



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Memorandum Order

No. 79

Series of 2020

Subject : Amendment to the Memorandum Order No. 52 Series of 2020 or the Implementing Guidelines for Rice Resiliency Project II

In order for the smoother and more efficient implementation of the Rice Resiliency Project II (RRP II), the following items are hereby amended:

II. Targets

Attached is the disaggregated targets by region for RRP II (Annex C)

IV. Project Scope

The project will be implemented in the 2020-2021 dry season cropping in 15 regions and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) with rice-producing provinces/municipalities. Covered rice areas are the irrigated and rainfed lowland in RCEF and non-RCEF areas.

V. Project Implementation

Accredited partner dealers, distributors and FCAs may be collectively termed as "merchant/s" during the implementation of the RRP II.

C. Fertilizer Component

Fertilizer Distribution Modalities. The different fund sources that would be utilized for the implementation of RRP II fertilizer support requires to have multiple distribution modalities. For funds which allowed fertilizer procurement prior to the onset of the Dry Season crop, (e.g. NRP regular funds and a portion of the RRP I unutilized allotment) fertilizers would be distributed in kind following the scheme of 2 bags/ha for inbred and 3 bags/ha for hybrid.

Partner Dealer/Distributor/FCA Accreditation

Item No. 3. Has a capacity to provide for the equipment such as phones/tablets operating on android system version 6 and above, internet connectivity and manpower for facilitating online transactions.

Item No. 5. For merchants with multiple branches, all of the branches shall be required to attend training on voucher management platform conducted by ICTS and be subjected to regional accreditation. The accreditation certificate issued to the branches, however, would have a different numbering system.

D. Voucher Process

In lieu of the official receipts, a sales invoice may be issued and submitted by the accredited dealers, distributors and FCAs. For those who used a charge invoice as proof of transaction, sales invoice, collection receipt or other proof of settlement shall be issued once payment was made. Both charge invoice and the corresponding sales invoice, collection receipt or proof of settlement shall be collected and provided to LGUs.

Item No. 2. DA-RFO will encode the masterlist obtained from LGU (MA/CA), excluding those who already have received fertilizer in kind. The following rules will be implemented:

- a. For RFOs that can provide middle names, they may encode the full middle name, otherwise middle initials will suffice.
- b. For farmer-beneficiaries with no registered middle name in their birth certificate, the term "NMN" will be used and indicated in the masterlist.
- c. Shortened names such as Sto. For Santo, Sta. for Santa, Ma. for Maria and others will be accepted provided that the same is indicated in their birth certificate and identification card.
- d. For names of beneficiaries containing special characters aside from dash (-), the merchant shall consider the following character replacement:

Special Character	To be Replaced with
"Ñ" and "ñ" e.g. "Peña"	"N" and "n" e.g. "Pena"
Period (.) e.g. Sto. Niño	Space () e.g. Sto Nino
Other characters such as apostrophe ('); comma (,) and others e.g. O'brien	Space () e.g. O brien

- e. For encoding addresses, the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) shall be followed. For details, access the data thru the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) website: <https://psa.gov.ph/classification/psgc/>.

This digital version of the masterlist, to include the amount that the farmer is entitled to claim (based on his/her production area), shall be used as a transaction file. To facilitate fast accomplishment of this task, DA-RFOs are authorized to hire encoders for this purpose.



Item No. 3. DA-RFOs shall submit the transmit transaction files in CSV format to DA-Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) by batch. Each batch shall be on a per province basis. DA-ICTS shall conduct review, data cleaning and crossmatching of the submitted transaction files. Problems encountered in data shall be returned by ICTS to the concerned DA-RFO for correction also by batch.

Item No. 6. Farmer-beneficiaries shall personally bring the printed voucher, the reference code, the QR code, or RSBSA number together with proof of identification to accredited partner fertilizer dealers, distributors or FCAs, in purchasing fertilizer. In cases when a farmer-beneficiary could not personally appear and utilize the voucher due to health reasons and other special cases like quarantine restrictions, representatives shall be allowed to use the voucher, provided that: (i) said request shall be duly approved and with the conformity of an authorized DA-RFO official; and (ii) with the submission of the supporting documents by the designated authorized representative/s such as authorization letter and photocopy of the farmer-beneficiary and representative's ID.

Item No. 7. Offline transactions for RRP II will be excluded in the modalities in using vouchers for the claiming of fertilizers.

Item No. 8 For capturing proof of transaction, the first photo must show a picture of the farmer with the purchased fertilizer, while the second photo must include (1) farmer-beneficiary's signature, (2) his/her ID and (3) official receipt/sales invoice/charge invoice.

For cases where representatives are sent to utilize the voucher, the 2nd photo must also include the (4) authorization letter and (5) ID of the said representative.

Item No. 11. Accounts for reported deceased beneficiaries shall be cancelled and replaced by the eligible and registered beneficiary to be requested by the RFOs to DA FOS. Approved request shall be forwarded by DA FOS to DA-ICTS for issuance of new voucher for the replacement.

Accounts for a beneficiary whose data entries in the system show discrepancy, merchant shall release the assistance only upon presentation of certification of one-and-the-same identity of the beneficiary to be issued by the DA RFO , and immediately report to DA FOS and DA ICTS of the data discrepancy which shall be corrected as soon as the correct details of the beneficiary are provided. Template of the certificate is provided in Annex D.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All other Orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 22nd day of December, 2020.


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Annex D.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Mr./Ms./Mrs. _____ whose name/date of birth/gender appears as _____ in the Farmers and Fisherfolk Registry System (FFRS) and Voucher Management System (VMP) of the Department of Agriculture is one and the same person.

Further, this is to endorse the correct name/date of birth/gender of the abovementioned person as _____ .

Issued this _____ day of _____ at _____

Certified by:

[SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME]
[POSITION OF PERSON ISSUING CERTIFICATION]

**Annex C
Regional Targets for the Rice Resiliency Project II**

Region	Target Area DS 2020-2021 (in ha)	Inbred Seeds	Budget	Hybrid Seeds	Budget	Fertilizer	Budget	Total Input Budget	Program Management	Total Budget
		In '000 bags	In '000 PHP	In '000 bags	In '000 PHP	In '000 bags	In '000 PHP	In '000 PHP	In '000 PHP	In '000 PHP
TOTAL	2,022,033	225	342,610	479	2,393,935	1,609	1,642,006	4,378,550	121,450	4,500,000
CAR	45,500	6	8,360	11	57,440	29	29,187	94,987	10,004	104,991
Region I	106,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,709	6,709
Region II	307,000	-	-	119	592,850	25	24,586	617,436	9,410	626,846
Region III	347,984	-	-	112	559,830	347	300,167	859,997	20,951	880,948
Region IV-A	56,600	25	38,380	1	7,360	51	52,957	98,697	6,932	105,629
Region IV-B	125,000	19	28,272	40	200,065	-	-	228,337	9,680	238,017
Region V	166,200	20	30,400	37	184,115	313	355,636	570,151	18,095	588,246
Region VI	228,998	-	-	28	140,880	-	-	140,880	6,615	147,495
Region VII	47,500	-	-	5	23,385	6	6,679	30,064	2,997	33,061
Region VIII	116,500	38	57,760	18	88,650	200	229,949	376,359	10,625	386,984
Region IX	72,000	20	30,400	20	100,375	84	92,859	223,634	7,800	231,434
Region X	70,700	-	-	30	150,000	81	81,126	231,126	3,480	234,606
Region XI	53,000	-	-	16	78,775	93	93,047	171,822	-	171,822
Region XII	139,900	46	70,376	18	90,370	93	92,600	253,346	4,750	258,096
Region XIII	91,800	25	37,620	4	19,840	173	169,210	226,670	2,380	229,050
BARMM	47,001	27	41,042	20	100,000	114	114,002	255,044	1,022	256,065