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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL HEADS OF OFFICES
DENR Central Office, Bureaus, Regions and Attached Agencies

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Management and Technical Services

SUBJECT : HIGH IMPACT PROJECTS FOR THE POOR

DATE : JAN 19 2006

Pursuant to the memorandum of Executive Secretary Eduardo R. Ermita dated January 2, 2006 and as stated in President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's New Year Message, the President's focus/vision for the country is in terms of social reforms, economic take-off and pursuance of the fight against poverty, hunger and unemployment. The President wishes to intensify the implementation of much needed reforms to uplift the lives of average Filipinos.

Providing more jobs, investments, infrastructure and socioeconomic relief for those most in need should be our priority. The following are, among others, the five major activities to be focused on:

1. Public Works –especially those providing emergency employment
2. Housing – particularly relocation programs for the Northrail and Southrail
3. Food- feeding program
4. PhilHealth – coverage of PhilHealth cards and one-half priced medicines
5. Education – closing the gap for barangays in need of school buildings

In particular, the Department needs to focus on activity numbers 2 and 4.

As declared by the President, it is “now the time to leave the past behind and for all Filipinos to join hands in the great national effort to win the race for economic excellence.”

For your information.


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