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Subject: Implementing Guidelines for the High Yield Technology Adoption for Inbred Rice Project (HYTA-IBD)

I. PROJECT PURPOSE

The project aims to help enhance competitiveness of the country in rice production by expanding utilization of high quality seeds (HQS) of inbred rice varieties most appropriate for specific location and season to obtain an average yield of at least 5 metric tons per hectare of dry palay by end of 2022-2023 Dry Season.

II. PROJECT SCOPE

A. Project Duration:

To start in the Wet Season of 2018 and shall continue until the Dry Season of 2022-2023 thus covering the rice plantings from March 16, 2018 to March 15, 2023.

B. Project Coverage:

1. HYTA-IBD project zones shall be delineated within all rice producing provinces (Refer to Annex: List of Priority Provinces for Promotion of High Yielding Inbred Rice). Seed subsidy and related interventions under this project shall be more extensive in the rice producing provinces not yet tagged as priority for hybridization.
2. Main project zones shall consist of generally contiguous irrigated lowland rice farms. Rainfed lowland rice farms with reliable water supply during targeted crop seasons shall be delineated as separate project zones.

III. PROJECT FEATURES

1. Only tagged certified seeds (CS) of National Seed Industry Council (NSIC)-registered rice varieties that are recommended jointly by Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and the DA-Regional Field Offices (RFOs) for the locality and season shall be provided under this project. Farmers' choice shall also be a consideration. The seeds shall be at 40 kilograms per hectare when manually transplanted. Quantity provided shall be adjusted if mechanical crop establishment is adopted. Smaller bags of 10 kg and 20 kg can be also made available. Individual rice farmers shall be engaged as recipients and must be registered in the field registry.
2. The Rice Crop manager (RCM) and/or soil analysis recommendations shall be the basis of NPK fertilizer levels in each farm lot within each cluster. Soil ameliorants may also be provided as DA grant.
3. All participating farmer-cultivators shall be required to attend project briefings, harvest festivals and other project-related activities.

IV. PROJECT SCHEMES

The following schemes may be simultaneously implemented in a region, province, or HYTA-IBD zone:

1. HYTA-IBD Grant, Recovery and Roll Over (GRR) Scheme

This is the recommended scheme. Only the recommended quantity of inbred seeds shall be provided under this scheme. Other material inputs and assistance may be provided thru complementary interventions. This scheme shall be adopted when expanding on-going HQS inbred GRR sites. This scheme is also recommended when inbred seed reserves are utilized before it losses acceptable viability. This scheme shall also be followed when using inbred HQS procured with budget savings.

Following are the implementation details for this scheme:

- a. RFO with Provincial/Municipal Local Government Unit (LGU) shall identify and brief the community based institutional partner.
- b. LGU shall prepare plans and organize farm clusters and sub clusters (if needed for large clusters) of farmer recipients with the community based institutional partner. Technical briefings on inbred rice technologies will be conducted and Rice Crop Manager (RCM) and/or soil analysis recommendations shall be generated. Moreso, enrolled farm lots will be verified by RFO.
- c. RFO shall procure and grant inbred seeds of appropriate NSIC-recommended variety/ies.
- d. The institutional partner, thru the assistance of RFO, may secure credit financing programs or grant for other inputs especially fertilizers from other entities.
- e. Institutional partner shall loan out the granted seeds to farmer-recipients with written repayment agreement.
- f. Farmer-recipients shall repay the loan to institutional partner upon harvest. Failure to do so shall exclude them from the succeeding GRR Projects until the payment has been settled.
- g. At start of second season, institutional partner shall procure inbred seeds and loan out to the same farmer following the same procedure.
- h. RFO shall assist participating farmers for crop insurance coverage.
- i. RFO with Municipal LGU and institutional partner should ensure that the farmer recipients is prepared to shift to self-financing or to credit access by the end of the project duration.
- j. The community-based institutional partner shall utilize recovered funds for other intervention after the implementation of GRR.

2. HYTA-IBD Credit and Crop Insurance Assistance (CCIA) Scheme

This Scheme will be facilitated by Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) under the Production Loan Easy Access (PLEA) Program.

V. Monitoring and Reporting Scheme

1. The Municipal Agriculture Office, assisted by the RFO and assigned Local Farmer Technicians (LETs), shall undertake the gathering of necessary data.
2. The National Rice Program Secretariat shall establish an information and monitoring system.

VI. Supplemental Guidelines

The DA RFOs and DAF-ARMM are authorized to formulate supplemental guidelines to address peculiar situations and ensure achievement of the project objectives. Supplemental guidelines shall require approval of the National Rice Program Coordinator.

All previous issuances including supplemental guidelines of Regional Field Offices inconsistent herewith are superseded by this Memorandum Order and this shall take effect upon approval and remain valid until revoked in writing.



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