

WEE Project
Status of Priority Actions to Implement the Industry Cluster Plan, April – September 2018
as of October 16, 2018

Priority Areas	Outputs/Completed Activities As of October 2018	Remaining Actions/Targets		Remarks
		Outputs	Target Completion Date	
Identifying Priority Regions and Provinces				
Selected regions	9 priority regions approved by the PSC in May 2018 and validated by partners during the July 2018 inter-agency consultation workshop	No further action required	Not applicable (NA)	Completed
Selected provinces	29 provinces identified as target areas in priority regions	No further action required	NA	Completed
Selection Criteria of WMEs	No change made to the selection criteria	No further action required	NA	Completed
Completing the WME Profiles¹ by Cluster and by Region				
By Cluster	321 WMEs profiled in 7 priority regions Homestyle and Wearables (H&W): 115 Processed Fruits and Nuts (PF&N) and High Value Crops (HVC): 190 Coffee: 8 Cacao: 8	1,595 WME profiles completed by Cluster H&W: 622 PFN&HVC: 801 Coffee: 74 Cacao: 106	June 2019	Originally scheduled for September 2018 Slow progress; slippage due to (a) outdated contact info from the original database causing difficulties in locating the business, (b) heavy schedule of specific WMEs due to participation in local & regional trade fairs, (c) geographical distance to cover by ACs in on-site visits because partners could not provide new info, (d) very limited support given by partners to ACs. Slippage to June 2019 will be a challenge for FY 2018-2019 reporting

¹ WME Profiles provide information on the name of the WME, registration with government agencies, level of business, asset size, capitalization, products, type and number of workers, and needs.

				since the WME profiles provide the baseline information for monitoring the results of project interventions.
By Region	Completed Profiles Per Region CAR: 9 Region II: 45 Region III: 47 Region IVA: 70 Region V: Region VI: 42 Region VII: 0 Region VIII: 72 Region XI: 36	WME profiles completed by Region CAR: 156 Region II: 183 Region III: 211 Region IVA: 195 Region V: 332 Region VI: 188 Region VII: 157 Region VIII: 18 Region XI: 155	June 2019	Originally scheduled for September 2018 Except for Region VIII, all regions reported slow progress. Slippage due to the same reasons cited above.
Rolling out the industry cluster (IC) approach at the regional level				
Consultation/meeting with industry Cluster (IC) heads	Meeting of PCW Chair, management, WEE PMO) and DTI (IC Enhancement Coordinator and IC heads) on May 22, 2018 agreed on the industry cluster approach, the priority regions, and the conduct of an inter-agency consultation workshop.	No further action required	NA	Completed
Consultation/meeting with WEE project partners	Inter-agency consultation workshop with partners on July 5&6, 2018 discussed and agreed on: -28 target provinces; this is now 29 -updating of PMF indicators and targets -implementation structure -9,925 women comprising of direct (WMEs) and indirect (workers) beneficiaries -program map per industry cluster -flow of funds Summary of agreements shared with partners on July 23, 2018	No further action required	NA	Completed Consultation, however, is a continuing activity. During the period, July-September, consultations were held at the regional level.
Hiring of Local Area Coordinators and Clarifying their Respective Roles	Hired and briefed 7 of 8 Area Coordinators on their respective roles, including their specific assignments for the first three months, as follows:	No further action required	N/A	Completed

	<p>-completion and validation of profiles in collaboration with partner agencies; -technical assistance to partners in the development of work and financial plans; and -preparation of directory of product specialists, institutional buyers, etc.</p> <p>Area Coordinator assigned to Region 7 hired and started on October 1</p>			The hiring of the Area Coordinator for Region VII, originally scheduled for August 2018, slipped to October 2018. This slippage resulted in no progress related to WME profiling.
Agreement on the Implementation Structure	Implementation Structure agreed during the inter-agency consultation workshop including suggested revisions	No further action required	N/A	Completed
Implementation structure in place by region	29 regional agency partners expressed commitment in the industry cluster approach. Regional agency partners agreed to meet on a regular basis to ensure convergence of support to WMEs. These meetings will be coordinated by the Area Coordinators.	Regional inter-agency Consultation meeting in Region VII Region VII WME assembly covering the provinces of Bohol and Cebu	October 15, 2018 December 4-5, 2018 in Cebu	Partially completed except for Region VII
Addressing the Flow of Funds Issue				
Consultation/meeting with relevant government agencies	Meeting with officer from the Office of DBM Usec. Pascua on July 3, 2018 agreed that DBM will follow-up with the Treasury on the process of funds flow to the region	Updates from the DBM on its discussion with the Treasury	October 2018	Originally scheduled for August 2018 Slippage due to no action taken by DBM in its discussion with the Bu. Of Treasury. Conversation with PCW-Admin & Finance showed, COA directive to close all Trust Fund Accounts of all agencies will need to be followed.
Agreement on the flow of funds	Partner agencies agreed on the flow of funds to their respective agencies (direct to the region instead of to the national agencies) during the inter-agency consultation workshop	No further action required	NA	Completed

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in place, as needed	Six of 29 regional agency partners have existing agreements Ongoing is the development of work plans of the rest (23) of the regional agency partners which will be the basis of any funding support and will be attached to the MOA	Notarized signed MOAs	March 2019	Original schedule was August 2018 Slippage due to: (a) review process of regional partners takes time following their SOPs involving legal and finance teams; (b) their preferred option until December is to conduct activities with PCW-PMO paying directly to service providers or suppliers; (c) end-of-the year funds of partners are still available and they would prefer to use their program funds to meet their own utilization targets.
Completing the administrative and financial guides	Draft Administrative and Financial Guides and FAQs prepared and disseminated to partners for comments	Approved Final Draft of Administrative and Financial Management Guide and FAQs Final Guides and FAQs disseminated to partners	4th week of October 2018	Original schedule was August 2018 Slippage due to: (a) changes in the procurement processes as a result of direct payment option to regions, (b) transition into the GOP New Government Accounting System (using electronic systems) for PCW and Project Admin and Finance). Training of PCW staff happened only on 2 nd week of October.
Monitoring and Evaluation				
Review and update of the PMF: indicators and targets	Revised PMF completed (Oct 15 version) after a lengthy back-and-forth with the PTL and Monitor	No further action required from the PMO	N/A	Completed activity and output delivered

Redesign collection tools to match indicators	Following review and approval of the PMF, the following tools will be updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data collection tools for the use of LACs - WME Journal, initial draft used in two WME general assemblies in Regions VIII and II to gain WMEs' reception - WEE Tool - WME Database 	-WME Journal -WEE Tool -Updated data collection tool for Area Coordinators -WME Database	December 2018	Some progress achieved in terms of testing an initial draft of the tools which will inform its finalization. Original schedule for completion of the tools was September 2018 Slippage due to pending the approval of proposed PMF enhancement.
Disseminate and train partners and coordinators	Orient and train coordinators on the revised PMF and monitoring tools	Updated tools disseminated to WMEs and partners	January 2019	Originally targeted for September 2018, this will slipped to January 2019, as the revised PMF was recently found acceptable by GAC.
Results-based reporting (based on PMF) for the April-September 2018 semi-annual report	Site visits and interviews with selected WMEs (122) in the 9 regions that have received major interventions such as product development and market expansion, among other things, completed to gather data on results of project intervention and initial impact on the individual woman entrepreneur and the business	Mid-year Report (April-Sept 2018)	October 2018	On track
Inclusion of annual targets in the AWFP, 2018-2019	PMO reviewed and aligned the interventions in the Industry Program Map with the approved packages Partners have been reminded to submit their draft work and financial plans	October 2018 – March 2019 work plan	October 2018	As scheduled