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I. Project Information

Project Code	QDRDU
Project Title	Participatory Governance in Agriculture and Fisheries Development: An Evaluation Study on PCAF's Consultative Bodies
Project Start	01 June 2015
Project End	31 October 2016
Project Price	PHP5,600,000.00 (<i>inclusive of VAT</i>)
Client Organization	Department of Agriculture – Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (DA-PCAF)
Status	Completed

II. Project Team:

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III. Project Details

A. Project Description:

The NAF Council, together with its network of Agricultural and Fishery Councils (AFCs) and the National Sectoral Committees (NSCs) with representatives from the government and largely from the private sector, serves as the participatory governance mechanism of the DA towards agriculture and fisheries development.

Results of the evaluation study will be used by PCAF as basis for assessing government interventions particularly for participatory governance mechanism. Conducting an evaluation study on the NSCs and AFCs will help identify indicators and benchmark practices which will serve as critical input for monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of these consultative bodies.

B. Project Objectives:

The study was generally aimed at assessing the performance of PCAF's consultative bodies relative to their contribution in attaining PCAF's mandate. To some extent, it was also aimed at determining their role and contribution in the development of the agriculture and fisheries sector of the country.



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Specifically, this study was aimed to accomplish the following:

1. Profile the PCAF's consultative bodies to establish information as basis for evaluation.
2. Assess the performance of PCAF's consultative bodies (CBs) in terms of their outputs, and to a certain extent, determine the outcomes of certain policies and their over-all contribution to PCAF's mandate in terms of:
 - a. Increasing the CBs' participation in shaping agriculture and fishery policies at the national, regional, provincial, and municipal levels;
 - b. Influencing policy decisions of the DA and related local government agencies (LGAs) in terms of programs/projects development, budget prioritization and regulatory measures for the country's agriculture and fisheries development; and,
 - c. Enhancing transparency and promoting accountability in the formulation and implementation of agriculture and fishery policies, programs, and projects.
3. Recommend strategies and measures to enhance the performance and contribution of PCAF's consultative bodies in the development of the agriculture and fisheries sectors.

C. Focus Area: Agriculture Sector

D. Project Type: Research

E. Project Beneficiary: Farmers and fisherfolk

F. Regional Coverage: National

IV. Project Accomplishments

A. Key Activities Implemented:

1. **Profile Survey on the AFCs.** The six-page survey questionnaire includes basic demographic data of the AFCs' officers (e.g., names, position and number of terms served in the AFC, age, educational attainment, profession, contact details), as well as organizational profile, institutional linkages, focus commodity¹/major agri-fishery produce, policy issuances and programs/projects implemented, and the AFC structure, issues, and concerns.

The AFC survey questionnaires were distributed in 80 provinces targeting about 1,600 municipalities/cities; however, the generated response rate was a little below 10% as the total frequency count of the respondents is 153 only. Nevertheless, it could be said that the Philippine administrative regions are represented in this study with Luzon having 55% of the total respondents, Mindanao 25%, and Visayas 20%.

¹Based on the identified 20 focus commodities of the Department of Agriculture



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- 2. Performance Assessment through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).** To generate the primary data/information for the performance assessment, FGDs and consultation meetings were conducted. FGDs on the AFCs at the regional and local (provincial and municipal) levels were held from January to March 2016, while the FGDs at the national level were conducted from April to May 2016. Below is the schedule of FGDs:

Area/Institution	Date
Bicol Region	6-8 Jan 2016
Central Luzon	21-22 Jan 2016
Northern Luzon	1-4 Feb 2016
Western Visayas	8-12 Feb 2016
Northern Mindanao and CARAGA	15-19 Feb 2016
CALABARZON	22 Feb 2016
Southern Mindanao, ARMM, and the Zamboanga Peninsula	22 Feb – 4 March 2016
MIMAROPA	2 March 2016
Ilocos Region	10 March 2016
Central and Eastern Visayas	14-18 March 2016
PCAF	20 April 2016
Private sector representatives of the NSCs	24 May 2016
Government sector representatives of NSC and NAF Council	27 May 2016

- 3. Results presentation to the stakeholders.** In order to validate the results of the study, presentations were conducted in three occasions as follows:
- Results Presentation with PCAF – 24 June 2016
 - PCAF Strategic Planning – 11 July 2016
 - 2016 Joint PCAF, NSC and AFC Three Quarters Performance Review and Planning Workshop – 17 October 2016
 - AFC Operational Meeting – 14 December 2016

B. Major Outputs:

The following were the major outputs produced by the project:

- Inception Report
- Presentation materials
- Final Evaluation Report

C. Project Impacts:

With the rationalized and expanded functions of PCAF, the evaluation study was deemed timely and appropriate in line with the governmental thrust towards a results-oriented and performance-based monitoring and evaluation.

Specifically, the results of this evaluation study will prove helpful in the following:

- as vital inputs in re-directing the consultative bodies in terms of functions and mandate; management system; re-crafting the manual of regulation/operation guidance; monitoring and evaluation of the consultative bodies' key performance indicators; membership/representatives selection process; and powers and



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affiliations (recognition and membership in developmental and planning body at the national, regional, and local levels);

2. as bases and as lessons learned in re-configuring/re-crafting the agriculture and fisheries development programs of the incumbent Duterte Administration for the utmost benefit of the farmers, livestock-raisers, and the fisherfolk themselves;
3. as bases for PCAF's assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the consultative bodies particularly on the mandated participatory governance mechanism; and,
4. in identifying indicators and benchmark practices which will serve as critical bases for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the consultative bodies.

D. Lessons Learned:

While there are other reasons which contributed to the low response rate like monetary incentives given to the research partners in the field, scheduling of data gathering activities should consider events of national importance (e.g., national election campaign period and the submission of year-end reports) which contributed to the low response rate of the Profile Survey.

V. Attachments

- Summary of Evaluation for Course and Resource Person (for training program) – N/A
- Certificate of Project Closure (for all completed projects)

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Notes:

1. Project details on Section I-III can be generated thru PMIS based on PMs Inputs
2. Project Managers are required to accomplish Section IV & provide Section V to reflect results of project implementation
3. Project Managers can update/adjust the pre-filled sections(I-III) based on actual data