

DENR Memorandum Order
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SUBJECT : Convergence of Agency Services and Interventions on the Identified Target Beneficiaries of the "Erap Para sa Mahirap" or Poverty Eradication Program

Republic Act No 8425, otherwise known as the "Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act" provides the overall policy framework to provide support, security and an environment conducive to the upliftment of the poor and the disadvantaged. To operationalize this, the "Erap Para sa Mahirap" or Poverty Eradication Program was envisioned as the President's commitment to uplift the socio-economic condition of the poor. Within this premise, government agencies, basic sectors, business and private sector groups and the local government units shall put their coordinated efforts that impact on the poverty alleviation.

The Estrada Administration adopts the Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) approach as the core strategy in identifying the priority areas and family at the local level and area-based approach, where coordinated and integrated delivery of services would create an impact on development.

In line with this, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been, given the responsibility as *Champion for the Indigenous Peoples* to ensure the representation of this sector in the National Anti-Poverty, Commission. It shall also focus its plans and programs to harmonize with the convergence of agency services and interventions for the identified target program beneficiaries the 100 poorest families of depressed barangays in every province and city; the priority barangays critical to the peace

process; and the basic sectors, in coordination with the concerned agencies. The lists of the identified target beneficiaries will be sent to you soonest.

As part of our commitment as a member-agency of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), all Bureau Directors, Regional Executive Directors and Program Directors are hereby enjoined to facilitate implementation of agency programs and projects in conformity with the National Anti-Poverty Action.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary