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2B The Philippines' Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) is trying to find ways to keep the sugar industry alive as more and more farmers shift to working in other industries with better pay.

In an interview with SRA administrator Hermenegildo Serafica, he said the agency had to make adjustments on its production outlook this year as reports from different provinces showed the country's sugar producers are gradually leaving the sector.

"Almost all our milling districts right now are affected with the infrastructure project, especially the cane cutters. If you are a cane cutter, you will opt to work in the 'Build, Build, Build' since the salary is bigger," he said.

The 'Build, Build, Build' infrastructure programme is one of the main programs of the Duterte administration, where a total of 75 flagship projects worth a combined total of \$36 billion in investments are to be put up in various parts of the country.

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