

SPECIAL ORDER

No.: <u>247</u> Series of 2023



SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT "TRAINING ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES FOR COFFEE FOR THE PROPONENT GROUPS (PGs) OF MINDANAO" ON MARCH 27-31, 2023

In the interest of service and as part of the continuous provision of technical assistance to the project beneficiaries, the Philippine Rural Development Project – Rural Agri-fishery Enterprise and Productivity Enhancement, component of the PRDP-Investments for Rural Enterprise and Agricultural and Fisheries Productivity (I-REAP), is hereby authorized to conduct the "Training on Good Agricultural Practices for Coffee for the proponent groups of Mindanao" on March 27-31, 2023 in Sultan Kudarat.

This activity aims to develop the knowledge and skills of the Proponent Groups, partner implementers, and individual farmers on good agricultural practices for coffee to improve quality and generate higher incomes. Specifically, the training will be able to enhance the knowledge and skills of coffee farmer beneficiaries on proper coffee production, postharvest and processing management protocols, introduce and cascade the Coffee Mentorship Strategy of the USAID-funded project Philippine Coffee Advancement and Farm Enterprise (PhilCAFE) to proponent groups and capacitate the farmers to qualify and enter local or international coffee competition to add more value for their coffee beans.

The authorized participants of the training are composed of forty-eight (48) individual farmers and seven (7) project implementers from Regional Project Coordination Offices, Project Support Offices, and National Project Coordination Office (NPCO).

Resource persons from ACDI/Voca , PhilCAFE, and Coffee Collective of the Philippine will facilitate and moderate the said activity.

The expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the activity, such as meals, honoraria for the resource persons, accommodation, travel expense, and vehicle rental from the hotel venue to the farm area for the on-site field demo, and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against PRDP-NPCO I-REAP funds, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and considered revoked upon the completion of the training. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 2nd day of March 2023.

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