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## FOREWORD

The Agricultural Indicators System (AIS) is one of the statistical indicator frameworks maintained by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). AIS has twelve (12) modules and these are updated and released annually. This is the eight module entitled Redistribution of Land. It provides information on accomplishment of Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) relative to the hectareage of land distributed and the number of farmer-beneficiaries. The reference years are 2013 to 2017.

The AIS hopes to cover more agricultural development indicators to support the information needs of our data users. We encourage the readers to give their comments and suggestions on the improvement of the AIS, in general, and this report, in particular.



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# REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND



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## Redistribution of Land

In 1972, the government through the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) started the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). The program refers to the distribution of the targeted scope of 5.164 million hectares of agricultural lands to landless farmers and farm workers transforming them into landowners. However, this target area for distribution was revised to 5.425 million hectares in January of 2017. The year-on-year rate of accomplishment of the program in terms of land distributed and number of farmer-beneficiaries denotes the rate of transfer of arable land to the ownership of qualified farmer-beneficiaries. This can serve as an indicator of the results of the government's efforts to improve the quality of life of the farmers and promote agriculture and rural development.

In 2017, a total of 28,403 hectares of agricultural lands was awarded to qualified farmers nationwide. This indicated an annual accomplishment rate of 0.52 percent of the CARP's national target area for distribution. At the regional level, the highest accomplishment rate in 2017 was recorded in SOCCSKSARGEN at 1.32 percent of the region's target, covering 9,640 hectares of distributed agricultural lands to farmer-beneficiaries. Western Visayas came next as it registered a 0.89 percent accomplishment rate equivalent to 5,070 hectares of distributed farmlands. Accomplishment rates of 0.48 percent to 0.67 percent were reported in Central Luzon, Bicol Region and Northern Mindanao with corresponding distributed agricultural land areas of more than 2,000 hectares each. Meanwhile, the least accomplishment with only one (1) hectare covered for land distribution was noted in ARMM (Tables 1a and 1b).

The country's total number of agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) figured to 34,572 in 2017. The biggest count of these beneficiaries was located in Western Visayas with 12,550 farmers, and they shared 36.30 percent in the total number of ARBs throughout the country. Higher number of ARBs was also found in SOCCSKSARGEN as there were 6,568 landless farmers who became landowners. This accounted for 19.00 percent of the national count. Central Luzon followed with 3,506 ARBs, Bicol Region with 2,303 ARBs and Eastern Visayas with 1,699 ARBs. Their respective shares to the national count of ARBs were 10.14 percent, 6.66 percent and 4.91 percent. On the other hand, the least number of beneficiaries was

reported in ARMM with only two (2) farmer-beneficiaries. It comprised 0.01 percent of the total number of beneficiaries in 2017.

Overall, the cumulative accomplishment of the DAR-CARP in land distribution from 1972 to 2017 reached 4.77 million hectares or 87.92 percent of the program's national target area of coverage of 5.425 million hectares. These benefitted a total of 2,841,680 landless farmers who were eventually transformed into owners of lands they are cultivating. Among regions, the biggest accomplishment in land distribution was achieved in Ilocos Region at 99.30 percent of the region's working scope. Other regions with high accomplishment rates in land distribution ranging from 94.04 percent to 96.90 percent were recorded in CAR, Central Luzon, MIMAROPA Region, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region and SOCCSKSARGEN. The least achievement was noted in ARMM at 66.59 percent of the region's targeted farm area for distribution.

The number of farmer-beneficiaries from 1972 to 2017 summed up to 2.84 million. Majority of the farmer-beneficiaries were reported in Western Visayas at 319,175, accounting for 11.23 percent of the national count of ARBs. The numbers of ARBs in SOCCSKSARGEN at 289,955 and in Central Luzon at 284,631 contributed around 10.00 percent each in the total ARBs. In contrast, CAR and ARMM had the least counts of ARBs at 81,600 and 70,561, respectively. Each accounted for less than 3.0 percent of the national count of farmer-beneficiaries (Tables 2a and 2b).

**Table 1a.**  
**Land distribution scope and percentage accomplishment of land distribution by region,**  
**Philippines, 2013-2017**

REGION	LAND DISTRIBUTION SCOPE (Ha.)	PERCENTAGE ACCOMPLISHMENT <sup>b/</sup>					
		1972-2017 <sup>a/</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Philippines	5,425,343	87.92	2.40	1.70	0.51	0.42	0.52
CAR	105,774	96.90	0.90	0.63	0.15	0.03	0.15
Ilocos Region	144,516	99.30	0.40	0.21	0.14	0.20	0.32
Cagayan Valley	417,740	87.83	1.30	0.54	0.29	0.22	0.20
Central Luzon	449,788	95.94	2.10	0.66	0.39	0.33	0.48
CALABARZON	218,503	86.94	2.40	2.20	0.85	0.67	0.31
MIMAROPA Region	190,936	94.49	2.20	0.32	0.32	0.26	0.22
Bicol Region	413,545	78.68	1.50	0.97	0.47	0.43	0.58
Western Visayas	566,852	72.72	1.50	0.93	1.00	0.67	0.89
Central Visayas	203,204	90.72	1.10	0.73	0.56	0.58	0.34
Eastern Visayas	494,005	87.80	0.10	0.08	0.20	0.17	0.29
Zamboanga Peninsula	238,273	96.06	0.80	0.93	0.34	0.28	0.24
Northern Mindanao	362,166	94.24	3.80	2.86	0.41	0.85	0.67
Davao Region	261,517	95.15	1.40	0.59	0.32	0.26	0.30
SOCCSKSARGEN	731,098	94.04	5.80	6.19	0.87	0.63	1.32
Caraga	294,654	92.09	4.60	2.95	0.49	0.47	0.23
ARMM	332,773	66.59	2.00	0.49	0.32	0.01	0.00

*a/ does not include non-CAR Pable portion*

*b/ percentage accomplishment =  $\frac{\text{land distributed in a given year}}{\text{targeted land distribution scope}} \times 100\%$*

*Source: Department of Agrarian Reform*



**Table 1b.**  
**Area of distributed lands by region, Philippines, 2013-2017**  
(in hectares)

REGION	1972-2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Philippines	4,769,983	125,561	92,199	27,670	22,735	28,403
CAR	102,496	974	667	162	36	161
Ilocos Region	143,510	632	309	196	292	465
Cagayan Valley	366,913	5,583	2,294	1,222	922	831
Central Luzon	431,537	9,068	2,880	1,753	1,502	2,143
CALABARZON	189,957	5,058	4,711	1,854	1,455	681
MIMAROPA Region	180,414	4,095	600	617	488	423
Bicol Region	325,373	6,226	4,093	1,924	1,787	2,395
Western Visayas	412,243	8,390	5,227	5,871	3,774	5,070
Central Visayas	184,350	2,238	1,484	1,130	1,176	695
Eastern Visayas	433,747	635	419	966	830	1,430
Zamboanga Peninsula	228,874	2,027	2,221	811	676	572
Northern Mindanao	341,312	14,176	10,581	1,476	3,090	2,422
Davao Region	248,828	3,685	1,534	833	692	793
SOCCSKSARGEN	687,490	42,125	44,592	6,341	4,587	9,640
Caraga	271,343	14,105	8,967	1,435	1,395	680
ARMM	221,595	6,543	1,622	1,078	32	1

*Source: Department of Agrarian Reform*

**Table 2a.**  
**Number of farmer-beneficiaries by region, Philippines, 2013-2017**

REGION	1972-2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Philippines	2,841,680	87,087	54,854	30,107	23,965	34,572
CAR	81,600	1,055	1,158	220	54	282
Ilocos Region	119,394	612	338	134	289	450
Cagayan Valley	212,163	4,118	1,771	1,357	1,121	771
Central Luzon	284,631	5,232	2,341	1,619	1,530	3,506
CALABARZON	124,739	2,579	3,345	1,693	985	1,252
MIMAROPA Region	130,835	1,805	793	803	777	562
Bicol Region	196,886	3,487	2,786	1,566	1,372	2,303
Western Visayas	319,175	7,358	5,854	13,161	8,805	12,550
Central Visayas	147,890	1,395	1,563	1,203	1,218	1,196
Eastern Visayas	197,044	364	543	681	808	1,699
Zamboanga Peninsula	131,348	1,186	1,239	553	533	552
Northern Mindanao	218,607	27,010	6,004	1,029	1,906	993
Davao Region	180,554	3,176	2,105	699	731	1,059
SOCCSKSARGEN	289,955	17,361	18,973	3,744	2,720	6,568
Caraga	136,298	7,831	5,363	1,142	1,102	827
ARMM	70,561	2,518	678	503	14	2

*Source: Department of Agrarian Reform*

**Table 2b.**  
**Percentage distribution of farmer-beneficiaries by region, Philippines, 2013-2017**

REGION	1972-2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Philippines	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
CAR	2.87	1.21	2.11	0.73	0.23	0.82
Ilocos Region	4.20	0.70	0.62	0.45	1.21	1.30
Cagayan Valley	7.47	4.73	3.23	4.51	4.68	2.23
Central Luzon	10.02	6.01	4.27	5.38	6.38	10.14
CALABARZON	4.39	2.96	6.10	5.62	4.11	3.62
MIMAROPA Region	4.60	2.07	1.45	2.67	3.24	1.63
Bicol Region	6.93	4.00	5.08	5.20	5.73	6.66
Western Visayas	11.23	8.45	10.67	43.71	36.74	36.30
Central Visayas	5.20	1.60	2.85	4.00	5.08	3.46
Eastern Visayas	6.93	0.42	0.99	2.26	3.37	4.91
Zamboanga Peninsula	4.62	1.36	2.26	1.84	2.22	1.60
Northern Mindanao	7.69	31.01	10.95	3.42	7.95	2.87
Davao Region	6.35	3.65	3.84	2.32	3.05	3.06
SOCCSKSARGEN	10.20	19.94	34.59	12.44	11.35	19.00
Caraga	4.80	8.99	9.78	3.79	4.60	2.39
ARMM	2.48	2.89	1.24	1.67	0.06	0.01

*Source: Department of Agrarian Reform*

## MODULES OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDICATORS SYSTEM

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