

## VISION

The ACPC is the institution on agri-credit policy and program development that promotes a sustainable and effective delivery of financial services to the countryside.

## MISSION

To develop and advocate agri-credit policies and orchestrate programs that promote farmers' and fisherfolk's access to sustained financial services.



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Delivery of Financial Services  
to the Countryside*



## ABOUT ACPC

The Agricultural Credit Policy Council or ACPC, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA), was created in 1986 by virtue of Executive Order 113.

Under EO 113, the ACPC is mandated to assist the DA in synchronizing all credit policies and programs in support of the DA's priority programs. In addition, the ACPC is in-charge of reviewing and evaluating the economic soundness of all on-going and proposed agricultural credit programs.

For this purpose, ACPC conducts policy research aimed at increasing the flow of credit to the agriculture and fisheries sector.

This is supported by ACPC's regular monitoring and evaluation activities aimed at promoting results-based management and accountability.

In 1992, under Republic Act 7607 or the Magna Carta of Small Farmers, the agency was additionally given the following mandates:

- To conduct institutional capacity building programs that transform farmer and fisherfolk organizations into financially viable entities,
- To undertake information dissemination activities to raise farmers' and fishers' awareness and improve their understanding of the initiatives and interventions being carried out by the agency, and
- To conduct special projects to promote and manage the implementation of innovative financing schemes for small farmers and fisherfolk, particularly those who lack collateral.

As a result of ACPC's policy advocacy work, a series of reforms in agricultural credit were introduced under Republic Act 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 or AFMA.

The AFMA's policy reforms require that all directed credit programs for agriculture of the government be phased-out; and that all the remaining loanable funds be collected and consolidated into the Agro-Industry Modernization Credit & Financing Program or AMCFP.

The ACPC oversees the AMCFP, which is the government umbrella credit program for agriculture and fisheries. To fulfill its mission, ACPC ensures the efficiency of its internal operations, including the management of its information systems, administrative functions, and financial resources.

Today, the ACPC remains steadfast in fulfilling its goal of developing of timely, responsive, sustainable and effective credit policies and programs for small farmers and fisherfolk, and their organizations.

## MAJOR FUNCTIONS

### POLICY RESEARCH

Conduct policy research to come up with timely and reliable recommendations on appropriate credit policies and programs for the agriculture and fisheries sector.

### ACTION RESEARCH

Conduct action research on innovative financing schemes for small farmers and fisherfolk.

### MONITORING

Regularly monitor the flow of credit to the agricultural sector particularly those provided by the banking sector including government credit, guarantee, insurance and capacity-building programs.

### PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Oversee the implementation of agricultural credit and guarantee programs to ensure that credit is truly made available and accessible to small farmers and fisherfolk.

### CAPACITY-BUILDING

Empower the rural finance sector by facilitating capability-building programs for rural financial institutions, including cooperatives and other people's organizations, and for individual farmers and fisherfolk.

### ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

Conduct advocacy and information dissemination activities to promote and generate greater awareness, understanding, acceptance and support for agri-credit policies and ACPC programs.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE

Determine organizational targets and success indicators to measure timeliness and quality of services and adhere to stakeholders, administrative, and legal requirements.

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Enhance operational efficiency through the adoption of information technology solutions.

## THE COUNCIL

The ACPC is governed by a Council composed of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) as Chair, the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as Vice-Chair, the Secretaries of the Department of Finance (DoF), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as Members.



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