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SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (RCEF)

In the interest of providing service to the Department of Agriculture's primary stakeholders, and to facilitate the implementation of the programs/projects under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF), Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for RCEF is hereby created as provided in Article 13 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11203.

The different Technical Working Groups for RCEF with their respective composition and terms of reference are presented as follows :

MECHANIZATION

Technical Working Group for Mechanization:

Chairperson : Dir. Baldwin G. Jallorina, *PHilMech*
Vice Chairperson : Dir. Ariodear C. Rico, *BAFE*
Members : Dir. Liza G. Battad, *PCAF*
Dir. Nieva Natural, *NEDA*
Engr. Vincent Chua, *DA - FOS*
Engr. Romulo E. Eusebio, *AMTEC*
Engr. Romualdo Martinez, *PHilMech - AMD*
Engr. Dennis Tactac, *DA - RFO Representative*

The TWG shall have the following functions:

1. To provide technical support to the RCEF Mechanization Component Implementation; and
2. To provide regular updates to the implementation of the RCEF activities and its integration to the Rice Industry Roadmap.

RICE SEED DEVELOPMENT, PROPAGATION, AND PROMOTION

Technical Working Group for Rice Seed Development, Propagation, and Promotion:

Chairperson : Glenn Y. Ilar, *PhilRice*
Vice-Chairperson : Ruel C. Gesmundo, *BPI-NSQCS*

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Members : Mary Ann B. Guerrero, *BPI – CRPSD*
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Angelita G. Macabenta, *DA RFO Visayas Cluster Rep*
Evelyn G. Basa, *DA RFO Mindanao Cluster Rep*
Ronald Gregory L. Roces, *DA-FOS*
Ariel Dolores, *National Rice Seed Growers*
Federation of the Philippines, Inc.

(Phil Palay) Rep

Secretariat : PCAF Representative
PhilRice RCEF – Program Management Office

1. The RCEF Seed TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:
2. Recommend improvements of the RCEF Seed Program Implementing Guidelines;
3. Suggest strategies and mechanisms to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of RCEF Seed Program implementation;
4. Propose strategies to revitalize local seed network, enhance farm clustering, and strengthening farmer organization;
5. Endorse RCEF seed-related policies with complete staff work; and
6. Recommend means for integration with other RCEF implementing agencies.


The members/representatives shall serve for the whole duration of the program, with consent of the member. Furthermore, they are expected to attend, actively participate in, and provide relevant inputs during RCEF Seed TWG regular and special meetings. The TWG may also invite resource persons with required technical expertise if the need arises.

EXTENSION

Technical Working Group for Extension:

Chairperson : Rosana D. Mula, *ATI*
Permanent alternate : Renato P. Dela Cruz, *ATI-PAD*
Co-Chairperson : Karen Eloisa T. Barroga, *PhilRice*
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Fernando Fajardo, *PCAF- alternate*
Mr. Lenard Martin P. Guevara, *NEDA*
BTr representative

The TWG shall have the following functions:

- a. To provide inputs for the development of a relevant Rice Extension Services Program and the corresponding implementing guidelines;
- b. Act as a steering committee to provide overall direction for the implementation of the RCEF-Extension Services Program;
- c. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program in coordination with the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF);
- d. To closely coordinate with relevant DA agencies and other government partners especially LGUs in the implementation of the extension service; and
- e. To perform other tasks deemed relevant in the implementation of the Extension Service Program.

CREDIT

Technical Working Group for ERCA-RCEF:

Chairperson : Head, Programs Management Department I (PMD-I)
Land Bank of the Philippines
Co-Chairperson : Head, Program Development and Management II
Development Bank of the Philippines

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- Leah G. Alamo, BSP-*alternate*
- Evelyn Valeriano, DA
- Michael Dumaguing, DA- *alternate*
- Rory Jay S. Dacumos, NEDA
- Lenard Martin P. Guevarra, NEDA- *alternate*
- Renzo Enrico Blanco, DOF
- Guillermo Francisco II, DOF

Secretariat : LANDBANK-PMDI and DBP-PDMII

The TWG shall:

1. Provide specific inputs in their area of expertise in order to assist the RCEF Project Steering Committee (PSC) in the implementation of the RCEF credit component;
2. Provide updates to the RCEF-PSC on the implementation of ERCA -RCEF funded activities and its integration to the Rice Industry Roadmap, as needed; and
3. Convene, at least twice a year, or as needed, to review and monitor program status, attainment of targets and utilization of the ERCA-RCEF Fund, resolution of issues and mitigation of risks that may arise, on the credit component of the RCEF.

Scope of the TWG

1. The TWG Act only as an advisory body and shall have no authority over the RCEF-PSC and to the agencies represented by its members.
2. The TWG's decisions and resolutions are subject to the confirmation or approval of the RCEF-PSC.
3. The TWG shall carry out its functions and responsibilities provided for in Item C, specifically on matters pertaining to the credit component of the RCEF.

Funding

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the TWG activities shall be charged to the regular funds of the lead agencies (LANDBANK and DBP), pursuant to the Joint Memorandum Order No. __, series of 2019.

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EXPANDED CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM ON RICE

Technical Working Group Crop Insurance Program on Rice:

The following agencies and DA units shall compose the TWG, structured as follows:

- Chairperson** : Mr. Renato R. Viado, *PCIC*
- Members** : Mr. Rory Jay S. Dacumos, *NEDA*
Mr. Ralph Camelo E. Mariano, *NEDA- alternate*
Mr. Vener L. Dilig, *DA*
Mr. Mark Joseph T. Mercado, *DA-FOS - alternate*
Ms. Magdalena S. Casuga, *ACPC*
Ms. Joan C. Basay, *ACPC- alternate*
Private Sector/Academe
- Secretariat** : PCIC

Specifically, the TWG aims to do the following:

1. Prepare program documents of the RCEF-ECIPR:
 - a. Draft a six-year Expanded Crop Insurance Program for the RCEF based on existing PCIC programs, taking care to incorporate elements required by RA 11203, particularly ensuring a clear basis for annual budgeting by concerned agencies over the program period. The following are major steps in drafting the program:
 1. Review the agricultural insurance environment, especially on rice insurance, including the current list of actual and potential list of beneficiaries, and the gaps and weaknesses in implementing the agricultural insurance programs;
 2. Conduct stakeholder consultations, with academe, civil society and people's organizations, during the planning exercise;
 3. Develop an implementation arrangement for the RCEF-ECIPR that includes participation of the academe and civil society organizations; and
 - b. Draft an implementation guidelines for the RCEF-ECIPR;
2. Periodically monitor and report on results of implementation of the RCEF-ECIPR and recommend program design or implementation changes or adjustments as needed;
3. Draw lessons learned from the experience in planning and implementing the plan, and recommend policies based on them;
4. Advocate support for and participation in the agricultural insurance programs of the government, particularly the rice insurance program; and
5. Engage the stakeholders in all areas of its operation.

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RICE FARMER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Working Group for Rice Farmer Financial Assistance:

Chairperson : DA Assistant Secretary for Operations
Co-Chairperson : DA Director for Field Operations Service
Members : DA Field Programs Coordination and Monitoring Division
DA Field Programs Operational Planning Division
DA National Rice Program
DA Planning and Monitoring Service
DA Information and Communications Technology Service
DA Financial and Management Service
Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries
National Anti-Poverty Commission
Department of Agrarian Reform
Department of Budget and Management
Department of Finance
National Economic and Development Authority
Department of Social Welfare and Development
LandBank of the Philippines
Development Bank of the Philippines

Secretariat : DA Field Programs Coordination and Monitoring Division


Specifically, the TWG aims to do the following:

1. Prepare the implementing guidelines of the Rice Farmer Financial Assistance Program;
2. Conduct public consultations on the implementing guidelines with the farmers and stakeholders;
3. Consolidate and submit plan and budget proposals for the allocation of funds, for approval of the PSC;
4. Oversee and provide updates on the implementation of the Rice Farmer Financial Assistance Program to the PSC; and
5. Perform other functions as directed by the PSC.

TITLING OF AGRICULTURAL RICE LANDS

Technical Working Group for Titling of Agricultural Lands:

Chairperson : Atty. Emily O. Padilla, DAR
Ma. Celerina G. Afable DAR- *alternate*
Co-Chairperson : Leandro A. Caymo, Bureau of Land Tenure Improvement
Joey G. Sumatra, Bureau of Land Tenure
Improvement- *alternate*

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Members : Susana E. Leones DAR- Bureau of Agrarian Reform
Beneficiaries Development
Ma. Elena C. Cabañes DAR BARBD- *alternate*
Baltazar T. Cruz DAR - Support Services Office
Eva Benita A. Tuzon DAR SSO- *alternate*

The TWG shall have the following functions:

1. Assist in the overall policy formulation relative to Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) implementation under the leadership of the Department of Agriculture (DA).
2. Facilitate coordination in the review/approval of documents guidelines, proposals in relation to the utilization of RCEF.
3. Coordinate with DA Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), and other RCEF participating agencies on RCEF-related policy and implementation concerns.
4. Facilitate data/information collection, planning, implementation and monitoring regarding Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) and ARB Organizations (ARBOs) participation in the RCEF.
5. Responsible in the technical support to the successful implementation of the RCEF as necessarily directed by the Undersecretary for Support Services.
6. Participate in the official meetings, and prepare reports, studies, and all documents in support of the RCEF.

CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM

Technical Working Group for Crop Diversification Program:

Chairperson : Usec. Evelyn G. Laviña, Undersecretary for HVRC
Lorna E. Herradura, Ph.D., Agricultural Center Chief, BPI-
DNCRPSC- *alternate*

Vice-Chairperson : Dir. Junibert E. De Sagun, Deputy Director and
Chief, Administrative Officer
Gregoria B. Santos, Chief, AISD- *alternate*

Members : Dir. U-Nichols Manalo, DA-SPCMAD
Adamar Estrada, DA-SPCMAD- *alternate*
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Engr. AB P. David, RFO 3- *alternate*
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Powers and Responsibilities of the TWG:

1. Craft the Implementing Guidelines of the CDP;
2. Oversee the implementation of the CDP to ensure that it is effectively implemented and targets accomplished;

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3. Ensure that the collaboration and convergence mechanisms are implemented thereby ensuring collaboration, coordination, linkage and partnership among implementing agencies, partner agencies and private sectors to support the implementation of the CDP;
4. Review existing policies relating to the provision of assistance and support services to rice farmers, to include the evaluation and review of existing rules and regulations and the applicability and relevance of procedural and documentary requirements to avail the assistance stipulated in the CDP, provided that any proposed revision or amendment of such rules and regulations and procedural and documentary requirements shall be approved by the Program Steering Committee (PSC);
5. Recommend to the PSC all policy matters affecting the Program;
6. Review, approve, and endorse the Annual Work and Financial Plan of the CDP to the PSC; and
7. Submit a regular / quarterly report of the Program to the PSC.
8. The TWG shall hold quarterly meetings and special meetings when necessary. The presence of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total membership of the TWG shall constitute a quorum. In all cases, the presence of the Chairperson or his duly authorized representative, shall be required.
9. The TWG, as it deems necessary, may invite representatives from other DA bureaus, attached agencies and corporations, as well as from other relevant government agencies as resource person.

The HVCD Program Management Office shall provide secretariat support to the TWG.

UPDATING OF THE REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE
Technical Working Group for Updating of the RSBSA:

Chairperson	:	Director , Field Operations Service FOS Permanent Alternate Designation
Co-Chairperson	:	Director , ICTS Juliet Manguerra, Chief ICTS-DBM- <i>alternate</i>
Vice-Chairperson	:	Director , Planning and Monitoring Service PMS Permanent Alternate Designation
Members	:	Chief, Field Program Operational Planning Division Representative, Designation FPOPD Juliet Manguerra, ICTS DBM Wilfred Mogado, ICTS DBM- <i>alternate</i> Jocelyn Mogado, ICTS PSD Darlene Rontas-Abainza, ICTS PSD- <i>alternate</i> Honorio Flameño, ICTS NOMD Teddy Casucog, ICTS NOMD- <i>alternate</i>

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Representative, ACPC
Representative, PCIC
Representative, PCA
Representative, PSA
Representative, NEDA
Representative, DAR
Representative, DILG
Representative, DSWD

Functions

1. Responsible for the overall technical, financial and administrative management coordination and assistance in the updating of the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA) for the RCEF implementation;
2. Lead in the formulation of the guidelines/protocols for the updating of the RSBSA for the implementation of the RCEF;
3. Ensure that the approved protocols and standards are followed by the regional field offices (RFOS) in updating of the existing list;
4. Provide relevant technical support in the management and maintenance of the National Farmers and Fisherfolk Information System (NFFIS);
5. Oversee the roll-out and deployment of the NFFIS in the RFOs
6. Prepare updates and reports regarding the updating of the RSBSA; and
7. Lead the development of the systems/applications/platforms to be used in the enhancement and updating of the RSBSA including, but not limited to, the registration and updating application and data analytics, in collaboration with the other parties;
8. Act as the repository of all data from partner-agencies for the deduplication, matching and migration to the RSBSA
9. Provide the necessary counterpart ICT personnel and infrastructure for the management (storage, processing and other related processes) of the RSBSA
10. Ensure that all data handled by the DA are secured, properly stored and managed;
11. Perform other functions that the PSC may hereinafter direct.

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RCEF MONITORING

Technical Working Group for RCEF Monitoring:

Chairperson : Director, DA-Planning and Monitoring Service
Co-Chairperson : Director, DA-Financial Management Service
Members : Director, DA- Field Operations Service
Director, DA-Information Communications and Technology Service
DA-National Rice Program Coordinator
Chief, DA-Accounting Division
Chief, DA-Budget Division
Chief, DA-Monitoring and Evaluation Division
Chief, DA-Field Programs Coordination and Monitoring Division
TESDA representative

Representatives from the following agencies :

- Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization
- Philippine Rice Research Institute
- Agricultural Training Institute
- Land Bank of the Philippines
- Development Bank of the Philippines
- Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation
- DA-High Value Crops Development Program
- Department of Agrarian Reform Representative
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Land Registration Authority

Secretariat : DA-PMS-Monitoring and Evaluation Division

The members of the TWG shall submit to the Chair, through its Secretariat, the name of one (1) permanent alternate representative who can act on behalf of the head of the Implementing Agencies.

The TWG shall have the following functions:

1. Develop a webpage to inform the public of the overall plan for the integrated utilization of the RCEF, and information on how farmers can participate in the program;
2. Develop a Rice Fund Impact Monitoring System including system maintenance and future enhancements;

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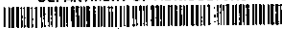
3. Consolidate and submit to the PSC monthly/quarterly budget & financial accountability reports, financial statements as well as other financial reports on SAGF-RCEF required by the oversight agencies (i.e. Bureau of Treasury, COA, DBM).
4. Consolidate and submit to the PSC a yearly report on the usage of the Rice Fund and the excess tariff collection including their impact;
5. Prepare the Terms of Reference for the conduct of a third party Mid-term and End of Program evaluation study of the RCEF interventions as well as other evaluation studies that will be conducted by the implementing agencies; and
6. Review and present the findings of the evaluation study as well as the recommendations of the third party evaluator and of the TWG to the PSC.

Travelling expenses and per diems of members other than DA-OSEC shall be charged against their respective agencies. All other expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the TWG functions such as, but not limited to, workshop expenses, travelling expenses (DA-OSEC), per diems (DA-OSEC), communications, other MOOE, supplies and materials, etc. will be charged against DA-OSEC funds subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations

Done this 23rd day of June 2020.

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Secretary

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