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Dear **Dr. Ebor**,

We humbly request your kind approval of the Year 2 renewal of our DOST-PCAARRD-funded research project, **"Development of a Gender-Responsive Knowledge Transfer Pathway for Potential Adoption of Best Practices in Philippine Vegetable Production Systems (KTP Project)."** The project is being implemented by Visayas State University (VSU), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), and University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP). It has an approved total budget of PhP 5,000,000.00 spread over 24 months, from November 16, 2022 to November 15, 2024. VSU has a total allocation of PhP1,869,704.00.

Although we have initially focused on the delivery of our gender project target outputs, we also serve as a component project for socioeconomics for the ACIAR-PCAARRD funded project titled "Managing heavy metals and soil contaminants in vegetable production to ensure food safety and environmental health in the Philippines (SLAM)." The selection of project sites and the drafting and finalization of the survey instruments were coordinated, for inputs and suggestions, with the SLAM project team.

In Y1 project implementation, we completed the survey with vegetable farmers in our respective project sites in Ormoc, Leyte, Atok, Benguet, and Claveria, Misamis Oriental. The data analysis is ongoing and we have presented initial insights during the mid-term review of the project. Further, results will be provided to the SLAM project and graduate students (e.g., Ms. Princess Ani) to serve as baseline data in the conduct of their field trials and other research activities. We also conducted a literature review of gender and technology adoption and knowledge transfer and undertook capacity-building activities for our project team, which are among the deliverables of our project.

For Y2 implementation, we will conduct intensive qualitative data gathering to address our remaining objectives and validate the initial insights generated from the survey. We will also draft journal articles for publication and conduct capacity-building activities for our project beneficiaries.

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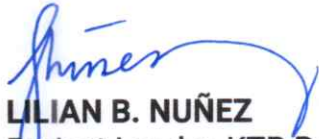


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We hope to continue implementing the project and attain its objectives for the good of our partner communities, especially through our policy recommendations that will be formulated towards the end of the research project.

Thank you very much and best regards.

Very truly yours,



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