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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Undersecretaries
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FROM : The Undersecretary
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **NEDA BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 1 (SERIES OF 2022) RE:
IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON
PRIORITIZING THE USE OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT
RESOURCES TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

DATE : MAY 31 2022

This refers to the e-mail dated 06 May 2022 from the Investment Coordination Committee Core Secretariat of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) endorsing a copy of NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022) re: *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) on prioritizing the use of limited government resources towards economic recovery.*

The following are the salient features of the IRR:

- 1) It shall apply to all public investment programs and projects of National Government Agencies (NGAs), departments, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), attached agencies, and other instrumentalities to be submitted to the NEDA Secretariat for endorsement, review, processing, approval, and other similar processes.
- 2) The NEDA shall prioritize the review, endorsement, and approval of a program or project, only if the submission of the Implementing Agency/ Local Government Unit (LGU) is: a) well-prepared, and b) confirmed as a priority program or project.
- 3) In order to be considered a priority, a program or project should meet the following criteria: a) Generates a high number of meaningful jobs; b) Accelerates human capital development, through reforms and investments that aim to improve nutrition and health, education, and income-earning ability; and c) Contributes to infrastructure development in growth areas and in lagging regions.
- 4) Provides that programs and projects to be submitted should be aligned with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and must be included in the Implementing Agency's Public Investment Program (PIP) and/ or Three Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP). In

the case of unsolicited proposals under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law, justification must be submitted on how the program or project supports the strategies and/or contributes to the overall outputs/ outcomes identified in the PDP.

- 5) Provides that the national government shall not endorse, approve, or fund programs and projects that are the main responsibilities of the LGUs, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 7160 or the *Local Government Code of 1991*. The Implementing agency is also obliged to submit a certification that the program or project is not covered in its Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) as a proof that it has undertaken due diligence pursuant to EO No. 138 (s. 2021). In addition, the Implementing Agency shall also submit a certification from the appropriate Cabinet Cluster that there is no known duplication or conflict with ongoing programs and projects.
- 6) It also provides for prioritization procedures, including among others, the requirements to be submitted by the Implementing Agencies/ LGUs, validation procedures of the NEDA, evaluation of programs and/ or projects that did not satisfy the prioritization criteria, and further NEDA action following the confirmation of priority status.

Attached is a copy of the IRR which was adopted on 05 May 2022, and for publication/ printing in the Official Gazette.

For your information and preferential action, please.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



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Re: NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022) on prioritizing the use of limited government resources towards economic recovery, this is to share a copy of the Resolution's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

NEDA Investment Coordination Committee Core Secretariat

Fri, May 6, 2022 at 6:21

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Further to the 10 March 2022 memorandum of Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and NEDA Board Vice Chair, providing a copy of the *NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022) on prioritizing the use of limited government resources towards economic recovery*, this is to share a copy of the Resolution's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) adopted on 5 May 2022.

The NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s.2022), which was earlier shared with your Office, was published/printed in the Official Gazette on 18 April 2022. We will update your Office once the IRR has been published/printed in the Official Gazette.

Thank you.

**ICC Core Secretariat
NEDA Public Investment Staff**

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From: NEDA Investment Coordination Committee Core Secretariat

Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2022 6:12 pm

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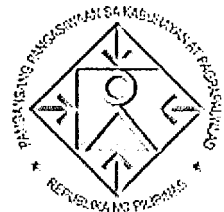
This is to provide a copy of the 10 March 2022 directive from NEDA Secretary Karl Kendrick T. Chua, as NEDA Board Vice-Chair, for all government agencies and other instrumentalities concerned to comply with the requirements under the attached NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022).

The subject NEDA Board Resolution may also be accessed through the following links:

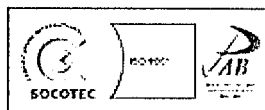
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Thank you.

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NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (Series of 2022)

Implementing Rules and Regulations on prioritizing the use of limited government resources towards economic recovery

RULE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1. Short title and purpose

These Implementing Rules and Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "IRR", are promulgated, pursuant to Section 3 of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022), entitled "Prioritizing the use of limited government resources towards economic recovery", for the purpose of guiding all national government agencies (NGAs), departments, government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs), local government units (LGUs), attached agencies, and other instrumentalities, such as state universities and colleges (SUCs), in the submission of all public investment programs or projects to NEDA for endorsement, review, processing, approval, and other similar processes.

Section 1.2. Declaration of policy

Given the current constraints on the national government's fiscal resources arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Supreme Court ruling expanding LGUs' National Tax Allocation, prioritizing the use of national government resources has become even more necessary.

The State also recognizes the crucial role of public investment in infrastructure and human capital, such as in education and health, geared towards job creation and promoting economic growth.

Section 1.3. Scope and coverage of the IRR

This IRR shall apply to all public investment programs and projects of NGAs, departments, GOCCs, attached agencies, and other instrumentalities to be submitted to the NEDA Secretariat for endorsement, review, processing, approval, and other similar processes.

Specifically, this will include programs and projects that are:

- a. For the Investment Coordination Committee's (ICC) approval and NEDA Board's confirmation;
- b. For endorsement to the Department of Finance (DOF) for issuance of no-objection letters to bilateral and multilateral development partners;
- c. For endorsement to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for onward endorsement through diplomatic channels; and
- d. For endorsement to the DOF, for purposes of securing the Special Authority approval from the Office of the President (OP), or other government clearances; and
- e. All other programs and projects that are submitted to NEDA for action not covered under items (a) to (d) above.

This IRR will only cover the prioritization screening process for programs and projects. Once NEDA has screened and validated the submitted project as a priority, the procedures for NEDA endorsement, review, processing, and approval under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Revised Guidelines and Procedures for Entering into Joint Venture (JV) Agreements between Government and Private Entities, the ICC Guidelines and Procedures, and other relevant laws, rules, and regulations shall apply.

Section 1.4. Definition of Terms

For purposes of this IRR, the following terms/words and phrases shall mean or be understood as follows:

- a. **BOT Law** refers to Republic Act (RA) No. 6957 ("An Act Authorizing the Financing, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects by the Private Sector, and for the Other Purposes"), as amended by RA No. 7718.
- b. **Devolution Transition Plan (DTP)** refers to the roadmap to ensure strategic, systematic, and coherent actions towards the full implementation of functions, services, and facilities to be fully devolved by NGAs concerned starting Fiscal Year 2022.

- c. **Head of Agency** refers to (i) the head of the agency or body, for NGAs and the constitutional commissions or offices, and branches of government; or (ii) the Governing Board or its authorized official/managing head/Chief Executive Officer of GOCCs, GFIs, or SUCs.¹
- d. **Implementing Agency** refers to any department, bureau, office, commission, authority or attached agency of the national government, including GOCCs, GFIs, and other instrumentalities of government (e.g., SUCs) authorized by law or its respective charters, to undertake development Projects.²
- e. **ICC** refers to the Committee of the NEDA Board, which:
- i. Evaluates the fiscal, monetary, and balance of payments implications of major national projects and recommends to the President the timetable of the implementation of these projects on a regular basis; and
 - ii. Recommends to the President a domestic and foreign borrowing program updated each year, and subsequently submits to the President a status of the fiscal, monetary and balance of payments implications of major national projects.³
- f. **ICC Secretariat** refers to the focal NEDA Staffs responsible for evaluating programs and projects for NEDA/ICC action. Presently, the function is performed by the NEDA Evaluating Staffs and the NEDA regional offices.⁴
- g. **IRR** refers to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022), unless otherwise specified.
- h. **JV** refers to an arrangement whereby a private sector entity or a group of private sector entities on one hand, and a Government Entity or a group of Government Entities on the other hand, contribute money/capital, services, assets (including equipment, land, intellectual property or anything of value), or a combination of any or all of the foregoing to undertake an investment activity. The investment activity shall be for the purpose of accomplishing a specific goal with the end view of facilitating

¹ Section 1.3(n) of the 2022 BOT Law IRR.

² Section 1.3(b) of the 2022 BOT Law IRR.

³ Section 6 of Executive Order (EO) No. 230 (s. 1987).

⁴ NEDA Quality Operating Procedure.

private sector initiative in a particular industry or sector, and eventually transfer the activity to either the private sector under competitive market conditions or to the government. The JV involves a community or pooling of interests in the performance of the investment activity, and each party shall have the right to direct and govern the policies in connection therewith with the intention to share both profits and, risks and losses subject to agreement by the parties.

- i. **LGU** refers to any province, city, municipality, or barangay.⁵
- j. **Mother Agency** refers to the department, which has jurisdiction over bureaus, offices, agencies, and GOCCs assigned to it by law in accordance with the applicable relationship as defined in Chapters 7, 8, and 9, Book IV of EO No. 292 ("Administrative Code of 1987").⁶
- k. **NEDA** is composed of two separate and distinct entities: the Board and the Secretariat.
 - i. **NEDA Board** refers to the governing body of NEDA that is primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated, and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs.⁷
 - ii. **NEDA Secretariat** refers to the technical secretariat of the NEDA Board which (a) serves as the research and technical support of the NEDA Board; (b) provides through its various organizational units, technical staff support and assistance, including the conduct of studies and development of policy measures and other recommendations, on the various aspects of the substantive functions of development planning and policy formulation, and coordination, evaluation and monitoring of plan implementation; (c) serves as the Secretariat of the NEDA Board; and (d) performs such other functions as may be assigned to it by the NEDA Board to achieve its goals and objectives.⁸
- l. **Philippine Development Plan (PDP)** refers to the government's medium-term plan anchored on an administration's socioeconomic agenda.

⁵ Section 6 of RA No. 7160 ("Local Government Code of 1991").

⁶ RA No. 11234 ("An Act Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop for the Purpose of Streamlining the Permitting Process of Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Projects").

⁷ Section 5 of the EO No. 230 ("Reorganizing the National Economic and Development Authority").

⁸ Section 7 of the EO No. 230 ("Reorganizing the National Economic and Development Authority")

- m. **Program** refers to a time-bound intervention that usually cuts across sectors, themes and/or geographic areas, involves more institutions than a Project, and may be supported by different funding sources.⁹
- n. **Project** refers to a time-bound intervention that consists of a set of planned, interrelated activities aimed at achieving defined objectives¹⁰
- o. **Public Investment Program (PIP)** refers to the rolling list of priority programs and projects to be implemented by the NGAs, GOCCs, GFIs, and other national government offices and instrumentalities within the medium term, that contributes to the achievement of the societal goals and targets in the PDP and responsive to the outcomes and outputs in its Results Matrices.
- p. **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** refers to a contractual agreement between the Government and a private firm targeted towards financing, designing, implementing, and operating infrastructure facilities 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.
- q. **Regional Development Councils** are composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region.¹¹
- r. **Special Authority** refers to the special authorization to be secured from the OP prior to negotiation or signing of a treaty or executive agreement, as well as agreements covering borrowings, guarantees, and foreign Grants.¹²



⁹ NEDA Manual for Project Monitoring (March 2004).

¹⁰ NEDA Manual for Project Monitoring (March 2004).

¹¹ Article X, Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines.

¹² Memorandum Circular No. 16 (s. 2017). Requests for Authorization to Negotiate and Sign International Agreements, and Agreements Covering Borrowings, Guarantees, and Foreign Grants.

- s. **Three-year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP)** refers to the three-year programming document containing nationally funded priority infrastructure programs and projects.¹³

RULE 2. PROJECT AND PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION

NEDA shall prioritize the review, endorsement, and approval of a program or project, only if the submission of the Implementing Agency/LGU is:

- a. **Well-prepared.** A submission is considered well-prepared if it is complete and fully complies with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

The Implementing Agency's/LGU's submission is "complete" if all the documents listed or required by NEDA are provided to commence full review. For purposes of this IRR, the requisite documents are identified in such documents as the BOT Law and its IRR, the ICC and NEDA Board guidelines and issuances, JV guidelines, and other checklists and advisories issued related to the scope and coverage under Section 1.3 of this IRR.

The Implementing Agency's/LGU's submission is "fully compliant" if it is in accordance with all the substantial requirements provided in existing laws, rules, and regulations.

- b. **Confirmed as a priority program or project.** The criteria and procedures in identifying that a program or project is a priority are laid out in Rules 2 and 3 of this IRR, respectively.

Section 2.1. Criteria for prioritization of programs and projects

To be considered a priority, a project or program should meet the following criteria:

- a. **Generates a high number of meaningful jobs.** For purposes of this IRR, jobs are meaningful if they are compliant with the Labor Code and all other related standards, rules, and regulations. Preference should be given to competent locals or people in project-affected areas.

¹³ PIP (2017-2022).

In addition, to further ascertain employment generation impact, NEDA shall assess each project's projected employment generation using the Philippine Statistics Authority's latest input-output table employment multiplier appropriate for the sector and technology to be used. This will assist and guide the Implementing Agency/LGU in maximizing the potential economic benefits and employment impacts to be generated by its program or project; or

- b. **Accelerates human capital development, through reforms and investments that aim to improve nutrition and health, education, and income-earning ability.** These may include health and nutrition programs that ensure responsive and resilient health systems, and guarantee care at all life stages supported by sustained equitable health financing. These may also include projects that make quality basic education accessible, and improve the quality of higher and technical education and research; or
- c. **Contributes to infrastructure development in growth areas and in lagging regions.** These include infrastructure projects and support services designed to improve or upgrade infrastructure in growth corridors or promote growth in geographically isolated or poor/catch-up provinces or regions. Infrastructure development projects may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. transportation (*e.g.*, roads, bridges, interchanges, railways or rail-based projects, mass transit facilities, navigable inland waterways and related activities, port infrastructures, airports and air navigation facilities);
 - ii. water resources (*e.g.*, dams, reservoirs, irrigation and related facilities, water supply, sewerage, drainage, and related facilities);
 - iii. energy (*e.g.*, renewable energy, power generation, and transmission);
 - iv. information and communication technology (*e.g.*, telecommunications, information technology, and database infrastructure); and
 - v. social infrastructure (*e.g.*, school buildings and hospitals).

The distribution of infrastructure investments across regions, towards higher levels of regional economic growth and human development amid competing needs and limited resources should also be considered.

The proposed infrastructure program or project should also be included in government-approved master plans or national/regional investment plans to ensure that the implementation of infrastructure programs and projects are harmonized and well-coordinated.

Section 2.2. Prerequisites

National Government programs and projects for submission should be aligned with the PDP and must also be included in the Implementing Agency's PIP and/or TRIP.

Thus, in submitting a program or project to NEDA, the Head of Agency shall confirm that the submitted program or project:

- a. Is aligned with the PDP by indicating the chapter and strategy it supports; and
- b. Has been included in the Implementing Agency's PIP and/or TRIP. The Implementing Agency shall indicate the program's or project's PIP Online (PIPOL) System ID, if applicable.

In the case of unsolicited proposals under the BOT Law, item (b) above shall not apply pursuant to Rule 4-A of the BOT Law. In lieu of this, the Implementing Agency/LGU shall submit its justification on how the program or project supports the strategies and/or contributes to the overall outputs/outcomes identified in the PDP.

Section 2.3. Other considerations

The national government shall not endorse, approve, or fund programs and projects that are the main responsibilities of the LGUs, as mandated by RA No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991.

As proof that the Implementing Agency has undertaken due diligence, consistent with EO No. 138 (s. 2021), it shall submit a certification that the program or project is not covered in its DTP. In the course of its review of the program or project, NEDA may consult or request the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) concurrence on the consistency of the certification with the DTP submitted by the Implementing Agency to the DBM.



Implementing Agencies shall coordinate with other agencies and LGUs to ensure that there is no duplication or conflict with their proposed program or project. Implementing Agencies shall also ensure that proposed programs or projects that have linkages with other ongoing or proposed national government and corporate projects do not have any legal, institutional, or policy conflict, or risks to the successful implementation of the proposed program or project, or other linked ongoing or proposed projects. To ensure complete and proper coordination, Implementing Agencies are enjoined to present to and secure the endorsement of the proposed program or project from the appropriate Cabinet Cluster. The LGUs, on the other hand, shall present to and consult with the appropriate Regional Development Council. The Implementing Agency/LGU shall include in its submission to NEDA a certification from the Cabinet Cluster/Regional Development Council secretariat that there is no known duplication or conflict with ongoing programs and projects.

RULE 3. PRIORITIZATION PROCEDURES

Section 3.1. Requirements to be submitted by Implementing Agencies/LGUs

Implementing Agencies/LGUs shall demonstrate due diligence in its prioritization and submission of programs and projects to NEDA. In submitting these for NEDA endorsement, review, processing, approval, and other similar processes, Implementing Agencies/LGUs shall submit the following:

- a. Letter from the Head of Agency/LGU/Mother Agency endorsing the program or project for NEDA/ICC action. The Implementing Agency/LGU should confirm that the program or project is:
 - i. Aligned with the PDP;
 - ii. Included in the PIP (indicate the PIPOL System ID) or the Regional Development Investment Program; and/or
 - iii. Included in a sector or area master plan approved by the government.

In cases where items a.ii and a.iii of this Section are not applicable, such as for unsolicited PPP proposals, the Implementing Agency/LGU shall instead inform how the unsolicited proposal supports the overall outputs and outcomes as well as inform how the unsolicited proposal is consistent with the PDP.

For sectoral and attached agencies and bureaus, the endorsement letter and confirmation of priority shall be signed by the head of the Mother

Agency under which the agency or bureau is attached. For GOCCs on the other hand, endorsement must be signed by the chairperson of their respective governing boards.

- b. Completed Prioritization Form No. 1¹⁴, which serves as the checklist confirming the program's or project's priority, and will be signed by the Head of Agency/LGU. It will also serve as the basis for NEDA's validation of priority.
- c. Project proposal or feasibility study.
- d. Certification from the Implementing Agency that the proposed program or project is not included in the Implementing Agency's DTP, as applicable.
- e. All other documents that will prove that the submitted program or project is a priority, as described in this IRR.

Section 3.2. Validation procedures of the NEDA Secretariat

Following receipt of the endorsement letter and its attached documentary requirements as enumerated in Section 3.1 of this IRR, the NEDA, through the Public Investment Staff with the concerned NEDA Staff, shall validate the submission of the Implementing Agency/LGU within 15 working days. NEDA will also verify against the PDP, the PIPOL System, and the indicated master plan to ensure that the program or project is a priority as determined under these guidelines.

- a. **If the program or project satisfies the prioritization criteria:**

NEDA shall inform the Implementing Agency/LGU of the result of its validation and advise that the program or project shall be processed under the usual NEDA/ICC procedures for review, endorsement, and/or approval. NEDA shall also request the Implementing Agency/LGU to submit the full set of required documents, as provided in all relevant guidelines (e.g., checklist of ICC requisite documents).

The NEDA Secretariat's favorable validation of the proposed program's or project's priority status shall not be interpreted as a favorable evaluation and approval of the program or project, which requires a separate NEDA

¹⁴ Prioritization Form No. 1 is attached as Annex 1

review process. However, it shall serve as an additional compliance (along with the submission of complete and fully compliant documents) for NEDA to review, endorse, or approve a program or project.

Any material changes with respect to the compliance of the proposed project to the prioritization criteria will automatically revoke the priority status of the project.

b. If the program or project does not satisfy the prioritization criteria:

The program or project shall be deprioritized and NEDA shall communicate this decision to the Implementing Agency/LGU. If the Implementing Agency/LGU still wishes to pursue the program or project, it shall comply with the requirements under Section 3.3 of this IRR.

Section 3.3. Evaluation and Acceptance of Programs and/or Projects Not Satisfying the Prioritization Criteria

Deprioritized programs or projects shall only be processed by the NEDA Secretariat for endorsement, review, approval, and other similar processes upon submission of the following by the Implementing Agency/LGU:

- a. **Strong justification of the Implementing Agency/LGU on why the program or project should be prioritized.** This shall include:
- a. how the program or project shall contribute to the achievement of the goals of the PDP, sector/area master plan, or agency plan; and
 - b. the projected economic and social benefits, and employment impacts; and
- b. **Endorsement of the Chairperson of the corresponding Cabinet Cluster.**¹⁵ The list of the Chairpersons of Cabinet Clusters and Secretariat is as follows:

Cabinet Cluster	Chairperson	Secretariat
1. Participatory Governance Cluster	Department of the Interior and Local	DBM

¹⁵ As enumerated under Section 1 of EO No. 24 (s. 2017): "Reorganizing the Cabinet Cluster System by Integrating Good Governance and Anti-corruption in the Policy Frameworks of all the Clusters and Creating the Infrastructure Cluster and Participatory Governance Cluster."

Cabinet Cluster	Chairperson	Secretariat
	Government	
2. Infrastructure Cluster	Department of Public Works and Highways	NEDA Secretariat
3. Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster	Department of Social Welfare and Development	National Anti-Poverty Commission
4. Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction Cluster	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Climate Change Commission
5. Security, Justice and Peace Cluster	Department of National Defense	National Security Council
6. Economic Development Cluster	DOF	NEDA Secretariat

Section 3.4. Further NEDA action following confirmation of priority status

Upon completion of the review of the priority status of proposed programs and projects submitted under this IRR:

- a. For programs and projects under Section 1.3(a), the ICC Secretariat, in its report to the ICC on the results of the full appraisal of the proposed program or project for ICC action, shall include the confirmation on whether the proposal is a priority.
- b. For programs and projects under Section 1.3(b) to 1.3(e), in endorsing the program or project to the DOF or DFA, the NEDA shall likewise inform of the proposal's priority status.

Section 3.5. Detailed Guidelines for the Prioritization

NEDA may revise this IRR or prescribe additional guidelines on the process and procedures for the submission and validation of priority programs and projects, provided that the same are consistent with the NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022).

RULE 4. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Section 4.1. Transitory provisions

Upon the effectivity of the NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022), all programs and projects submitted to NEDA for endorsement, review, processing, approval, and other similar processes shall comply with the prioritization criteria and requirements in this IRR.

For proposals that have been submitted or are under NEDA review before the effectivity of the NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022) but have yet to be endorsed or approved by the NEDA or the appropriate approving body, the NEDA, through a directive to be issued by the Socioeconomic Planning Secretary, shall advise all concerned Agencies/LGUs to submit their compliance with NEDA Board Resolution No. 1 (s. 2022) and its IRR within 15 days upon receipt of the directive.

Section 4.2. Separability clause

Any portion or provision of this IRR that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 4.3. Repealing clause

All orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this IRR, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4.4. Effectivity of the IRR and amendments

This IRR, including any subsequent amendments thereto, shall take effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.

Adopted. - 5 MAY 2022 .



Programs and Projects Prioritization Form No. 1

(Please put an X mark beside the appropriate answer and provide additional information, as necessary.)

Project Title: _____

Endorsement letter signed by: _____
(Head of Agency/LGU or Mother Agency)

III. Contact persons and details:

Director level	Focal technical staff
Name: _____	Name: _____
Tel. No. _____	Tel. No. _____
Fax No. _____	Fax No. _____
Email _____	Email _____

1. Is the program/project endorsed by the Head of Agency/ Mother Agency?
 Yes No

2. Is the program/project aligned with the Philippine Development Plan?
 Yes No

If yes, identify the chapter and strategy it supports

Chapter _____

Strategy _____

3. Is the program/project included in the Public Investment Program (PIP)?
 Yes No

If yes, indicate the PIP Online System Project ID _____

4. Is the program/project included in the any sectoral or area masterplan?

Yes No

If yes, indicate the title of the masterplan _____

5. Will the proposed program or project generate a high number of meaningful jobs?

Yes No

If yes, how many and how? Describe how the program or project components will achieve this. How will this affect local employment in the target areas?

Number of meaningful jobs generated by the program/project _____

6. Will the proposed program or project contribute towards human capital development in education and health?

Yes No

If yes, how? Describe how the program or project components will achieve this.

7. Will the proposed program or project contribute to infrastructure development in both growth areas and in lagging regions?

Yes

No

If yes, where? State/enumerate Region, Province, City/Municipality.

Is the proposed infrastructure program or project a priority in the government's approved regional investment plans and programs?

How does the program/project promote growth in geographically-isolated, last-mile communities and poor/catch-up provinces or regions? How much of the project cost is allocated to lagging/ poor provinces?

Endorsed by:

Name and Signature of Head of
Implementing Agency/ LGU

Date Signed:

Prepared by:

Technical/Focal Staff

Date Signed: