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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL RICE PROGRAM - FERTILIZER ASSISTANCE FOR RICE FARMERS IN NORTHERN MINDANAO

I. RATIONALE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Among the priority commodities for the increase in local food production is the country's food staple - rice. To increase farm productivity and crop yield, the Department of Agriculture (DA) promotes the use of high-quality seeds and appropriate fertilizer application.

The DA recognizes the importance of fertilizer application in order to fully maximize the yield potential of a crop or plant. The fertilizer distribution has been one of the activities supported in recent years by the National Rice Program to aid farmers in increasing farm productivity and income.

The DA, through the National Rice Program, continues to utilize innovative means of providing farmers access to agricultural inputs including fertilizer. Thus, the creation of the Fertilizer Assistance for Rice Farmers for 2023 Wet Season and 2023 - 2024 Dry Season.

II. OBJECTIVES

This program aims to augment the fertilizer applied by farmers for rice production in the targeted areas through the distribution of fertilizer assistance in the form of inorganic fertilizer.

III. SCOPE

This program shall cover fertilizer assistance under the Production Support Services starting 2023 Wet Season and 2023 - 2024 Dry Season in rice-producing cities and municipalities of Northern Mindanao.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME

A. Program Variables

The fertilizer subsidy will be procured through competitive bidding in accordance with the Government Procurement Law (RA 9184). Once procured, the inorganic fertilizer will be delivered on-site to the target cities and municipalities. Thereafter, the inorganic fertilizer will be distributed to the intended eligible rice farmer-beneficiaries in conformance with appropriate claiming procedure.



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The following details shall be followed in the distribution of the fertilizer:

Area	Hybrid Rice		Inbred Rice
	Complete (14-14-14) Fertilizer (kg)	Urea Fertilizer (46-0-0) (kg)	Urea Fertilizer (46-0-0) (kg)
>.10 - 0.25	12.5kg	25kg	25kg
>.26 - 0.50	25kg	50kg	50kg
>0.56 - 0.75	37.5kg	75kg	75kg
>0.76-1.00	50kg	100kg	100kg
>1.10 - 1.25	62.5kg	125kg	125kg
>1.26 - 1.50	75kg	150kg	150kg
>1.56 - 1.75	87.5kg	175kg	175kg
>1.76 - 2.00	100kg	200kg	200kg
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As part of the inorganic fertilizer assistance, eligible rice farmer beneficiary will receive a maximum of 100 kilograms or 2 bags of urea (46-0-0) inorganic fertilizer per hectare regardless of the seed class planted (Hybrid/Inbred). However, the Rice Program incurred savings from the procurement of urea (46-0-0) fertilizer, the fund balance was utilized to procure complete (14-14-14) inorganic fertilizer which can only accommodate farmers planting hybrid rice. Thus, farmer planting hybrid rice has additional allocation of 1 bag complete (14-14-14) inorganic fertilizer.

In order to facilitate the necessary preparations, the Rice Program will base the number of bags to be distributed on the submitted liquidation lists from the Office of the City / Municipal Agriculturist.



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Only farmers that are registered under the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) and encoded in the Farmers and Fisherfolk Registry System (FFRS) shall be eligible to receive this support. Farmer-beneficiaries will be extracted using Farmers Interventions Monitoring System (FIMS) using the Fertilizer Support module.

The area shall be based on the actual area planted reflected in the liquidation list of seed beneficiaries. Should the actual area or intended area for planting exceed the area reflected in the encoded FFRS, the area registered in the FFRS shall be followed.

B. Claiming of Fertilizers

Farmer-beneficiaries shall personally bring their **valid government proof of identification** in the claiming of fertilizers (attached in Annex A).

In cases when a farmer-beneficiary could not personally appear and claim the fertilizer assistance due to health reasons, senior (age 60 and above), pregnant, with different disabilities (PWD), deprived of liberty (PDL), or working overseas (OFW) or in other parts of the country and any other cases as may be approved by the head of the National Rice Program, authorized representatives shall be allowed to claim the said fertilizers, by providing: (i) an authorization letter (Refer to Annex B); (ii) authorized representative/s ID; and, (iii) the certified true copy of the farmer-beneficiary's ID.

Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) may be authorized to claim fertilizer of their farmer members provided that a duly signed resolution nominating the FCA's authorized representative and the list of member beneficiaries are submitted as part of the documentary requirements.

V. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The DA-RFO will undertake the gathering of the necessary data in coordination with the Municipal/City Agriculturists, Provincial Agriculturists, and assigned Local Farmer Technicians (LFT).

VI. AMENDMENT CLAUSE

This Regional Supplemental Guidelines may be reviewed, amended, or supplemented as the need arises provided that such amendment must be approved by the Undersecretary of the Rice Industry Development.



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VII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any clause, sentence, or provision of the Regional Supplemental Guidelines shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Done this 12 day of July 2023.


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