

COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF ITS BENEFICIARIES IN REGION X AND XI IN MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to determine the further effect on the beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). With the intent to conduct interviews with selected beneficiaries in Barangays classified as Agrarian Reform Communities from 2 different cities in Mindanao, Cagayan de Oro City and Davao City. This study assessed and determined the socioeconomic conditions of the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries in terms of their livelihood and income, access to health, and education. The study uses the KoboToolbox, a free and open online application source capable of a paperless household survey. Questionnaires for the survey are uploaded to the KoboToolbox server, which was derived from APIS (Annual Poverty Indicator Survey), and was slightly modified and enhanced to accommodate questions in relevance to the subject study. This online application tool will formulate an initial analysis from the field data in tables, graphs, and pies. Key informant interview with the select barangay officials and chairperson of the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries' Organizations and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) offices in Cagayan de Oro and Davao City was undertaken for additional qualitative data. The survey was conducted simultaneously in 2 different areas, with 12 respondents for the two cities. The field interview results were compared and concluded accordingly. The results of the study revealed a positive correlation between landownership and household welfare. Households who own land through the agrarian reform have improved welfare and less probability of being poor and better access to healthcare and education. Increased income is evident among the agrarian reform beneficiaries shown in this study. Resulting in ensuring food security and improving nutrition, thus promoting the overall health of the household members. The support services facilitated by DAR-CARP play an integral part in transitioning land distribution to land productivity and viability.

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