



January 12, 2022

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Dear Sir;

Greetings!

We are sending this letter because the period for our extension program entitled **"Participatory Eco-Farming Program for Eastern Visayas"** has ended last December of 2021. In this regard, we are humbly asking for 2 years extension for this program because of the partial commitment between our Institute and some of the LGUs in Eastern Visayas last year.

Last year (2021), the Municipal Agriculturist of Merida, Leyte and Organic Agriculture sector head of Baybay City Agriculture Office have coordinated with our Institute as partner or collaborating agency for the conduct of trainings related to sustainable agriculture practices in their respective farmer's association. We are hoping that this collaboration will commence this year, 2022. Also, we want to continue extending our knowledge and skills on sustainable agriculture practices to our clientele of this program by conducting different trainings, consultations, and cross-site visits. Attached herewith our Extension Proposal.

Our office is looking forward for an extension in this program.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely;

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EXTENSION PROPOSAL

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Program Title : *Participatory Eco-Farming Program for Eastern Visayas*

Proponents :

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Implementing Unit: Ecological Farm and Resource Management Institute (ECO-FARMI)

Collaborating Units/Agencies:

Name of Agency: City Agriculture Office, Baybay City
Nature of Involvement: Partnership
Address: Baybay City
Contact Number: 09173015378
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Name of Agency: Municipal Agriculture Office, Merida, Leyte
Nature of Involvement: Partnership
Address: Merida, Leyte
Contact Number:
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Name of Agency: 2 Municipal Agriculture Office from Southern, Leyte
Nature of Involvement: Partnership
Address: To be identified
Contact Number:
Email Address:

Development Thematic Area: Agricultural Science and Technology-based
Livelihood/Entrepreneurship

Project Sites: Eco-FARMI Demonstration Farm in VSU, Farmer's Association of Baybay City, and Municipality of Merida, 2 learning sites from Brgy. Binabaye, Merida and Brgy Malazarte, Matag-ob, Leyte, and 2 Municipalities of Southern Leyte (to be identified)

Duration: 24 months

Proposed Budget: Php 682,000.00

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

A. Rationale

The ecological-based sustainable agriculture aims to mitigate the environmental degradation, loss in genetic biodiversity, low sustainability and other issues related with the present conventional agricultural production system. It looks beyond production such as on issues of quality of life for the individual farm family, the profitability of the whole farm system, and the resilience of the rural community along with environmentally benign practices. For example, instead of relying so much on purchased fertilizers, a farmer uses crop rotations and leguminous cover crops to provide much of the fertility that crops need. With an ideal balance, the soil need not be mined but nutrients extracted would be replaced and the farm would remain in a productive nutrient balance over time. Weed control would rely less (or never) on herbicides but would use rotations, planting dates and densities and mechanical.

The organic sector needs to have an appropriate industry development plan to set the proper directions for its growth over the medium to long term and define its coverage parameters. A fundamental requirement for continued development is expanding the local market's awareness and acceptance of organic produce. Over the short to medium term, the organic sector needs to significantly expand market awareness for its products and improve producers' capability to supply organically certified and properly packaged items to the market. Specific programs which the sector can consider undertaking include the following: 1) market development program which combines commercial marketing and social marketing; 2) research/development on organic production and processing and the dissemination of R & D findings; 3) establish a resource information and advocacy center that will keep and enhance the knowledge-based assets of the organic sector and make these accessible for stakeholders' knowledge and guidance; 4) human resource development builds the capability of the various stakeholders in critical areas of technical, marketing, and

management functions essential for organic production; and 5) financial sustainability program will aggressively source and build up funds for the development of the sector.

B. Objectives

This extension program aims the following;

1. Increase adoption of organic farming,
2. Provide technical support on different organic farming practices, and
3. Improve the eco-FARMI demonstration farm facilities and production areas for crops, poultry, and livestock in compliance with TESDA NC II Certification.

C. Major Program Components

Project 1: Capability Building and Provision of Technical Assistance on
Organic crops, Poultry, and Livestock Production

Project 2: Improvement of Faith-based ecological farm in Matab-og and
Merida, Leyte

Project 3: Enhancement of Eco-FARMI Demonstration Farm in Compliance
with TESDA NC II Certification in Organic Agriculture Production

D. Beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries under this extension program are as follows:

Project 1: Individual or Farmer Associations, Agricultural Technicians, and Students

Project 2: Members of the Faith-based Association, and nearby communities

Project 3: Individual or Farmer Associations, Agricultural Technicians, Students,
and Educators

E. Expected Outcome

Project 1: a. Improve knowledge, skills, and abilities on the production of
organic inputs

b. Increase adoption of Organic Agriculture Practices

Project 2: a. Increase farmers adopting Organic Agriculture Practices

b. Adoption of Sustainable Organic Agriculture

Project 3: a. Improve farm facilities as well as farm produce

b. Organic Agriculture Production NC II holder

F. Potential Impact

1. Increase farmer's income
2. Increase farmer's adoption on organic way of farming

3. Availability of naturally produced agricultural commodities/products

G. Methodologies/Strategies

Projects 1 and 2 will be carried-out through the following;

1. Courtesy calls/meeting/ Focused Group Discussion (FGD)
2. Farm Planning
3. Training and capacity development
4. Conduct on-site hands-on training,
5. Project monitoring and farm visits
6. Cross-site visit

Project 3 will be conducted as follows;

1. Inventory of existing farm tools and equipment
2. Acquisition of needed farm tools and equipment for TESDA NC II compliance
3. Rehabilitation and improvement of farm facilities and production areas
4. Preparation and Submission of required documents for TESDA NC II certification

H. Detailed Work Plan Schedule

Objectives	Major Activities	Duration (Quarter)							
		1Q Y1	2Q Y1	3Q Y1	4Q Y1	1Q Y2	2Q Y2	3Q Y2	4Q Y2
Increase adoption of organic farming	1. Training on Bio-fertilizers (IMO6 and Vermicompost)	X		X	X	X		X	X
	2. Training of Natural Farming Inputs (FAA, OHN, IMO2, FPJ, FFJ, IC, & NIR)	X	X		X	X	X		
	3. Training on Poultry and Livestock Production/Feed Formulation	X		X		X		X	X
	4. Monitoring and Evaluation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Provide technical support on different organic farming practices	1. Farm visit/consultation	X		X					
	2. Training and capacity building		X		X				

	3. Monitoring and Evaluation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Improve the eco-FARMI demonstration farm facilities	1. Rehabilitation of crops, Poultry, and livestock production areas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	2. Proliferation of farm animals	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	3. Repair storage facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4. Preparation and submission of required documents for TESDA NC II certification			X	X				

I. Line Item Budget

Budget Items	Unit	Unit Cost (Php)	No. of Units (months)	Unit Total (Php)	Total (Php)
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I. Personal Services

A. Salaries and wages

Research Extension Assistant	2	226,000			452,000.00
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II. MOOE

A. Travel and Communication					100,000.00
B. Trainings/Meetings/ Seminars/Workshops/Consu ltations					100,000.00
C. Office supplies					30,000.00

III. Total Cost					682,000.00
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