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Dear Director Donato:

The Presidential Management Staff (PMS) is requesting briefing notes on the highlights of the most significant accomplishments of your sector/agency under the Aquino Administration (2010 – 2016) in each of the CAR provinces/city. This is in preparation for the provincial visits by the President.

In this regard, may we please request briefing notes highlighting the following:

- (1) What are the most significant accomplishments of your sector/agency under the Aquino Administration in each of the provinces/city of CAR. Cite examples of high impact national government programs, projects, initiatives implemented (by province/city) that made positive and long-lasting impact on the lives of the people.
- (2) What were the big issues or long standing problems in your sector affecting the people of the provinces/city that have been resolved or are being resolved during his administration?
- (3) What has changed in the lives of your target beneficiaries since 2010? What are the indicators of "change" brought by the Daang Matuwid/Aquino Administration?

Attached are sample briefing notes on Camarines Sur for your use as template.

We hope to receive your inputs before 22 February 2016 for consolidation and submission to PMS. Please email your inputs to car@neda.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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**NEDA Inputs to the Briefing Notes for
President Aquino's Visit to Camarines Sur**

1. What are the most significant accomplishments of the Aquino Administration in the province? Cite examples of high-impact national government projects, programs or initiatives implemented in the province that made positive and long-lasting impact on the lives of the people.

- *The Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program* is now assisting 109,990 families in the province (as of 2016) from 11,994 families in 2011. The program is being implemented in all the cities and municipalities of Camarines Sur. Children of beneficiary families remain in school. The children and pregnant women of beneficiary households avail or regular medical check-ups.

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 5

- *The Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan - Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Program* empowered the communities are empowered through the participatory process of identification and implementation of projects.

Source: Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 5

- *The K to 12 Basic Education Program* will produce graduates who will be at par with counterparts in other countries.

Source: Department of Education Region 5

- *The Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP)* improves the delivery of basic, essential and specialized health services. Primary health care facilities such as Barangay health Stations and Rural Health Units were upgraded to provide basic emergency obstetric and newborn care services to reduce maternal deaths, and upgrade government hospitals and health facilities in Camarines Sur.

The province of Camarines Sur has been a beneficiary of the HFEP in the amount of more than P210 Million. It involved the modernization of 65 barangay health

stations, 39 rural health units and 11 hospitals including the Bicol Medical Center. With the modernization of these facilities, people are provided with adequate and quality health services.

Source: Department of Health Region 5

- *The resettlement projects of the National Housing Authority (NHA) in Naga City and in the municipalities of Balatan, Bato, Lupi and Pamplona intend to relocate families in danger and high risk areas to safer communities. The projects will benefit a total of 774 families specifically: (1) 168 informal settler families living in danger areas and long the protected areas of Mt. Isarog; (2) 188 families residing along danger and high risk areas; (3) 186 families along Lake Bato displaced by Typhoon Juaning in July 2011; (4) 119 families affected by the implementation of Libmanan-Cabusao Dam Project; and (4) 113 families along national highway and PNR tracks.*

Source: National Housing Authority Region 5

- *The Isarog Village under the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)/ Philippine National Police (PNP) Housing Program Phase 2 provides affordable, decent and safe housing to the uniformed personnel. The project, located in Barangay Del Rosario, Pili, Camarines Sur, is for personnel of the AFP, PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection, and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. The project costs P 48 million that will develop residential lots and construct housing units for 200 families.*

Source: Armed Forces of Philippines and Philippine National Police

- *The establishment of the Migrants Resource Center in Naga City, a one-stop resource center for prospective migrants in the province, reduces pre migration costs and expenses.*

Source: City Government of Naga

- *The Rice and Corn program of the Department of Agriculture made significant impact in the province. Palay production increased by 15.87 percent from 568,327 MT in 2010 to 658,548 MT in 2015. There was*

also an increase in the area harvested from 158,870 hectares in 2010 to 171,244 hectares in 2015.

Corn production increased by 78.97 percent, from 85,667 MT in 2010 to 153,320 MT in 2015 and an increase in area planted to corn by 29.95 percent, from 30,281 hectares in 2010 to 39,350 hectares in 2015.

The factors that brought the positive changes in cereals production can also be attributed to the implementation of national and communal irrigation projects, and flood embankments that reduced damages caused by floods. In CY 2015, 17 communal irrigation projects were implemented that benefited 352 farmers and generated 615 jobs.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority Region 5

- *The repair and rehabilitation of the Tigman-Hinagyanan-Inarihan Irrigation System (THIRIS)* restored 125 hectares of rice lands in the four municipalities of Calabanga, Bombon, Magarao and Canaman Camarines Sur that resulted to increased agricultural productivity and higher income of 96 farmer beneficiaries.

Source: National Irrigation Administration Region 5

- *The Libmanan-Cabusao Pump Irrigation System* serves the Libmanan and Cabusao areas. A total of 33 hectares of ricelands was restored and benefits 34 farmers.

Source: National Irrigation Administration Region 5

- *The Salintubig Project and water supply projects under the Bottom-Up Budgeting Program (BuB)* provide safe and sufficient water supply to communities. The beneficiaries of the Salintubig Project are in Baao, Canaman, Lupi, Pili, Cabusao, Magarao, Nabua. The BuB water supply projects are in: Baao, Bato, Bombon, Buhi, Calabanga, Camaligan, Del Gallego, Goa, Canaman, Libmanan, Lupi, Magarao, Milaor, Nabua, Ocampo, Presentatcon, Ragay, San Fernando, Sangay, Tinambac.

Source: Department of Interior and Local Government Region 5

- *The Participatory Irrigation Development Project* in the Tigman-Hinagyana-Inarihan River Irrigation System expanded the participation of irrigators associations through the implementation of irrigation management transfer (IMT) while simultaneously strengthening or building their capacity to be more effective partners of NIA in irrigation development and management. The active participation of IAs in the IMT program enhanced their capacity to participate in project implementation and encouraged other farmers to join and participate in the programs and activities of the IAs. Per report from NIA there is now on time irrigation service delivery to areas that had been rehabilitated by the project.

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Source: National Irrigation Administration Region 5

- *The Camarines Sur - Albay Diversion Road* provides an alternate route during flooding particularly along the Maharlika highway in Nabua, Baao, San Fernando and Milaor. It also opened livelihood opportunities (e.g. sari sari store) and access to markets and social services in areas traversed by the road.

Source: Regional Project Monitoring Team

- *Legazpi - Naga Commuter Train Service* provides cheaper (P100 by train compared to P140 by van) alternative means of transportation between Legazpi and Naga Cities especially to students and workers. It also provides less cost of transporting goods between the provinces of Albay and Camarines Sur.

Source: Philippine National Railways

- *The widening of national roads and bridges* will shorten travel time. Good roads will result to savings in vehicle operating cost. However, some national roads are widened intermittently given the problem on right of way acquisition as a result of the presence of trees and other obstructions.

Source: Department of Public Works and Highways Region 5

- *More roads were concreted and bridges constructed.* In Camarines Sur, national road density (i.e. total paved/total length) increased to 92.62 as of December 2014 as against the paved road density in 2011 which was 79.95 kilometer per square kilometer.

Source: Department of Public Works and Highways Region 5

- *In Camarines Sur, 13 new bridges representing 776.05 linear meters were constructed.* This brought the total to 174 bridges with an aggregate length of 5918 linear meters.

Source: Department of Public Works and Highways Region 5

2. What were the big issues or long-standing problems affecting the people of the province that have been resolved or are being resolved during this Administration?

- *The long standing problem of flooding in the Bicol River Basin area is being resolved through the implementation of projects in the Bicol River Basin Watershed Management Plan (BRBWMP).* The Bicol river basin was identified as one of the priority river basins in the country. The five year master plan, which covers the provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte, was completed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It provides a long term sustainable management of the Bicol river basin through management and protection of forest resources, and the provision of irrigation and livelihood projects.

Source: Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 5

The Flood and Hazard Mitigation Component of the BRWMP aims to control or mitigate flooding within the Bicol River Basin area through effective flood control measures and services that will result in the reduction of losses to properties and damages to existing structures from floods.

Source: Department of Public Works and Highways Region 5

Libmanan-Cabusao and Naga-Calabanga embankments and flood gates now address the flooding problem affecting the rice lands downstream of the Bicol river basin.

The Integrated Naga River Revitalization Project is a climate adaptation initiative. The project also addresses other problems along the Naga River such as vanishing public space, inequitable development, threatened cultural heritage and sewerage waste. The Naga river transport is operational, the construction of river walk and flood embankment is ongoing.

Source: City Government of Naga

The Bicol River Flood Forecasting and Warning System was installed in the Bicol River. Automatic water monitoring system and automated rain gauges were installed to provide early warning to vulnerable communities against impending floods.

Source: Department of Science and Technology Region 5

- *The long standing issues on poor connectivity of Caramoan Peninsula with the rest of Bicol region and poor connectivity within areas in Caramoan are being solved. The Tigaon-Goa-San Jose-Lagonoy-Guijalo via San Vicente Road which includes the Lagonoy-Presentation-Caramoan Access Road provides the land transport alternative to the water transport mode of transportation from mainland Partido District to Caramoan. Water transport using outrigger boats was the sole means of transportation between Caramoan and the mainland before. The road project improved access to tourist destinations especially the world renowned pristine beaches of Caramoan, and caves for spelunking.*

The construction of 5.8 kilometer Caramoan-Paniman road improved access to the take off point to island hopping in Barangay Paniman. Thus, increasing