



MEMORANDUM ORDER

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON CORN PRODUCTION
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CPEP) FOR CY 2023 IN SOCCSKSARGEN**

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. The Corn Enhancement Production Program (CPEP) shall commence on the 2023 planting season under the Production Support Services (PSS) of Regional Corn Program XII;
2. Distribution of quality corn seeds and fertilizers shall be done through the active corn cluster organization, LGU identified alliances and conduit credit cooperative willing to extend production loan assistance to farmer members;
3. The active corn cluster organization shall be eligible upon meeting the following requirements:
 - 3.1 Shall be a farmer association/cooperative/federation duly registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)/Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)/Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)/Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
 - 3.2 Currently engaged in corn production with minimum corn production are of 200 hectares; *and*
 - 3.3 Preferably, the corn cluster has the capacity to lend/borrow fund to its members that shall be utilized for the procurement of inorganic fertilizers aside from the subsidy from the program to meet recommended Site Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM) fertilizer rate
4. Each farmer-beneficiary shall receive 18 kilograms of GM yellow and white hybrid corn seeds, 2 bags of inorganic fertilizer (Urea and Complete) and 5 packs of Bio-N Fertilizers;
5. The farmer beneficiary must be registered in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and with minimum one (1) hectare corn area;
6. National and Local Financing Institutions will be tapped to facilitate the farmers access to credit to support increase corn production;

II. OBJECTIVES

1. To increase production of quality corn that are safe for human consumption, feeds and industrial uses through improved technologies thereby increases farmer's income and improved quality of life
2. To attain production per hectare from 3.07 t/ha to 5.0 t/ha for yellow corn and 2.03 t/ha to 4.0 t/ha for white corn in close coordination and partnership with the PLGUS/LGUs, active corn cluster and lending conduit farmer cooperative as well as other financing institutions

III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. DA-RFO XII – Corn Program

1. Review and assess the pertinent documents submitted by the Local Government Units on their endorsement of validated corn clusters;
2. Procure the following agricultural inputs and will be distributed to identified corn cluster organization in accordance with the with the RA 9184, Government Procurement Act;
 - Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Two (60,402) bags of GM Yellow Hybrid Corn Seeds amounting to Php 335,621,000.00
 - Seven Hundred Four (704) bags of Hybrid White Corn Seeds amounting to Php 4,224,000.00
 - Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Five (30,905) bags of 46-0-0 (Urea) amounting to Php 78,807,750.00
 - Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Five (30,905) bags of 14-14-15 (Complete) amounting to Php 78,807,750.00
 - One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand and Five Hundred Fifty (154,550) Packs of Bio-N fertilizer amounting to Php 15,455,000.00
3. Ensure the OPV and GM/Hybrid corn seeds are stored in sealed containers having the initial moisture content of less than or equal to 12% to guarantee the viability of seeds to be distributed to farmer-beneficiaries;
4. Gather relevant data from the previous cropping prior and after the utilization of the seeds and fertilizers provided to assess project performance or activity distribution;
5. Intensify partnership to PLGUs/LGUs and other industry player for counter parting scheme of this program;
6. Provide technical assistance on the proper utilization of seeds and fertilizers and to ensure that the interventions will be distributed and planted on time;
7. Undertake regular monitoring and regular reporting of the project implementation.

B. Local Government Unit – Municipal Agriculture Office

1. Take the lead in the validation of active corn growers in partnership with cluster officers and endorse the identified corn cluster organizations to Department of Agriculture XII;
2. Assist in the identification best performing corn seed varieties in the in their respective Municipality;
3. Assist the cluster in the positioning and distribution of agricultural inputs to the corn farmer beneficiaries;
4. Submit on time the pre-master list, signed acknowledgement receipts and client satisfactory feedback (CSF) form;
5. Provide technical assistance on updated appropriate corn production technologies and utilization of the interventions;
6. Supervise the proper implementation of the program and provide a report to the Provincial Agriculturist Office and DA RFO XII;

C. Cluster and Farmer Beneficiaries

1. Provide copy of SEC/DOLE or CDA certificate to MLGU and assist identification active tillers and corn planter for March and May 2023;
2. Assist the MLGU in the identification of farmer beneficiaries;
3. Assist in the positioning and distribution of agricultural inputs;
4. Allow DA RFO XII and M/CLGU to visit the corn production areas in order to assess the performance of the program;
5. Spearhead in the monthly project monitoring of the area assisted by the technical staff from OPAG & OMAG to ensure proper documentation of the progress and accomplishment of the project;
6. Provide information/data, and other pertinent documents (e.g. previous cost of production, CSF forms and regular report on the status of seeds and fertilizer utilization to cluster organizations.
7. In the event that the beneficiaries will not be able to claim the agricultural inputs in the distribution schedule due to emergency purposes or equally important activities, the authorize representative shall bring the following documents:
 - Original authorization letter signed by the beneficiary
 - One (1) original identification cards of beneficiary and authorize person (*make sure that ID is not expired during the distribution date*)
 - One (1) photocopy of the valid ID with three specimens (beneficiary and authorize person)
 - Please see **Annex A** the list of government issued IDs and **Annex B** for the format of the Authorization Letter

8. Upon completion of the document stated above, the representative will claim the agricultural inputs and sign the Acknowledgement Receipt in behalf of the beneficiary.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this 13th day of March, 2023.


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