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Through: **Dr. Elwin Jay V. Yu**
Vice President for Administration and Finance and
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Dear **Dr. Yepes**,

Greetings from ISRDS!

This is to comply with the required inventory of the VSU-BIDANI Program personnel and their functions to justify our request for the hiring of a Community Development Assistant for the said program. At present, our BIDANI extension program has two staff members holding a Science Research Specialist I (SRS I) position. They are Ms. Saloma B. Gisulga and Ms. Melodina P. Edullantes. Please find attached their list of functions.

I wish to quickly provide background information on the Barangay Integrated Development Approach to Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) program. BIDANI was implemented by VSU starting 1974 with funding support from the Netherlands government. In 1997, ViSCA's proposal to institutionalize BIDANI was approved by the government's Department of Budget and Management which allocated eight plantilla positions for BIDANI personnel effective March 1998.

From 2001 to 2004, however, four of the BIDANI personnel were transferred to other offices of the university. In January 2016, the BIDANI program was moved to ISRDS with the remaining four personnel (one Administrative Aide and three SRS I). The Administrative Aide started performing clerical and dDRC functions for ISRDS and eventually left the BIDANI program. In November 2021, one of the three remaining staff retired from government service, leaving only two staff to handle all the project activities. The two staff face difficulty expanding to other potential project sites in Region 8 considering the bulk of work in the BIDANization process of partner LGUs. A Community Development Assistant will certainly strengthen the BIDANI team and allow them to cover other areas including capacitating the Region 8 SUCs that are interested in BIDANI implementation in their respective municipalities.

Thank you so much for your support.

Very truly yours,

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