

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AND ACTIONS TAKEN

Being in the forefront, there are challenges encountered in carrying out the different ENR programs, projects and activities which are anchored on the policies and guidelines of the Department and other related ENR laws.

For CY 2023, the late release of guidelines in the conduct of inventory and assessment of graduated ENGP sites resulted in the delay of contracting the 3rd party validators. Hence, the assessment and validation of established plantations from 2011 to 2016 will be carried in 2024 which will obviously affect the implementation of the current year targets.

Under the said program since its inception in 2011, the area for development has become limited and located in far-flung areas. For the year, under GAA no establishment of plantation was targeted to focus on the maintenance and protection of the 8,028.5 hectares across Western Visayas.

There has been difficulty in accomplishing the target on inspection, verification and approved surveys (IVAS) because of its dependency on the submittal of surveys by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). In this regard, there is a need to review the target of DENR with that of DAR as it affects the completion of the activity.

There might have been stumbling blocks in the implementation of the different PPAs, but the Region was able to employ strategies leading to the accomplishment of its targets.

