodged under the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations for Mindanao; and

5.3.6. It shall coordinate with the Ministry of Environment, and Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE) Office in BARMM for the implementation of Project TRANSFORM in the region.

The Project TRANSFORM Management Office shall have its own operational working area to be assigned by the Secretary. It shall be provided with the necessary equipment and logistical support coming from the Knowledge and Information Systems Service and the Administrative Service.

SECTION 6. Support of Other Offices. All offices in the Department, including bureaus, attached agencies and field offices are hereby directed to provide the necessary support and logistics in the operations of the office. All bureaus and regions should have a Project TRANSFORM focal person to ensure the smooth flow of the program.

SECTION 7. Funding. Initial funds for the operations of the office shall be taken from the Office of the Secretary and from the approved budgets of related programs based on the submitted Work and Financial Plan (WFP). For 2024 and thereafter, funds for the office shall be taken from the regular budget of the Department as may be proposed and approved in the General Appropriations Act, and other appropriate sources subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. Rules of Engagement. The office shall formulate and recommend appropriate rules of engagement that will guide its operations.

SECTION 9. Performance Evaluation and Accomplishments. The Project TRANSFORM Management Office shall submit to the Office of the Secretary quarterly reports regarding the conduct and progress of the program in the regions based on the information provided by the Project Monitoring Committees. The Program Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) under the Policy and Planning Service shall undertake the periodic review of the performance and accomplishments of the office.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All Orders and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).


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