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CY 2021 Activities Conducted as part of the PRA's Strategy to Address Stakeholder Concerns

- 1) For communities: PRA's Free Livelihood Training Program continues as a proposal for another round of livelihood training was sent to the local government of Las Pinas City on November 19, 2022 and December 10, 2021. Target beneficiaries are the affected families of the construction of the Manila Cavite Coastal Road and Reclamation Project along the R-1 land strip, covering four (4) Barangays of Manuyo Uno, Daniel Fajardo, Ilaya and Aldana in Las Pinas City. Said families were relocated from the road-right-of-way of the service road to the marginal properties within the periphery of the coastal road. The PRA's free livelihood training program for affected communities is one of this Agency's engagement strategies indicated in its Stakeholders Engagement and Management Plan (SEMP).
- 2) For communities: Extensive stakeholder consultations, actual site visits, and data collection in the Municipalities of Virac and Baras, in Catanduanes, were undertaken by the PRA on May 9-16, 2021, to ensure that these communities' needs are addressed and integrated in the Roadmap towards Coastal Management Strategy that the PRA finalized together with its partners. Risk and Hazard Assessment Workshop was conducted on June 4, 2021. Institutional Setting Workshop was conducted on June 21, 2021;
- 3) For communities: On September 13, 2021, PRA organized and facilitated the online closing ceremony of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) short course conducted by the Dutch IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, which ran from March 29 to June 28, 2021. Certificates were awarded to 34/51 participants who successfully completed the course. The successful participants came from various sectors of the national government and local government units;
- 4) For political personalities: PRA conducted a project presentation to the Sanggunian of the Mun. of Virac, Catanduanes for the reconsideration of their denial to issue an authority for the Mayor to sign and enter into an Expression of Collaboration (EOC) with PRA for the formulation of their Coastal Protection Strategy. After reconsideration, Virac Municipal Resolution No. 2021-03-63 was issued authorizing the Mayor to enter into an EOC with PRA. The EOC was executed by the LGU on June 28, 2021;
- 5) For LGU project proponents: To ensure that these proponents comply with all the technical and environmental requirements for a reclamation project, PRA monitors and reviews their pre-construction plans and documents and compliance with the Environmental Compliance Certificate and Notice to Proceed; and
- 6) For the House of Representative: PRA representatives participated in the Technical Working Group meetings of the Committee on Climate Change on July 5 to December 14, 2021 on the proposed Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) (House Bill Nos. 3136, 3315, and 5353) and incorporation of the National Coastal Greenbelt Program (NCGP) (House Bill Nos. 539, 1554, and 5543). PRA presented and explained the comments and concerns of the Agency based on the Position Paper submitted to the Committee on July 8, 2021. In particular, PRA expressed support to the proposed House Bill on Integrated Coastal Management, shared suggestions based on its experience in disaster risk reduction and management from its coastal protection projects, and raised concerns on possible impacts of the proposed house bills on its mandates. PRA also participated in the examination and discussion of submitted position papers and other inputs from the representatives of various government agencies and technical experts in the field.

After a series of small group meetings with the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change, the house bills on ICM and NCGP was approved on December 14, 2021.