

**DENR Memorandum Order**

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**SUBJECT : Establishing Region IX As Pilot Area For The "Plant And Study Altogether Program" Of The DENR**

In order to showcase the effectiveness of the cooperation of the youth and women sectors in the campaign bannered under the "*Let's Go Green Program*" of the Department and in support to the Poverty Alleviation Program of the Government, Region IX is hereby established as a Pilot Area for the "*Plant and Study Altogether Program*" (*PASAP*).

**RATIONALE**

The "*Plant and Study Altogether Program*" (*PASAP*) aims to mobilize the youth, particularly the students, and the women's groups to actively participate in the greening program of the Department. It recognizes the importance of these sectors as potential effective partners in reforestation activities, environmental awareness and information and education campaign. By providing incentives that could help defray school expenses for the youth and augment family income for the women folks, it is anticipated that the program will enhance environmental efforts at the same time contribute to the poverty alleviation in the countryside.

**OBJECTIVES**

- 1 . To establish immediate cover for the rehabilitation, protection, and development of open and denuded watershed areas.

2. To actively integrate the youth and women sectors in environmental awareness thru participative involvement in the DENR re-greening project.
3. To provide employment and alternative livelihood to the student and women sectors.
4. To help government in its poverty alleviation program.

## **STRATEGY**

PASAP will be implemented in identified watershed areas. Students and Women's groups will be contracted to undertake reforestation activities. Students work during weekends and school vacations while the women's groups fill the gaps by working during regular working days.

## **IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME**

### ***I. Areas for Planting***

The CENRO shall identify areas which are available for the program. Areas may be parks, school grounds, urban areas and watershed areas.

### ***II. Participants***

The program is open to all poor but deserving college students and organized women folks in barangays and municipalities where the identified watershed is located.

Organized groups such as women's group, barangay council and others shall be responsible for the production of the planting materials while the students from primary and secondary schools of

the barangay shall be responsible for the pre-planting and planting activities.

The DENR shall provide training on the ABCs of seedling production.

### ***III. Mechanics of Implementation***

#### **A. Accreditation Requirements**

No application to avail of the PASAP shall be processed unless the concerned applicants are duly accredited by concerned PENROs where the watershed project is located.

For purposes of determining deserving college students and women's groups, interested applicants to support his/her/their application for accreditation shall submit the following requirements:

##### *For College Students*

- a) Proof of Enrollment
- b) Latest Income Tax Return of Parents
- c) Certificate of Good Moral Character issued by the Dean of School
- d) Police Clearance

##### *For Organized Women's Groups*

- a) Organizational Profile (list of Officers and Members, activities undertaken, track record, etc.)
- b) Constitution and By-laws
- c) Certificate of Good Community standing issued by at least two (2) reputable local leaders
- d) Police Clearance

## **B. Selection Criteria**

### *For College Students*

1. Eligible students to this program are those whose parents' income are below P 35,000 per annum.
2. Eligible students are physically and mentally fit to cope up with the strenuous work and study schedule as well as the type of labor needed for reforestation work.
3. Students should be willing to be reforestation worker.

### *For Organized Women's Groups*

1. Priority to be given contract or work would be the locally organized women who are of good and active standing in the respective barangays and municipalities.
2. Good track record in project implementation.

## **A. Contracting**

1. Contracting shall be done on a Contract "pakyaw" basis and may be implemented covering one or more specific activities to cater to as many students and women's organizations, as possible. Seedling production and plantation establishment contract will have a duration of 6 months, while the maintenance and protection will have a duration of 2 years. This will not, however, preclude the approving office to segment the duration of contracts into monthly/quarterly/semi-annual/annual basis, provided that the contracting does not hamper the scheduled activities of the project and, provided further, that the desired number of months/years will be met to complete the activity/ies.
2. For seedling production contracts, contracting shall be done 8 months before the first month of the rainy season when planting will commence at the project site. Plantation

establishment, on the other hand, shall be done 3 months prior start of planting season to give time for site preparation.

Planting shall commence during the month specified in the contract and shall be completed three months thereafter. However, the start of planting maybe advanced or delayed with the rainfall. Replanting shall be carried-out during the second year of the contract after planting and shall be implemented as often as needed to comply with planting density requirements. It must be completed two months prior to the onset of the dry season.

Maintenance and protection shall be implemented throughout the duration of the contract. However, establishment of firebreaks consisting of fire resistant trees/plants maybe undertaken immediately after site preparation.

3. A 15% Mobilization Fund will be paid upon perfection of the Contract and payments of progress billings will be done after the contractors accomplishments have been validated by the PENRO/CENRO Composite Inspection Teams (CIC) and based on the schedule of activities stipulated in the work and financial plan of the Contract. Likewise, a 15% retention fee also be deducted to the contract cost to ensure that the contractors have complied with the standards specified in the contract.
4. The contract shall be prepared at the CENRO level and shall be approved by the PENRO.

## **FUNDING SOURCE**

A special fund for this program will be initially provided by the DENR and will be coursed through the NFDO. Funds from such other Special Projects where PASAP activities can apply will likewise be sourced. Release and downloading of funds would be on the quarterly basis based on the budgetary requirements and expenditures to the respective PENR Offices.

### **CONTRACT COST**

The maximum amount of the contract for forest trees seedling production shall be P3,636.36 per hectare, P 6,000 for fruit tree seedling procurement, P5,597.40 per hectare for plantation establishment and P15,048.58 for maintenance and protection. Fifteen percent of the total operational cost shall be provided for project management costs.

### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPERVISION**

PENROs and CENROs will conduct the regular monitoring and supervision of the project. Counterpart Team from the Regional and Central Offices coming from the NFDO would also be created and organized for monitoring, supervision and documentation purposes.

### **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

The Secretary, upon recommendation of the NFDO, shall issue subsequent guidelines relative to the implementation of the Program.

### **EFFECTIVITY**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary