



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 455  
Series of 2021

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT  
FUND CONVERGENCE CORE GROUP**

In support to the implementation of Republic Act 11203, "An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and other Purposes", specifically Section 13 – Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), and RCEF-Convergence Core Group (CCG) shall be created.

The RCEF-CCG shall manage the overall planning, operationalization, and integration of activities/interventions for all the converged project of RCEF.

The CCG shall be composed of the following:

**Team Leader** : DA Undersecretary for Operations  
**Co-Team Leader** : DA Field Operations Service Director  
**Team Member** :  
**Mechanization:** Engr. Aldrin V. Badua, PHILMech  
Engr. Genaro M. Tolentino - *Alternate*  
**Seed:** Mr. Rizal G. Corales, PhilRice  
Mr. Marlon A. Labuguen - *Alternate*  
**Extension:** Dr. Rosana P. Mula, ATI  
Mr. Joshua Ace J. Marcos - *Alternate*  
**Credit:** AVP Edgardo S. Luzano, LBP  
Mr. Laurence L. Hidalgo - *Alternate*  
AVP Rallen O. Verdadero, DBP  
Ms. Gracely Lux G. Itum - *Alternate*  
**Secretariat** : DA Philippine Integrated Rice Program

**FUNCTIONS:**

A. The RCEF-CCG shall:

- Coordinate joint planning and implementation of the RCEF convergence program;
- Validate the identified areas of RCEF convergence program.
- Facilitate the RCEF convergence program among validated identified areas;
- Provide consolidated updated and reports to the DA Secretary, through RCEF-National Program Coordinating Team (NPCT); and
- Assist in the over-all RCEF convergence technical, financial, and administrative management.

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B. The RCEF-CCG Secretariat shall:

- Consolidate the annual work and financial plan and accomplishments of the RCEF convergence to be submitted to RCEF-NPCT;
- Coordinate with the RCEF-CCG members for RCEF convergence related activities;
- Prepare general RCEF documents/ correspondence.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of CCG activities shall be charged to the available funds of the respective agencies.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force unless revoked in writing.

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary 

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