



SPECIAL ORDER

No.: 1076
 Series of 2023

SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT "TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) ON CACAO PRODUCTION, FERMENTATION, DRYING, AND BEAN GRADING" FOR THE CACAO-SUPPORTED PROPONENT GROUPS OF PRDP I-REAP

In the interest of service and as part of the continuous provision of technical assistance to the project beneficiaries, the Philippine Rural Development Project - Enterprise Development Component, National Project Coordination Office (PRDP - I-REAP, NPCO) is hereby authorized to conduct **Training of Trainers (ToT) on Cacao Production, Fermentation, Drying, and Bean Grading for the Cacao-supported Proponent Groups of PRDP-I-REAP** in five (5) batches on schedules as shown below. The training shall be conducted in collaboration with the Philippine Cacao Industry Association, Incorporated (PCIA, Inc.), Philippine Cacao Industry Council (PCIC), Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI), and University of Southern Mindanao (USM).

The training aims to develop the knowledge and skills of the Proponent Groups (PGs), partner implementers, and individual farmers on good agricultural practices for cacao to improve quality and generate higher incomes. Specifically, it aims to: a.) enhance the knowledge and skills of cacao farmer beneficiaries on proper cacao production management protocols; b.) develop cacao trainers and cascade the same modules to the members of the proponent groups to achieve a wider reach of farmers in practicing the appropriate practices; c.) provide an experiential method of learning and adoption of farming practices and technology for coffee farmer beneficiaries and project implementers and; d.) capacitate the farmers to qualify and enter local or international cacao competition to add more value for their cacao beans.

The following participants are hereby authorized to attend the training:

BATCH 1 September 11-15, 2023 DA-ATI, Kabacan, North Cotabato	
Participants	Number of Participants
Proponent Groups	40
Local Government Units (Zamboanga Del Norte Bukidnon, Davao Oriental, South Cotabato, North Cotabato)	5 (1 per LGU)
Project Support Office Mindanao	3
Regional Project Coordination Office (9, 10, 11, 12)	4 (1 per Region)
National Project Coordination Office	3
Resource Speakers	5
Total Batch 1	60

BATCH 2 October 16-20, 2023 DA-ATI, Kabacan. North Cotabato	
Proponent Groups	40
Local Government Units (Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, Bukidnon, Misamis Occidental, Davao del Sur, South Cotabato, Sarangani)	7 (1 per LGU)
Project Support Office Mindanao	2
Regional Project Coordination Office (9,10,11, and 12)	4 (1 per Region)
National Project Coordination Office	2
Resource Speakers	5
Total Batch 2	60
BATCH 3 November 6-10, 2023 DA-ATI, Kabacan. North Cotabato	
Proponent Groups	40
Local Government Units (Bohol, Davao del Sur, Davao del Norte, Davao Occidental, South Cotabato)	5 (1 per LGU)
Project Support Office (Visayas and Mindanao)	4 (2 per cluster)
Regional Project Coordination Office (7, 11, and 12)	3 (1 per Region)
National Project Coordination Office	3
Resource Speakers	5
Total Batch 3	60
BATCH 4 November 20-24, 2023 DA-ATI, Kabacan. North Cotabato	
Proponent Groups	40
Local Government Unit (Quezon, Laguna, Davao Del Sur)	3 (1 per LGU)
Project Support Office (South Luzon and Mindanao)	4 (2 per cluster)
Regional Project Coordination Office (4A and 11)	4 (2 per Region)
National Project Coordination Office	4
Resource Speakers	5
Total Batch 4	60
BATCH 5 December 4-8, 2023 DA-ATI, Kabacan. North Cotabato	
Proponent Groups	40
Local Government Units (Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro, and Davao del Sur)	4 (1 per LGU)
Project Support Office Mindanao	4

Regional Project Coordination Office (11)	2 (2 per Region)
National Project Coordination Office	5
Resource Speakers	5
Total Batch 5	60

Expenses in the conduct of the activity such as meals, vehicle rental for field visit, supplies and materials, and honoraria for the resource speakers are chargeable against the PRDP I-REAP NPCO, while travelling expense, per diem and incidental expenses of participants shall be chargeable against their respective agencies' funds except for the participants from the proponent groups whose travelling expense are chargeable against the concerned PSOs/RPCOs' funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon the completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 30th day of August 2023.

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