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National Organic Agriculture Program FY 2020 Performance Report

I. INTRODUCTION

The National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP), implemented through the signing of Republic Act 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 and as amended by the Republic Act 11511, continues to promote organic agriculture by providing assistance to organic farmers in the country. As stated in the NOAP document 2017-2023, the Program aims to improve its accomplishment by focusing on (1) increasing the total share of total agricultural area devoted to organic agriculture and aquaculture; (2) providing third-party certification assistance to organic operators annually; (3) increasing the total number of organic practitioners; (4) increasing the volume of total organic production; and (5) increasing distribution channels for organic produce and product. The Program's activities include distribution of production support, conduct of extension support, education and training, distribution of agricultural machineries, equipment, and facilities, and provision of irrigation.

II. TARGETS AND NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2020

With NOAP's approved budget (see attached approved Budget Execution Document), various services are expected to be delivered to organic agriculture stakeholders with the bulk of beneficiaries being small farmers and organic farmer cooperatives. The Program also provides support to SUCs with the provision of research grants. Table 1 shows the breakdown of NOAP's budget based on GAA and its subsequent PPAs.

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Table 1. NOAP budget breakdown based on GAA and physical accomplishments per PPAs.

MFO	ALLOCATION	Physical Accomplishment per PPAs
Production Support Services	93,970,000	107,050.31 kg of seeds 399,308 pcs of planting materials 2,755 heads of animals 954,480 kg of organic fertilizer 84,380 L of soil ameliorants 22,122 pcs of farm tools 12 production facilities established
Extension Support, Education and Training Services	128,341,000	110 OA Production trainings 14 Certification Assistance 8 Techno Demo Facilities Established 37,714 pcs of IEC materials 775 AEW incentives
Research and Development	59,625,000	10 R&D activities conducted 10 R&D funded (New) 3 New Technologies
Irrigation Network Services	12,444,000	3 Wind Pumps 3 Solar Pumps 9 Shallow Tube Wells 9 Pump Irrigation System Open Source
Agricultural Machineries, Equipment and Facilities	133,137,000	836 production machineries and equipment (includes shredders, tractor, & cultivators) 43 post-harvest machineries and equipment (includes millers & hullers) 137 Production facilities (includes animal housing & greenhouse) 85 Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Wastes

These activities were achieved through:

- Provision of organic production and post-production inputs, machineries, equipment, and facilities
- Promotion of mature OA technologies
- Facilitation of LGU OA roadmaps and OA local ordinances

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- Facilitation of Certified OA Farms
- Training and training-related events on applicable organic technologies and strategies
- Provision of starter kit, training, and post-training support services to beneficiaries
- Monitoring/tracking of trainees and practitioners

III. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

PAPs/Indicators	FY 2020 Physical Performance (%)	Remarks (Facilitating/Constraining Factors)
Provision of Production Support Services		
Seeds Distributed (kg)	80%	47% of seeds from refocused budget of Region VII, VIII, XI, and XII are still undergoing distribution;
Planting materials (pcs)	100%	N/A
Farm animals distributed (heads)	66%	The distribution of available stocks on swine has been hampered due to travel restrictions caused by ASF and Covid-19 pandemic (BAI and RFO III). For poultry in CAR, there were problems with egg hatchability which causes low production of chicks, while the native chicken from BAI died due to bad weather during the delivery.
Fertilizer and Soil ameliorants distributed (kg)	100%	N/A
Farm inputs – Molasses and ANC (kg)	91%	Remaining targets are for approval of purchase orders (RFO IV-B)
Farm Supplies (units)	100%	N/A

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Provision of Agricultural Machineries, Facilities and Equipment		
Farm production-related machinery and equipment distributed (no)	107%	Additional unit accomplished from savings
Postharvest equipment and machineries distributed (no)	150%	
Farm production facilities established (no)	93%	3 facilities from RFO VII and 1 facility from RFO VIII experienced delays in construction due to long time preparation for DED and POW
Composting facilities for biodegradable waste (CFBW) installed (no)	100%	N/A
Irrigation Network Services		
Shallow tube well installed (no)	97%	Delay in delivery of refocused targets in Region IV-B due to travel restrictions
Solar pump irrigation installed (no)	100%	N/A
Pump irrigation system open source (PISOS) installed (no)	100%	N/A
Extension Support, Education, and Training Services		
Trainings and training-related events conducted	102%	Most of the budget for trainings were realigned and refocused to Production Support Services, in line with Bayanihan I
AEW Incentives given	30%	Delayed in distribution of incentives due to the late implementation of the amended guidelines. Also, travel restrictions for data gathering and monitoring of AEWs
IEC Materials	100%	N/A

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Research and Development		
No. of R&D activities funded	100%	N/A

IV. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED DURING COVID 19:

Because of the active cases brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent reported lockdowns, the Program has encountered problems which hampered the delivery of support services to its beneficiaries. Consequently, refocusing of targets to support the Plant Plant Plant Program was done to aid the negative effects of the pandemic in the agriculture sector. Some problems encountered and reported were the following:

- a. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country, a total lockdown was imposed for the whole country which greatly affected the performance of the Program. There were delays on the deliveries of interventions due to travel restrictions and strict protocols implemented by the LGUs in compliance with the implementation of lockdown as advised by the IATF.
- b. The lack of swine suppliers due to the outbreak of ASF has hampered the distribution to target beneficiaries, which have caused realignment of some provisions of swine to other animals or other intervention, while others have waited for the late delivery of purchased swine. ASF has caused alarming economic losses and has contributed to the significant decline in the agricultural markets.
- c. Refocusing of targets in support to PPP (which caused some activities to be postponed) - under Bayanihan I, all operating units were asked to realign their budget in support to Plant Plant Plant Program, most activities especially those that are under ESETS were cancelled as social gatherings were prohibited in line with the IATF guidelines.
- d. The unfavorable weather conditions, such as the typhoons, have significantly

caused crop damages and adverse effects on yields. With these unforeseen circumstances, production losses caused disruption in the agricultural sector. Provision of planting materials were delayed because of the extreme typhoons that the country has experienced.

- e. Procurement process and the failure of bids often happens to some regional offices due to lack of suppliers or lack of bidders. Necessary documents for the procurement of several interventions were also delayed due to the lockdown brought about by the current pandemic.

V. INNOVATIONS MADE DURING THE PANDEMIC:

Amidst the threat brought about by Covid19, the Program remains dedicated in achieving its core outcomes:

- *Better farm incomes*
- *Sustainable livelihood and social justice*
- *Improved health*
- *Environmental protection and resiliency*

Both the central coordinating office and its regional counterparts, are prompt to answer all queries pertaining to organic agriculture, utilizing social media, electronic mail and text messaging to communicate with stakeholders.

The Program in coordination with regional focals also refocused its FY 2020 programs, projects, and activities to meet the needs of our organic farmers. Production support such as seeds, fertilizers, and animals are some of the interventions being provided by the Program to various beneficiaries. These are available at DA-Regional Field Offices. Some regional counterparts also participated in KADIWA by bringing organic produce to affected areas and linking organic farmers to potential buyers. Through this, the Program is able to help our organic farmers earn while bringing safe and healthy food to consumers amidst the ongoing pandemic.

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VI. OVERALL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

A thorough planning and monitoring of targeted interventions shall also be done by the Program along with its partner agencies and Regional Field Offices to ensure timely delivery of targeted interventions. The Program is yet to address emerging challenges from the growing demand for organic produce. Small producers are constrained by limited supply of organic inputs, scarce farm labor and limited access to processing and marketing facilities and services. Consolidation of supply, provision of efficient facilities and services are key factors to upsurge production of quality produce and products with organic integrity. To address these problems, the National Organic Agriculture Program is designing the establishment of *Organik Konek* or the Organic Agriculture Hub. It shall serve as a one-stop shop complementing the existing Organic Trading Posts (OTP) of the Program. It shall likewise serve as a training ground for OTP operators.

Furthermore, due to the recent approval of the amended OA Act of 2010, the Program is currently crafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) which can hopefully address existing concerns in the organic agriculture industry.

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