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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

SUBJECT : Support to KALAH I and Designation of Focal Persons

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The Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan (KALAH I) is the Administration's overarching program for a focused, accelerated, convergent and strategic effort to reduce poverty. As such, all government poverty reduction programs and projects shall be anchored on KALAH I.

The KALAH I shall be operationalized on the following poverty reduction strategies: (a) accelerated asset reform, (b) improved access to human development services, (c) provisions of employment and livelihood opportunities, (d) security from violence and social protection including safety nets for vulnerable sectors, and (e) institutionalized and strengthened participation of the basic sectors in governance. Environmental protection shall be a cross-cutting concern in all these strategies.

In this regard, you are hereby directed to participate actively in the implementation of KALAH I at the regional level. Further, you are directed to designate the names of your principal and alternate focal persons to the Regional KALAH I convergence Group (RKCG). The RKCG is chaired either by the Presidential Assistant (PA), Regional Development Officer (RDO) or Deputy Presidential Assistant (DPA). The NEDA Regional Office takes charge as the RKCG secretariat. Submit the names of your focal person and alternate to this Office at the soonest time possible for information and monitoring purposes.

More information about KALAH I and the list of KALAH I areas in your jurisdiction can be accessed at www.napc.gov.ph.

For strict compliance.


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