



Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Eastern Visayas (Region VIII)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC) VIII**

### **ISSUE BRIEF**

#### **I. Subject Matter**

Inclusive Growth Framework Policy Recommendations

#### **II. Agency Concerned**

Regional Development Council VIII (RDC VIII)  
National Economic Development Authority (NEDA)  
Dept. of Budget and Management (DBM)  
Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
Dept. of Finance – Bureau of Local Government Finance (DOF-BLGF)

#### **III. Background/Status**

In response to the endorsement by the RDC VIII Full Council last October 27, 2014 on the Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry – Eastern Visayas (PCCI-EV) resolution for the conduct of an Inclusive Growth Strategy Workshop, PCCI-EV, through its Business Recovery Center (BRC) and with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), conducted the series of consultative meetings and workshops with multiple stakeholders at all levels from November 2014 to July 2015. The inputs from these multi-stakeholder consultations led to the formulation of this proposed Inclusive Growth Framework Policy Recommendations.

The proposed Inclusive Growth Framework aims to help the RDC and planners at all levels (municipal/city, province, regional and national agencies) craft better focused, cohesive/interconnected, more resilient, realistic/relevant, inclusive, achievable and measurable development and investment plans to help address the alarmingly high poverty incidence throughout the region.

Based on the latest 2014 Report on the Regional Economic Performance of Eastern Visayas from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and NEDA released last July 30, 2015, Eastern Visayas has the worst gross regional domestic product (GRDP) among all regions in the entire country with **NEGATIVE 2.3 per cent (-2.3%)** -- a severe contraction compared to the low yet positive 4.5% GRDP in 2013. Agriculture and Fisheries suffered the largest contraction with a negative 2.8 per cent (-2.8%)



#### IV. Policy Consideration

The proposed Inclusive Growth Framework involves the following key policy recommendations, criteria, processes and methodologies:

- Use of consistent economic sector classification and data categorization standards by planners at all levels and in all agencies based on and as defined by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and NEDA
- Establish the current economic baselines per respective LGU level (barangay (if available), municipality/city, provincial and regional)
- Use of Household Income as the key indicator to measure the level of effectiveness/success of economic PPA's using the current regional Minimum Wage as the baseline
- Identify the Competitive Advantage/s per area, sector or per PPA
- Establish the level of Climate Change Resilience per economic PPA
- Classify the Types of Action per economic PPA as to whether it is based on Intensification, Expansion or Diversification.

##### A. IDENTIFY BASIC REALITIES: WHAT IS HINDERING/PUSHING INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN OUR AREA?

PUSHING FACTORS	HINDERING FACTORS	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (List existing factors/conditions that promote inclusive growth)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (List existing challenges/problems that block/hinder inclusive growth)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (List of possible solutions that address each hindering factor/condition)</li> </ul>

##### B. CREATE AN OPERATIONAL ACTION AGENDA

ACTION AGENDA (KRAs)	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	INDICATORS (quota/measures)	ACTION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES	TIMELINES	RESPONSIBLE PARTNERS	REQUIREMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List KRA's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List per KRA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household Income =&gt; Minimum Wage</li> <li>• Contribution Quota Targets per LGU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List specific AI's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short (up to 3 yrs)</li> <li>• Medium (up to 6 yrs)</li> <li>• Long (over 6 yrs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List implementing/ support partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List</li> </ul>



### C. CLASSIFICATION/PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA AND STRATEGIC OPTIONS

SECTORS	PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA			STRATEGIC OPTIONS	
	COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE	INCLUSIVENESS & CONTRIBUTION TO HOUSEHOLD INCOME	CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY	TYPE OF ACTION	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
AGRICULTURE / FISHERIES	High? Medium? Low? None?	High? Medium? Low? None?	High? Medium? Low? None?	Intensify? Expand? Diversify?	(List)
INDUSTRY / MANUFACTURING / PROCESSING					
TRADE & SERVICES					

### V. Action Desired

For RDC EDC VIII review, discussion and endorsement, subject to suggestions and revisions.

Presentation to RDC Full Council meeting for endorsement after suggestions and revisions have been incorporated from the respective RDC Sectoral Committees.



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