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BIG BOLD REFORMS:
THE PHILIPPINES 2026



Core Policy Shifts Anchoring DA Reform

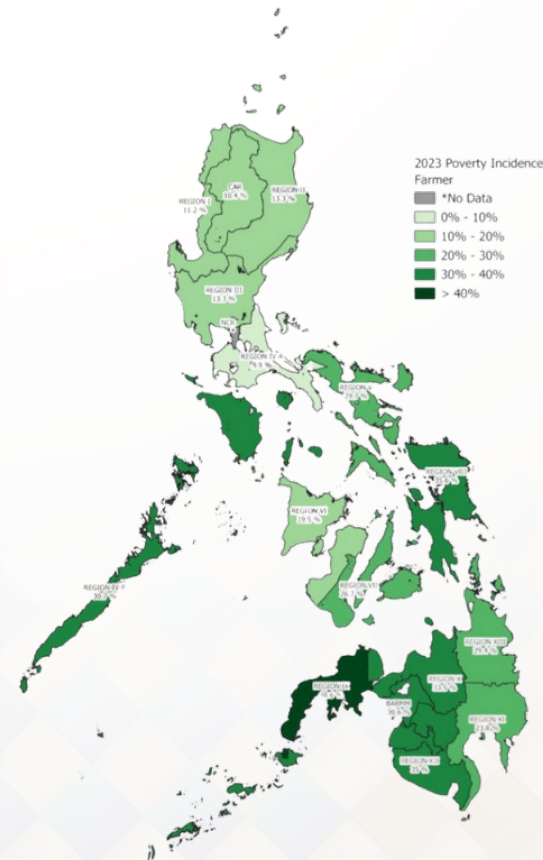
Strategic Policy Directions for an Impact-Oriented DA

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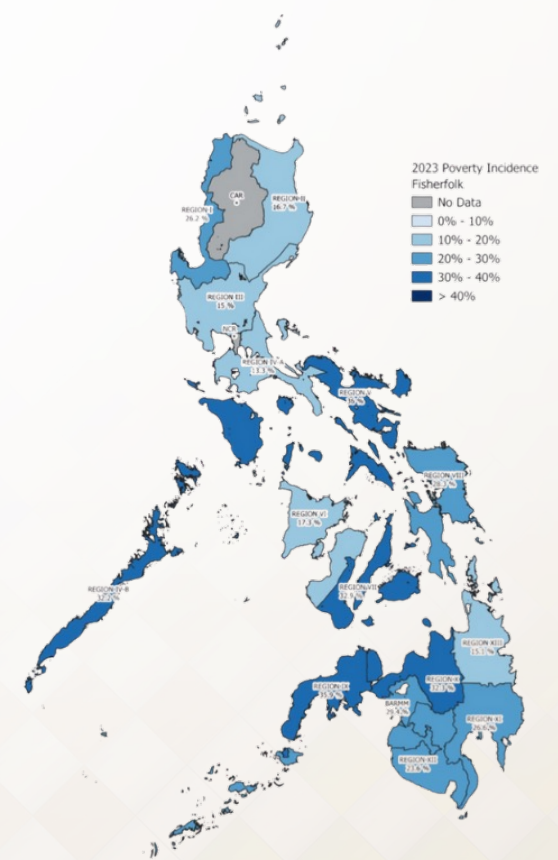
Better targeting of intervention as a core policy framework

- Target high-poverty areas with strong production potential but low productivity.
- Use **data-driven spatial targeting** to align investments with measurable outcomes.

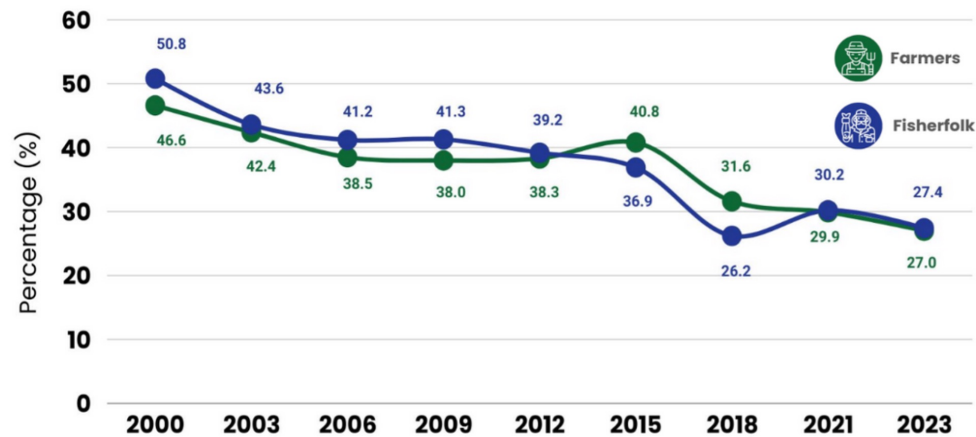
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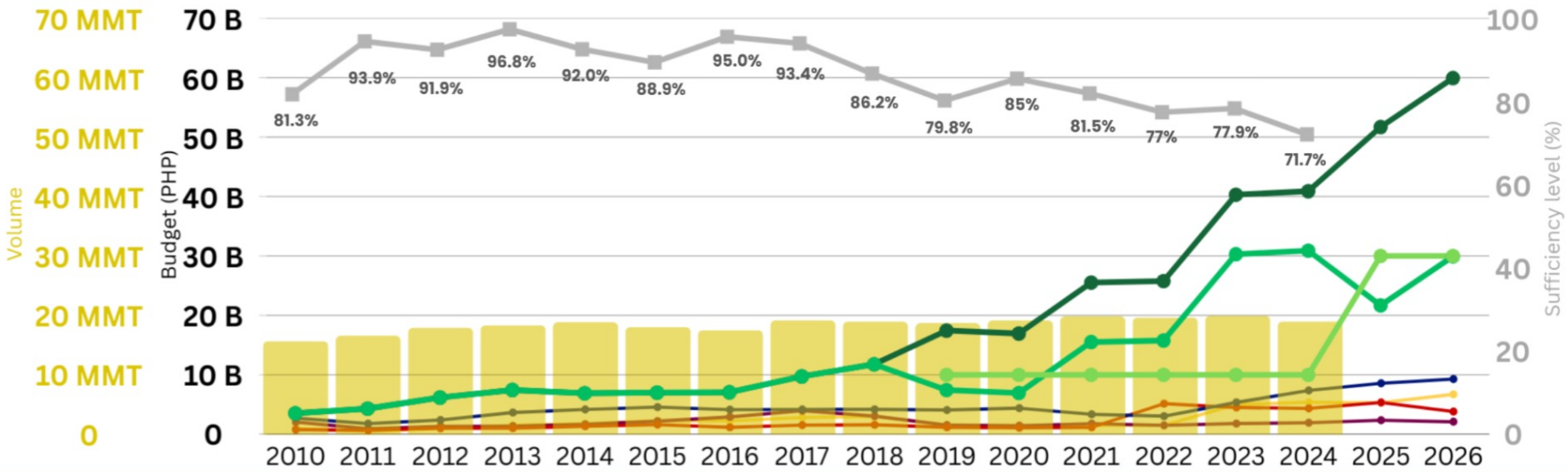


Poverty Incidence among Farmers and Fisherfolk (2000–2023)



Sources: Philippine Statistics Authority (2006-2021), Asian Development Bank (1991-2000), Philippine Institute for Development Studies (1985-2003)

BUDGET VIS-A-VIS PALAY PRODUCTION AND RICE SUFFICIENCY



	2010	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
RICE	3,531,602	17,446,076	16,945,722	25,517,296	25,774,296	40,296,993	40,889,904	51,682,587	59,922,142	4,317,216	6,181,166	7,454,081	6,900,451	7,003,505	7,062,293	9,735,779	11,773,244
NRP	3,531,602	7,446,076	6,945,722	15,517,296	15,774,296	30,296,993	30,889,904	21,682,587	29,922,142	4,317,216	6,181,166	7,454,081	6,900,451	7,003,505	7,062,293	9,735,779	11,773,244
RCEF		10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000								
CORN	958,422	1,560,099	1,463,223	1,517,020	1,497,020	5,021,728	5,379,385	5,313,841	6,714,081	483,642	950,739	1,524,301	1,796,965	2,296,519	2,249,424	2,826,854	2,986,993
HVC	2,054,011	1,546,047	1,444,600	1,794,347	1,518,347	1,803,546	1,937,778	2,353,501	2,103,259	926,867	1,336,658	1,355,195	1,673,447	2,199,697	2,918,639	3,968,179	3,055,075
LIVESTOCK	775,711	1,178,344	1,107,861	1,173,828	5,151,778	4,503,379	4,346,519	5,347,033	3,809,625	682,330	1,027,861	1,027,861	1,350,444	1,616,205	1,172,565	1,537,453	1,600,694
FISHERIES	2,712,727	4,078,263	4,397,210	3,348,327	3,050,929	5,367,171	7,362,693	8,571,164	9,288,742	1,792,912	2,400,505	3,655,650	4,181,910	4,567,069	4,131,578	4,181,383	4,186,097

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Improved transparency, accountability, & participatory governance

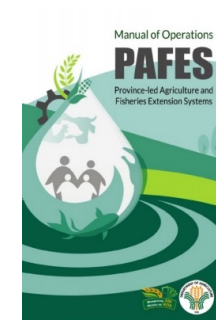
- Millions of beneficiaries and nationwide programs require transparency, participation, and active monitoring.
- **Institutionalize transparency and open access to program information.**
- Engage civil society and stakeholders in planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Establish **clear feedback and grievance mechanisms** to improve program design and implementation.

₱3.5 trillion agriculture & fisheries investment gap
cannot be addressed by the national government alone

3

Enhanced co-investments & collaboration with LGUs

- Strengthen **PAFES** as the backbone of national-local collaboration.
- Regular **joint planning** and **investment fora with LGUs**
- **Co-manage shared infrastructure** (FMRs, irrigation, post-harvest)
- Improve **RSBSA** targeting and coordination.



Delivery Systems, Equity, and Value Chain Enablers

Strengthening Delivery Systems and Value Chain Competitiveness

4

Sustained interventions for geographically isolated & disadvantaged areas

Sustain targeted, climate-resilient interventions for small and remote islands by strengthening appropriate production systems, logistics, and market linkages to meet local needs and enable surplus and inter-island trade

90%

of island municipalities above national poverty incidence (43 out of 48 island municipalities)

>20

typhoons enter PAR annually

9.76B

Agri losses in 2023 alone

Most island municipalities rely heavily on food imports due to limited production, storage, and transport infrastructure

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Strengthened Extension Service

Rebuild and scale up a modern, integrated agricultural extension system that delivers policy, technology, and market support to farms nationwide through digital tools, technical assistance, and coordinated partnerships with LGUs, the private sector, and academe to improve productivity, resilience, and farmer incomes

Current Status:

1 AEW : 657 farmers

- 6.9 million registered farmers (RSBSA, May 2025)
- 10,507 AEWs (ATI database)

1 : 3,811

Extension Worker Hectares of rice area



31,481 DA COS / Job Orders

~59% of the entire DA workforce can be retooled, upskilled, and mobilized for extension support

Where we want to go:

1 : 150-200

Extension Worker Hectares of rice area

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Increased investment in logistics and post-harvest infrastructure

Scale up commodity- and location-specific logistics and post-harvest investments to close storage, processing, and transport gaps, reduce losses and costs, stabilize supply, and improve smallholder access to domestic and export markets

PH has highest logistics cost (2016) in ASEAN



Insufficient Cold Storage:



Philippines



China



Vietnam

Capacity

37 cubic meters/
1000 residents,
or 400,000 tons

132 m3/
1000
residents

116 m3/
1000
residents



Farm-to-Market Roads

70,686.50 KM

FMRs implemented

61,724.16 KM

FMRs needed as of Dec. 2025



High-post Harvest Losses



Rice
14.5%



Corn
6.4%



Onion
31.61%



Fisheries
16.00%



Mango
26.47%



Fruits &
Vegetables
20.00%

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Balanced and coherent execution of developmental and regulatory mandates

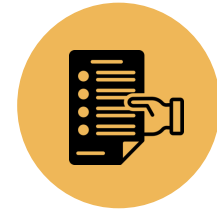
Strengthen alignment and execution of agricultural development and regulatory mandates by reinforcing science-based regulation, upgrading laboratories, and supporting stakeholders to meet standards and improve ease of doing business



**12 DA Agencies
with regulatory
functions**

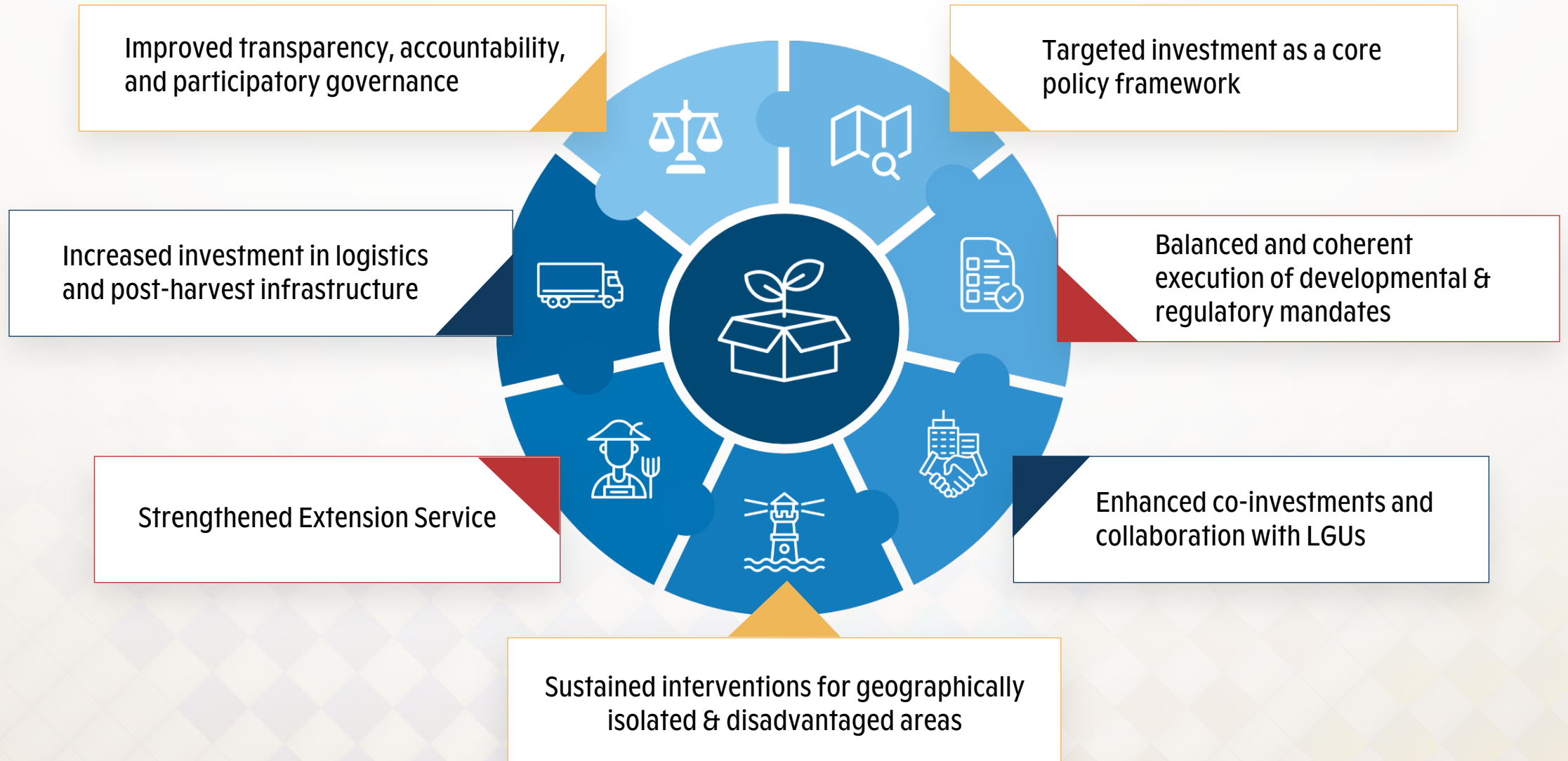


**More than 608
standards and
regulations being
implemented**



**Perceived delays
in issuance of
documents**

Policy Initiatives for a Reformed and Impact-Oriented Department of Agriculture



Results Matrix: Modernizing Agriculture and Agribusiness (PDP 2023-2028 Midterm Update)

Indicator	Baseline Value (Year)	Accomplishments		Updated Targets				Means of Verification	Responsible Agency/ Inter-agency body
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		
Core Indicator: Modernize agriculture and agribusiness									
Growth in average family income of skilled agricultural workers or farm laborers and fisherfolk (%)	16.35 (2021-2023)	-	-	17.0-20.0	-	17.0-20.0	-	Family Income and Expenditure Survey	DA, DAR, LGUs
Growth in Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (AFF) Gross Value Added (GVA) increased (% in constant prices)	0.5 (2022)	1.2	-1.5	1.8-3.3	1.8-3.3	1.8-3.3	1.8-3.3	PSA Macroeconomics Account	DA, LGUs
Ratio of high value crops GVA to total AFF GVA increased (%)	21.0 (2021)	20.8	20.7	22.0	22.4	22.8	23.1	PSA Openstat	DA
Level of mechanization improved (hp/ha) Rice	2.68 (2022)	-	2.77	2.79-2.82	2.93-2.96	3.02-3.05	3.11-3.14	DA PhilMech Study	DA

LIST OF PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS 2026

(Based on FY 2026 General Appropriations Act)

PAP	DELIVERABLES	BUDGET ALLOCATION (PHP '000)
FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,200.65 kilometers of Farm-to-Market Roads for construction 	33,009,763.00
RICE FOR ALL PROGRAM KADIWA NG PANGULO (KNP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15M Households served • 1.84M MT rice sold in Kadiwa ng Pangulo Pop-up stores/outlets • 195 Kadiwa ni Pangulo activities conducted 	10,000,000.00
COLD STORAGE EXPANSION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 units of modular and 3 mega cold storage facilities for construction 	1,222,000.00
ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FOOD HUB PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 units of Agricultural Food Hub for construction in Pampanga, Isabela, and Camarines Sur 	2,625,000
DEEP WATER PORTS FOR FISH AND AGRI-INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 units of Deep Water Ports for construction in Occidental Mindoro, Zamboanga Del Norte, Albay, Palawan, Surigao Del Norte, Cebu, Davao de Oro, Navotas Market Hall Phase III, and Navotas Shipyard Phase II 	2,400,000

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MILK FEEDING PROGRAM	<p>Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) Serving 1,698,698 elementary school children for 30 feeding days</p> <p>National Dairy Authority (NDA) Serving 2,799,965 elementary school children for 30 feeding days</p>	<p>1,121,141.00</p> <p>1,847,977.00</p>
BUFFER STOCKING PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 391,304 mt of palay procured corresponding to approximately 6.44 days buffer stock • Procurement of various mechanical dryers and construction of warehouses 	11,291,528.00
DEPLOYMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF RESPONSIVE EXTENSION ON AGRICULTURE FOR COMMUNITY HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT (DA-REACH) PROGRAM	Deployment of and capacity development of trained COS and JO personnel of the Department to support increased productivity and yield.	277,666.00



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