



I. BASIC INFORMATION

Program/Project/Study Title: Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Abaca Farm Households:
A cross-sectional survey

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II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Rationale

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), has brought disruptions all over the world specifically in various sectors of the economy. The agricultural sector across the provinces in the Philippines is not exempted to the pandemic's unfavorable effects during the COVID-19 virus's appearance.

The government imposed lockdowns, community quarantines and curfews to prevent the coronavirus disease from spreading and health measures were implemented. These various announcements have corresponding consequences on the agricultural sectors that resulted to reduced incomes among farmers. As a result, appropriate responses at all levels to support them in the aftermath of the crisis is essential. This study was conceptualized to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic mainly on the abaca farming, a fiber crop in the Philippines.

Empirical evidence is required for policy response considerations for the abaca farmers to recover agricultural income and reduce vulnerabilities.