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AUTHORIZING HON. ALEXANDER T. PIMENTEL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, THIS PROVINCE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT FIELD OFFICE CARAGA REGION 13 REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MARI-FLOR A. DOLLAGA-LIBANG ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "PROJECT LAWA AT BINHI" ALSO KNOWN AS LOCAL ADAPTATION TO WATER ACCESS AND BREAKING INSUFFICIENCY THROUGH NUTRITIOUS HARVEST FOR THE PRIORITY AREAS EXPOSED TO THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO AND LA NIÑA BASED ON THE CLIMATE OUTLOOK OF DOST-PAGASA WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POOR FAMILIES BASED ON LISTAHAN 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 9,240,000.00)".

SPONSORS:

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WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP)2023-2028 identifies climate change as one of the main challenges to achieving inclusive rapid, and sustainable growth;

WHEREAS, effective climate and disaster response requires cross-government agencies collaboration. The Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction Cabinet Cluster (CCAM-DRR Cabinet Cluster) serves as a platform for coordination, harmonization, complementation and synergy among departments and other government instrumentalities in delivering the national vision on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and disaster risk reduction;

WHEREAS, as member of the CCAM-DRR Cabinet Cluster, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is mandated as the lead agency in the government's social protection, climate change and disaster management systems. DSWD aims to improve food security and water sufficiency by supporting and strengthening existing social protection systems, building resilience, mitigating disaster risks and managing emergency preparedness and response actions in the Philippines through the Risk Resiliency Program Cash-for-Training and Work (RRP-CFTW);

WHEREAS, the RRP-CFTW is a convergence program of the CCAM-DRR Cabinet Cluster that aims to contribute to the attainment of the PDP goal of inclusive growth by minimizing the impacts of disasters on the national economy, the environment and natural resources, and the communities through adaptation, disaster prevention and preparedness and climate change mitigation;

WHEREAS, Project LAWA at BINHI or Local Adaptation to Water Access and Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for the Impoverished, a project under RRP-CFTW, is a proactive intervention and sustainable solution to combat hunger alleviate poverty, and decrease the economic vulnerability of the communities by addressing food insecurity and water scarcity exacerbated by climate change and disasters;

WHEREAS, as per Climate Outlook (January-June 2025) of the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA), as presented during the 179th Climate Forum on 18 December 2024, has indicated that La Niña-like conditions currently prevail in the tropical Pacific, despite the Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies (SSTAs) in the Monitored Niño regions remaining within the cool El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) - Neutral range;

WHEREAS, from January to May 2025, most of the country is expected to experience above-normal to significantly above-normal rainfall, except parts of Luzon, which may see below to near-normal levels. By June 2025, near-normal rainfall is anticipated nationwide, with some areas in Visayas and Mindanao possibly receiving slightly above-normal rainfall. The probability of above-normal rainfall remains high over the next six months;

WHEREAS, La Niña increases the likelihood of above-normal rainfall, heightening the risk of floods, flash floods, and rain-induced landslides in vulnerable areas. While some crops may benefit, the overall vulnerability to extreme weather, including tropical cyclones, poses significant threats to infrastructure, agriculture, and communities;

WHEREAS, it is forecasted that the weather systems affecting the country from January to June 2025 will include the northeast monsoon, shear-line, frontal system, Low-Pressure Areas (LPA), tropical cyclones, localized thunderstorms, easterlies, ridge of High-Pressure Areas (HPA) and the inter-tropical convergence zone;

WHEREAS, Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province in his letter dated February 3, 2025 addressed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan thru Hon. Manuel O. Alameda, Sr., Vice Governor requested the August Body for the passage of a Resolution authorizing him to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur, with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office Caraga Region Represented by its Regional Director, Mari-Flor A. Dollaga-Libang on the Implementation of the project entitled "Project Lawa at Binhi" also known as Local Adaptation to Water Access and Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for the priority areas exposed to the effects of El Niño and La Niña based on the climate outlook of DOST-PAGASA with the highest number of poor families based on Listahan 3;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 465 (1) (vi) of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Provincial Governor shall represent the province in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing and to make the Memorandum of Agreement legal and binding and on motion of _____ and duly seconded by _____;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Surigao del Sur to authorize Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), for and in behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office Caraga Region 13 Represented by its Regional Director, Mari-Flor A. Dollaga-Libang on the Implementation of the project entitled "Project Lawa at Binhi" also known as Local Adaptation to Water Access and Breaking Insufficiency through Nutritious Harvest for the priority areas exposed to the effects of El Niño and La Niña based on the climate outlook of DOST-PAGASA with the highest number of poor families based on Listahan 3, provided that the parties mutually agree to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

The Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur shall:

- a. lead the implementation of the project and all related activities detailed in the project proposal;

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- b. designate an RRP-CFTW focal person and organize a Technical Working Group (TWG) to coordinate with the DSWD FO CARAGA in the conduct of meetings, workshops, planning activities, project implementation reviews and other related tasks, as part of the preparation, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of RRP - CFTW target and accomplishments;
- c. pro-actively and closely coordinate with DSWD FO CARAGA and other stakeholders for the following project-related activities;
 1. notification on implementing updates, as well as the conduct of technical assistance, orientation, and other social preparatory activities, if deemed necessary;
 2. preparation, revision and submission of Project Proposal, Work Plan Project timeline for review and assessment;
 3. integration of project proposal into local plans;
 4. provision of resource augmentation through counter - parting, as deemed necessary;
 5. conduct of actual site validation for related activities in project areas;
 6. endorsement of the validated list of barangays and eligible partner-beneficiaries, submitted by the recipient LGUs;
 7. mobilization of LGUs and coordination with the LGU counterpart of the Department of Agriculture for continuous provision of learning exchange and technical assistance;
 8. monitoring of identified project sites and activities and provision of technical assistance to LGUs;
 9. documentation and consolidation of all activities and submission of documentary and reportoria requirements related to RRP-CFTW implementation;
 10. conduct of payouts to partner - beneficiaries in coordination with DSWD FO CARAGA;
 11. draft and pass ordinance/s relevant to ensure the sustainability of the implemented project/s; and
 12. conduct of performance assessment with technical assistance from DSWD FO CARAGA.

spell out shall:
The DSWD FO CARAGA is responsible for spearheading the overall management and coordination of the RRP-CFTW. Its specific roles are:

- a. lead the project management at the regional, provincial and municipal level;
- b. lead the conduct of meetings, workshops, planning activities, project implementation reviews, among others in close coordination with the Province of Surigao del Sur;

- c. assign provincial focal person and staff to monitor and provide program support, coordinate and assist the PLGU in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and reporting of the RRP-CFTW;
- d. coordinate with implementing Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur and other local stakeholders for the following preparatory activities:
 - 1. notification on general guidance and/or implementing updates, as well as the conduct of technical assistance and orientations, if deemed necessary;
 - 2. co-lead the review of the project proposal submitted by Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur;
 - 3. co-lead the actual site validation for related activities in project areas;
 - 4. review and submission of feedback/recommendations to the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur based on the results of the review and site validation; and
 - 5. further validation of the partner-beneficiaries, as deemed necessary and acceptance of the master list.
- e. conduct orientation, field monitoring, and provision of technical assistance to the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur and recipient Local Government Units;
- f. undertake direct payment of cash assistance to the partner-beneficiaries in close coordination with PLGU;
- g. coordinate with the provincial counterpart of the Department of Agriculture for continuous learning exchange and technical assistance; and
- h. conduct performance assessment of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur implementation of projects to its recipient LGUs, in consultation with the Technical Working Group (TWG).

The DSWD FO CARAGA shall provide fund/cash assistance as labor wages for the partner-beneficiaries amounting to Nine Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php 9,240,000.00), for the implementation of RRP-CFTW, subject to the approved Work and Financial Plan (WFP), Monthly Disbursement Plan (MDP) and/or Catch-up Plan, and in accordance with usual Government accounting rules and regulations.

The Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur shall provide a cash or in-kind counterpart of at least 5% of the total project cost, equivalent to One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00), for the materials and other operational costs to be incurred or utilized in the implementation of the RRP-CFTW, as reflected in the approved Project Proposal of the Province of Surigao del Sur.

RESOLVED FINALLY: To furnish copies of this Resolution to Hon. Alexander T. Pimentel, Provincial Governor, this Province and to Mari-Flor A. Dollaga-Libang, Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office Caraga, for their information, guidance and appropriate action.