



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FORUM 2023

"AGRICULTURE FOR THE FUTURE: INNOVATING AGRI-FOOD

SYSTEMS TO ACCELERATE FOOD SECURITY"

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO ENSURE FINANCIAL ACCESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENTIRE AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN

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The administration of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. has made it clear that this government recognizes the urgency of revitalizing the Philippines' agri-food system



PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2028



MATATAG, MAGINHAWA AT PANATAG NA BUHAY



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION FOR A PROSPEROUS, INCLUSIVE, AND RESILIENT SOCIETY

DEVELOP AND PROTECT CAPABILITIES
OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

TRANSFORM PRODUCTION SECTORS TO GENERATE MORE QUALITY JOBS AND COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS



PROMOTE HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



REDUCE
VULNERABILITIES AND
PROTECT PURCHASING
POWER



INCREASE INCOME-EARNING ABILITY



MODERNIZE AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-BUSINESS



REVITALIZE INDUSTRY



REINVIGORATE SERVICES

BOOST HEALTH

IMPROVE EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

ESTABLISH LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND PROPER NUTRITION

STRENGTHEN SOCIAL PROTECTION

INCREASE EMPLOYABILITY

EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACHIEVE SHARED LABOR MARKET GOVERNANCE PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENTS

ADVANCE R&D, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION

ENHANCE INTER-INDUSTRY LINKAGES

PROMOTE COMPETITION AND IMPROVE REGULATORY EFFICIENCY



PRACTICE GOOD GOVERNANCE
AND IMPROVE BUREAUCRATIC EFFICIENCY



ENSURE MACROECONOMIC STABILITY AND EXPAND INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE



ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY, AND ENHANCE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE



EXPAND AND UPGRADE INFRASTRUCTURE



ACCELERATE CLIMATE ACTION AND STRENGTHEN DISASTER RESILIENCE

SCAN OR

SCA

Source: NEDA

MAJOR CHALLENGES



- Low access to credit and insurance
- Unsustainable farming practices
- Underutilized agro-forestry and blue economy potential
- Weak investments in the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (AFF) sector
- Weak export performance
- Fragmentation of agricultural lands



Strategy Framework to Modernize Agriculture and Agribusiness



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EFFICIENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES (AFF) PRODUCTION ENHANCED



- Consolidate/cluster farms
- Create and facilitate adoption of improved technology
- Improve access of primary producers to production requirements (e.g., land, water, renewable energy, and credit)



ACCESS TO MARKETS AND
AFF-BASED ENTERPRISES EXPANDED



- Develop the blue economy
- Improve physical and digital infrastructure
- Improve the regulatory system for greater private sector investments
- Protect local AFF against unfair competition and supply/price manipulation



RESILIENCE OF AFF VALUE CHAINS IMPROVED

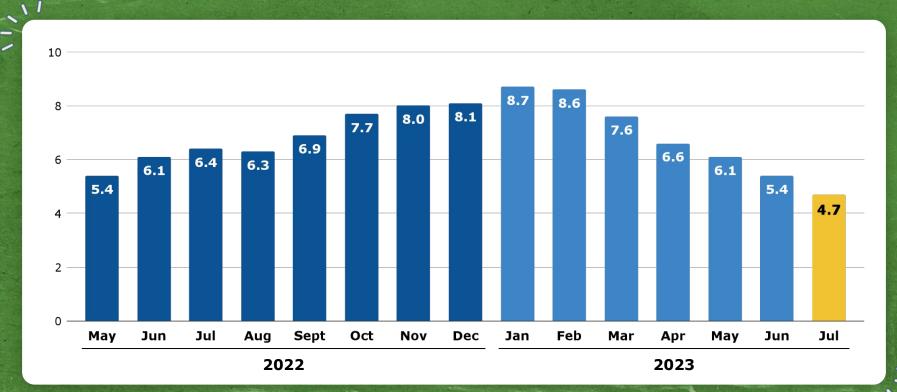
- Create and adopt climate- and disaster-resilient technologies
- Strengthen local food systems
- Develop and mainstream early warning systems/anticipatory mechanisms
- Integrate climate and disaster risks in AFF planning and programming
- Develop innovative insurance schemes
- Boost local capability on the production of AFF inputs



AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS STRENGTHENED

- Improve coordination and convergence of government agencies in planning, programming, and budgeting
- Enhance support to agricultural education and job-skills matching

Headline inflation moderates to 4.7% in July, slowing down for 6th consecutive month



Main contributors to headline inflation

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages
- Housing, water, electricity, gas
 and other fuels
- Restaurants and accommodation services

Main drivers of food inflation

- Vegetables
- Rice
- Flour and bread
- Milk and eggs



The IAC-IMO is implementing both supply- and demand-side measures to mitigate food inflation

Fill the domestic supply gap through timely and adequate importation based on ex-ante supply-demand analysis

Monitoring and assessment of market development, including the use of remote sensing technology



Fast track the use of the Quick Response Fund in aiding typhoon-affected farmers and enable prompt recovery in production

Accelerate the finalization of 2023 El Niño Mitigation and Adaptation Plan, followed by immediate implementation

Medium to long-term interventions to mitigate inflation

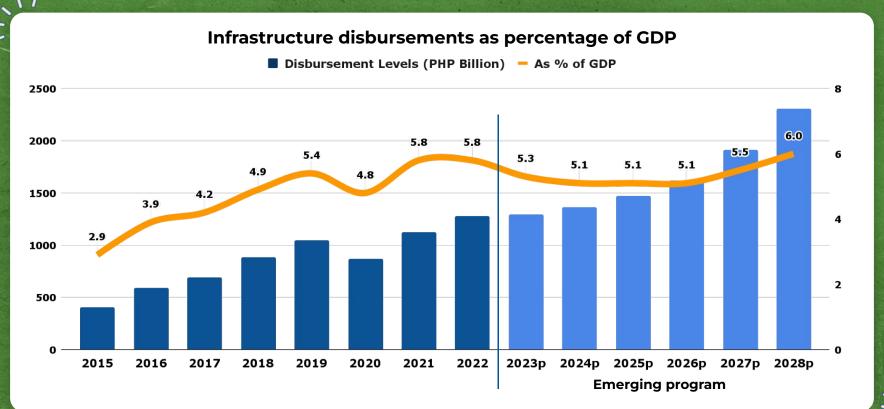
Ensure Food Security

- Fast-track consolidation/clustering or farms, labor, and other inputs to take advantage of economies of scale in production
- Formulation of the National Logistics Strategy (NLS), Food Logistics Plan, and the National Network of Farm-to-Market Roads Development Program
- Access to credit and insurance to MSMEs, fisherfolk, and farmers
- Address absence of modern ship port and facilities

Ensure Energy Security

- Ensure expeditious issuance of local permits for energy projects of national significance
- Accelerate renewable energy (RE) development to improve energy mix and formulation of strategic plan to ensure sustainable energy supply

Adequate public investment in infrastructure is required to boost productivity and growth



Physical and digital infrastructure investments to boost agricultural productivity and resiliency



Improve production efficiency through farm clustering or consolidation to take advantage of economies of scale



Enable the full adoption of modern agricultural and fishery technologies



197 Infrastructure Flagship Projects worth approximately USD 155 billion



More than USD 1.6 billion in ODA financing for agriculture-related programs and projects secured within the first year of the PBBM administration



EUR 150 million

Climate Change Action Program



USD 500 million Second subprogram of the Competitive and Inclusive Agriculture Development Program



USD 876 million

- Mindanao Inclusive Agriculture Development Project (MIADP)
- Philippine Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project (FISHCORE)
- Scale-Up of the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP)

New Agrarian Emancipation Act freed more than 600,000 agrarian reform beneficiaries of PHP 57 billion debt obligation









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