

## PRLEC-NCR HOLDS SERIES OF MEETINGS, DETERMINED TO PUSH THRU COVERGENCE PROGRAM UNDER NEW NORMAL

*"One of the greatest gifts you can give another human being who is going through adversity, is hope." –Shaka Senghor*



The Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict - Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster (PRLEC) – NCR held series of meetings to devise a program that will aid the needs of the marginalized sector. Tagged simply as the 2<sup>nd</sup> PRLEC-NCR Convergence Program, it focuses on trainings cum production with different members of the cluster with definite roles to perform to attain the objectives of the program. Specifically, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) was tasked to provide assistance to ensure the viability and growth of cooperatives in the identified barangays in this project.

Below are the current updates in the meetings of PRLEC:

1<sup>st</sup> PRLEC-NCR Meeting - March 11, 2020 at TESDA Compound, Taguig City  
AFP Deputy Carlos Chan discussed the concept of the livelihood training program at Baseco Compound. The said training program will have a tentative schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. OIC Dir. Valdez suggested that a survey be done to determine the skills and trainings preferred by the youth of Baseco. Based on the survey, the following TESDA programs were suggested: Carpentry, scaffolding, welding, and tiles setting, in lieu of haircutting. Such trainings can be implemented as soon as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> PRLEC-NCR Meeting - May 28, 2020, via ZOOM Meeting

Mr. Michael Angelo Ragasa, TWC trainer for Urban Gardening, discussed the presentation of the PRLEC-NCR proposed project dubbed as "Gulayan sa Aming Barangay." Estimated set-up of pilot project would be in Brgy. Pag-asa in June,2020.

Project Overview:

- a. First, use of TWC module on Urban Gardening
- b. Second, set-up of Barangay Urban Garden
- c. Third, maintenance of Food Security thru Barangay Urban Garden (will be turned-over to the community for food sustainability)

Thus, the PRLEC-NCR Urban Community Agriculture Project (Gulayan ng Bayan) was born.

3<sup>rd</sup> PRLEC-NCR Meeting - June 9, 2020, via ZOOM Meeting

- a. Discussion on PRLEC Convergence Program under the "New Normal"
- b. Presentation of Matrix of Pilot PRLEC Project in other regions with CLGUS Supervisor Dir. Dina Esmas
- c. Updates on the activities and programs of the Cluster-Member agencies
- d. Presentation of the details of the PRLEC-NCR URBAN COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROJECT
- e. Identification of the roles and responsibilities of the cluster-member agencies for the project
- f. Conduct of ocular inspection in the priority barangays

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> PRLEC-NCR Convergence Program on its way, there would definitely be a close coordination with the different cluster-member agencies especially with the Cooperative Development Authority who is among those who are expected to be hands-on in the fight against poverty despite insurmountable odds.

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	PRLEC-NCR URBAN COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROJECT (Gulayan ng Bayan)
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Minimum of One (1) Barangay in every District
<b>DURATION:</b>	June-December 2020
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	PRLEC-NCR Budget Allocation/ Scholarship Allocation (Phase II- Training)
<b>IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:</b>	PTT/TTIs
<b>TARGET BENEFCIARIES:</b>	100 Trainees/barangay
<b>TOTAL NO. OF BATCHES:</b>	10 Batches (max of 10 trainees per batch)
<b>TRAINING MODULE:</b>	Natural- Urban Gardening (Project-based/ Community-based Program)
<b>CONTENT:</b>	Phase I Garden Set-up (Training cum Production) Convergence with cluster-member agencies

## Phase II Urban Community Garden Training Design on Vegetable Production and Concoction/ Extract Preparation

