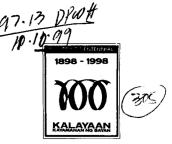


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Implementation Arrangements for the IBRD-assisted National Roads Improvement and Management Program (NRIMP)

In line with the thrust of the DPWH to attain a sustainable road development and management program for the national road network as well as to pursue a program of institutional reforms and process re-engineering, the DPWH has formulated a National Roads Improvement and Management Program (NRIMP) and is arranging for World Bank (IBRD) assistance for this Program. The NRIMP is proposed to be undertaken in three phases, composed of Phase I in 2000-2003, Phase II in 2004-2006, and Phase III in 2007-2009 under the Adaptable Program Loan (APL) window of the World Bank. Under NRIMP Phase I, the following broad objectives are being targeted:

a. Upgrading and improvement of the national road network.

SUBJECT:

- b. Operationalization and improvement of the national road maintenance program.
- c. Implementation of a road management and improvement program.
- d. Establishment and operationalization of a mechanism for sustainable financing of the national road network.

The following implementation arrangements shall be followed by the concerned DPWH units for the NRIMP:

- 1. The Subcommittee of the Executive Committee created for the NRIMP under Department Order No. 160, Series of 1999, headed by the Undersecretary for Technical Services, shall provide technical leadership and guidance in the planning and implementation of the NRIMP, including the design and execution of the ensuring reform agenda, in accordance with the overall policies set by the Secretary.
- 2. The following implementing units shall be responsible for managing and executing the main project components of NRIMP:
 - a. The Project Management Office for IBRD-assisted Highway Projects (PMO-IBRD) shall manage the road upgrading component, with support from the Planning Service, the Bureau of Design, the Bureau of Construction, and the Regional Offices concerned.

- b. The Bureau of Maintenance shall manage the two maintenance components of the NRIMP, namely, Preventive Maintenance and Long Term Performance Based Maintenance.
- c. The Road Information Management Support System-Project Office (RIMSS-PO) shall manage and implement the Business Improvement Implementation Processes (BIIPs) component which aims to improve the DPWH business processes.
- d. The Environmental Impact Assessment Project Office (EIA-PO) shall manage, in coordination with the RIMSS-PO the specific BIIP regarding the "Environmental Strengthening and Social Policy Development" subcomponent.
- 3. The aforementioned implementing units shall be supported by the following program support units:
 - a. The Project Management Office for Feasibility Studies (PMO-FS) shall carryout economic evaluation, procurement coordination, and preparation work for NRIMP-2 and NRIMP-3.
 - b. The PMO-IBRD shall function as the Project Report and Monitoring Coordination Unit (PRMCU) of the NRIMP.
 - c. The Comptrollership and Financial Management Services (CFMS) shall provide related accounting, financial management, financial reporting, and auditing services to the NRIMP, including processing of payments.
- 4. The Special Prequalification, Evaluation and Awards Committee (PEAC) for Consultancy and the Special Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) established for the NRIMP under Department Order No. 157, series of 1999, shall provide the required procurement services for consultancy and civil works, respectively.
- 5. All offices/units of the Department shall provide necessary assistance to the NRIMP Program.

This Order shall take effective immediately.

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