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TO ALL CONCERNED GOVERNORS, CONCERNED MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DILG PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS, CITY DIRECTORS, MLGOOS, AND OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT POLICY GUIDELINES IN THE PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY UNDER THE 2013 SAGANA AT LIGTAS NA TUBIG SA LAHAT (SALINTUBIG) PROGRAM AND GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATORY PLANNING AND BUDGETING (GPPB) PRIORITY LGUs

I. BACKGROUND

The Government continues to implement the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) Program to pursue its commitment to provide water, particularly for poor and waterless communities. Recently, it has adopted the Grassroots Participatory Planning and Budgeting (GPPB) approach in identifying and prioritizing funding for poverty reduction projects, including water supply projects. These initiatives aim to contribute to the attainment of the goal of providing potable water to the entire country and the targets defined in the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, Millennium Development Goals (MDG), the Philippine Water Supply Sector Roadmap (PWSSR) and the Philippine Sustainable Sanitation Roadmap (PSSR). Grant financing and capacity development programs under these initiatives aim to increase access to water and sanitation services in target areas and improve capacities of the LGUs and water service providers in planning, implementation and operation and management of water supply facilities in a sustainable manner.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) remains as the lead agency in the implementation of 2013 SALINTUBIG Program and the GPPB approach. The Department executes these initiatives through the Office of Project Development Services (OPDS), in partnership with the DILG Regional Offices (ROs) and the target Provinces and Municipalities as implementing partners.

DILG has been appropriated a total of One Billion Eight Hundred Ten and Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (PhP 1,810,930,000.00) for the implementation of the SALINTUBIG Program and priority water supply projects identified through the GPPB.

II. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

1. Purpose and Scope

The Guidelines contained herein prescribe the strategies, procedures, roles and responsibilities in the implementation and management of the 2013 SALINTUBIG Program. These serve as guide of the WSSU-OPDS, DILG Offices, and Other Stakeholders in the Program implementation.

2. LGU Beneficiaries

All LGUs must be awardees or must comply with the DILG's Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH).

- a. 56 Waterless Municipalities and 97 Thematic Areas (92 Waterless Barangays, and 5 Resettlement Sites)
- b. 347 BUB LGUs as identified by NAPC and DBM, with priority water supply projects under the Local Priority Action Plan (LPRAP)

3. Capacity Assessment of Beneficiaries

- a. The DILG through the OPDS and DILG-ROs will conduct the LGU Capacity Assessment to determine the technical, financial, and institutional capacities of the LGUs. Assessment will be undertaken through surveys and workshops with the key functionaries of the LGUs and concerned entities.
- b. Results of the assessment will determine the implementation modalities of the water supply projects and the provision of capacity development interventions described in Section II.6 of these Guidelines.

4. Requirements for Availment of Program Assistance

- a. Certification on Compliance with DILG's Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH), either in 2011 SGH Results Assessment or 2012 SGH Results Assessments.
- b. Sangguniang Resolution authorizing the Local Chief Executive to sign and or ratify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DILG ROs, and to sign, negotiate, and enter into Project Contracts
- c. MOA between the LGUs and the DILG ROs
- d. Creation of a Local Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) Council/Committee composed of the Local Chief Executive as the Head, the Engineer, Planning

and Development Coordinator, Accountant, Treasurer, Budget Officer; SB for Appropriation or Infrastructures, DILG Field Officer, Water District Manager (as available), and representative/s from the local CSOs. The general functions of the Council/Committee are (i) to formulate policies and plans of the LGUs on Water and Sanitation Sector and (ii) to establish the policies and directions for the implementation of the Program at the local level.

As necessary, the LGUs will establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) serving as the project management team by ensuring that the respective Local Government Offices comply with the project policies and requirements. The Planning and Development Coordinator or the Engineer may serve as the Project Manager. In case the Province is the Implementing Partner, the beneficiary municipalities will be represented in the Provincial WATSAN Council/Committee.

5. Program Components

a. Capacity Development

- Seminar-workshops and coaching and mentoring sessions for LGUs, and Water Service Providers/Community Organizations. Areas for capacity development include Project Orientation, Planning and Engineering Design, Procurement, Construction Supervision, Community Organizing, Local Water Governance, and Operations and Maintenance. Other relevant training areas may be provided, depending on the results of the LGU Capacity Assessment.
- The capacity development shall be undertaken by the DILG through the established Regional Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) Hub composed of academes, water service providers, and CSOs; or engagement of individual resource persons/consultants to assist in the preparation and delivery of the programs for the seminar-workshops and mentoring activities.

b. Eligible Infrastructure Projects

- Eligible projects will include the following:
 - Rehabilitation/expansion/upgrading of Level III water supply systems including appropriate water treatment systems
 - Construction/rehabilitation/expansion/upgrading of Level I and II water supply systems including appropriate water treatment systems and other alternative technologies as may be found to be the only feasible option (rain water collection technology, ram pump technology, cistern tanks, among others)