

## DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION, NGO AND PO TO COORDINATE COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS AND INTER-AGENCY BODIES

*ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6, July 17, 1998*

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WHEREAS, poverty alleviation is the main agenda of the present administration and requires the utmost attention of the President;

WHEREAS, there are several councils, commissions and inter-agency bodies of the government that address poverty alleviation;

WHEREAS, it is important that the activities of these councils, commissions and inter-agency bodies be coordinated and monitored to ensure compliance with Presidential directives and pronouncements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order councils, commissions and inter-agency bodies addressing poverty alleviation to coordinate with the Presidential Assistant for Poverty Alleviation, NGO and PO.

Hereunder is a preliminary list of these councils, commissions and inter-agency bodies, some of which are in the process of abolition or merger:

- Presidential Commission to Fight Poverty
- Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor
- Presidential Commission for Countryside Development
- National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
- National Anti-Poverty Commission
- Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
- Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program

These councils, commissions, and inter-agency bodies shall notify the said presidential assistant of their meetings, conferences or workshops and furnish copies of their reports to her. The presidential assistant shall attend such meetings, conferences or workshops to represent the Office of the President.

The presidential assistant shall be informed and notified of all meetings of these councils, commissions, inter-agency bodies with the President regarding poverty alleviation. In addition, the presidential assistant shall be informed and notified of all meetings with the President by other individuals, groups or associations representing business and civil society regarding poverty alleviation.

The presidential assistant shall report directly to the President.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA  
Executive Secretary

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