



**FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

RCEF

**MECHANIZATION
PROGRAM**



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WHAT IS THE PROCESS FLOW OF THE MECHANIZATION PROGRAM?

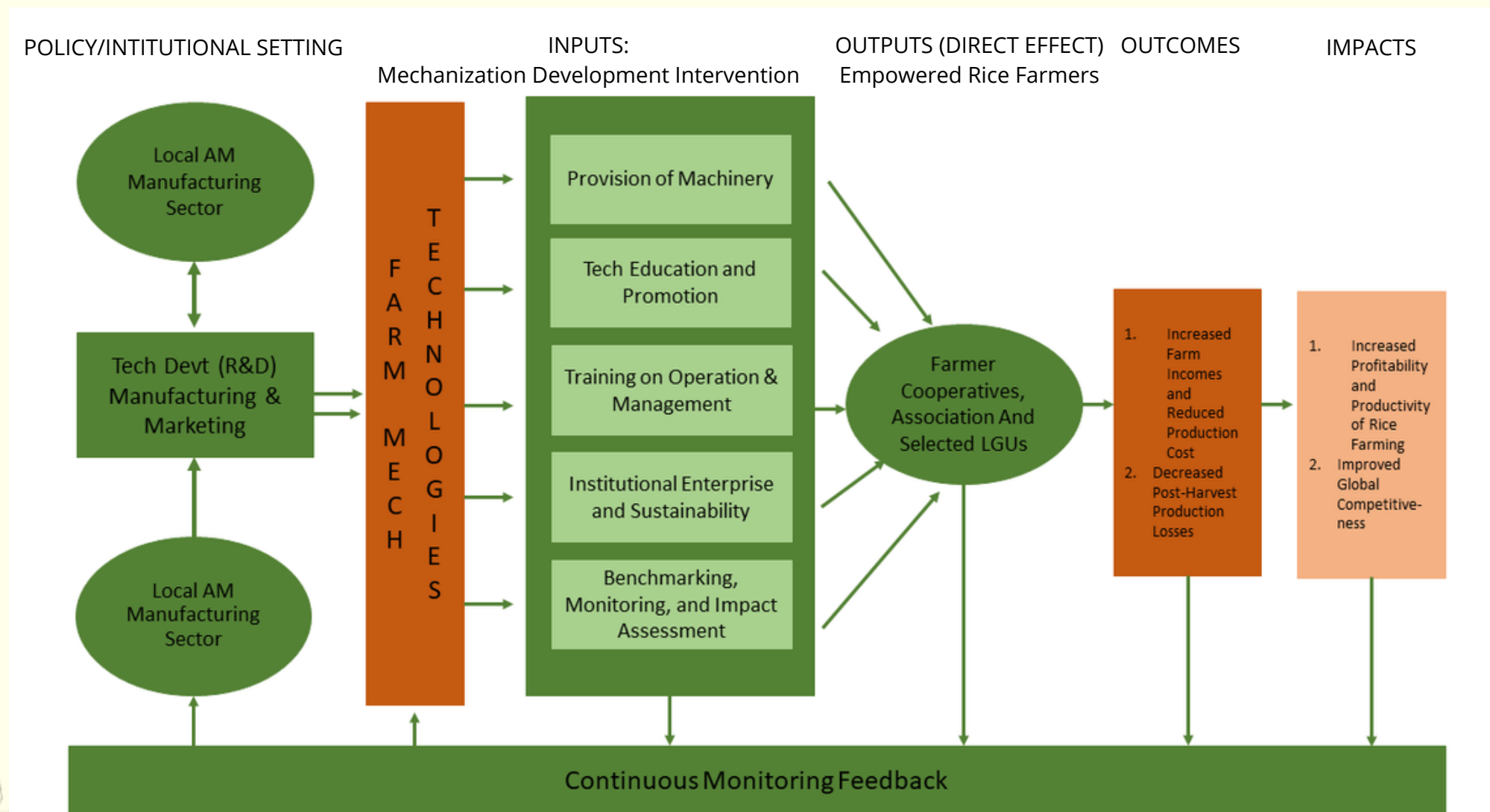


Figure 1. Conceptual Paradigm RCEF Mechanization Program





HOW IS THE DISTRIBUTION DONE?

ALLOCATION

- Every year 1,200 to 1,600 farm machinery will be distributed to Rice Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs)
- The FCAs with good performance can be selected again for the distribution of their lacking farm machinery
- The allocation of machinery is based on the urgency and needs of the FCAs

PRIORITIZATION

- Provinces and municipalities that are considered rice-producing based on the Philippine Rice Industry Road Map
- FCAs that are lacking with farm machinery





WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE RCEF MECHANIZATION PROGRAM?

The expected benefits of using farm machinery particularly for the famer-beneficiaries are as follows:

- to reduce the cost of production of rice Php2 - Php3/kg through the use of accurate, effective, and complete set of machinery
- to reduce postharvest losses by 3-5% through the use of appropriate and efficient postharvest machinery





WHAT ARE THE NEEDED DOCUMENTS TO BECOME A BENEFICIARY OF THE RCEF MECHANIZATION PROGRAM?

- Letter of Intent and resolution from the Farmer's Cooperative and Association (FCAs) stating the need for the machinery and agreeing to allocate a shed for the farm machinery
- Proof of Accreditation from the Department of Agriculture
- Information regarding the Farmer Cooperative and Association:
 - List of members and their corresponding total land area in hectares
 - List of machinery already received and other information deemed necessary





WHAT ARE SOME OF THE FARM TECHNOLOGIES DISTRIBUTED IN THE PROGRAM?

- AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR
 - FARM TILLER RICE SEEDER
 - RICE TRANSPLANTER
 - IRRIGATION PUMP
 - SMALL SOLAR IRRIGATION
 - RICE THRESHER
 - RICE HARVESTER
 - RICE REAPER
 - MECHANICAL RICE DRYER
 - RICE MILL
 - OTHER MACHINERIES
- NECESSARY FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF FARM
MECHANIZATION





WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE RCEF MECHANIZATION PROGRAM?

It aims to improve the farmers' income, yield, and ability to compete globally through the access and use of appropriate mechanization technologies from planting to postharvest

GOALS:

- Introduce and promote the use of cost-efficient farm machinery
- Incentivize manufacturers of farm mechanization through aggressive improvement, production, and implementation of technologies
- Allow access and use of appropriate farm machinery from planting to postharvest through the help of Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs)





WHO IMPLEMENTS THE PROGRAM?

The Department of Agriculture through the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech), in cooperation with DA-RFOs and Local Government Units, is tasked to implement and distribute farm machinery to qualified Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) and LGUs.

DA-PHilMech, with the help of DA-RFOs, ATI, TESDA, and LGUs, is also tasked to conduct seminars and training courses for the selected beneficiaries.



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 - 3rd Floor, ATI Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City
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 - Fax No.: (02) 926-8159
- Cagayan de Oro Liaison Office
 - BPI Compound, Macabalan, Cagayan de Oro City
 - Tel. No.: (088) 880-5824
- Davao Liaison Office
 - 3rd Floor, DA-RFO XI Building, Bangoy St., Davao City
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WHAT IS THE RCEF MECHANIZATION PROGRAM?

One of the components of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund is mechanization which aims to help Filipino farmers to become globally competitive, improve farming system, and quality of service through the strengthened access and use of appropriate mechanization technologies awarded in the program.



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WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM?

All the current and active member of registered and legitimate
Rice Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs)

All Rice FCAs must also be accredited by the Department of
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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COOPERATIVES AND ASSOCIATIONS TO BECOME A BENEFICIARY OF THE PROGRAM?

- Regular members must have a total land area not less than 50 hectares
- The suggested location of farmer machinery facility and distribution must be located in a Barangay with 100 hectares or more
- Has the capacity to maintain and facilitate the use of farm machinery and has the willingness to be trained
- Willing to allot a machinery shed or garage as one of their tasks being part of the program
- Willing to participate in the program based on its objectives
 - Follow the cost of service
 - Facilitate and participate in the program with favorable attitude
 - Attend activities that will improve their knowledge and skills
- Willing to follow the goals and vision of the program

