



I. Project Information

Project Code: CPREP
Project Title: Research on the Implications of the Bangsamoro Organic Law on the Agriculture Sector
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Project Price: P 2,295,000.00
Client Organization: Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF)

II. Project Team

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Project Details

Project Description:

The Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) is an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA) which facilitates broad-based participatory processes in the agriculture and fisheries sector. It provides quality services to a nationwide network of private sector-led consultative councils at the national, regional and local levels for the formulation of sound policies, plans and programs.

Considering the asymmetric setup of the proposed Bangsamoro region, the passage and implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) offers opportunities and risks to agriculture that are not present in the current political and administrative setup of regions, provinces, cities and municipalities, and thus calls for expert and participative consideration of the policy implications. This research will help PCAF manage the change from the present setup to the new, where a Bangsamoro region will be existing and operational.

Project Objective:

This project seeks to study the implications of the passage and implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) on the agriculture sector. In particular, it will look into the following research questions: 1) What are the agricultural assets within the proposed jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro? 2) What has been the contribution of agriculture in the areas covered by Bangsamoro's territorial jurisdiction? 3) What will be the likely effect of the passage and implementation of the BOL on subsidies to agriculture? 4) What opportunities will be available to and what risks will the agriculture sector face if and when the BOL will be enacted? 5) What policy recommendations, if any, can be considered to take advantage of opportunities or to mitigate risks brought about by the passage of the BOL?

Thrust Areas:

Project Type: Technical
Regional Coverage: BARMM, National



III. Project Accomplishments

Key Activities Implemented:

1. Project Mobilization and Preparation Documents
2. Project Implementation
 - **Desk Review and Data Inventory.** To establish the background and context of the research, the team collected and reviewed data related to fisheries in the areas covered by the territorial jurisdiction of the then ARMM, which includes macroeconomic statistics, agricultural statistics, literature, and policies on fisheries.
 - **Consultative Workshop.** A consultative workshop was conducted with the members of selected National Sectoral Committees and Strategic Concerns Committee to capture the issues and concerns of the fisheries sector as well as the advantages, disadvantages, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges encountered in the management of the fisheries sector.
 - **Key Informant Interviews.** Semi-structured interviews were conducted with senior officials of relevant government institutions in both national and local level. Interviewees are those who are directly involved in the managing government administrations and developing policies for the fisheries sector in BARMM.

Institutions and Corresponding Key Informants

| | Institutions | Key Informants |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| National | Department of Agriculture PCAF | Policy Research Service Executive Director |
| Regional | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR) | Minister AFAR |
| Provincial Sector Expert | Lanao Del Sur and Maguindanao Mindanao State University (Marawi, and Maguindanao Campus) Cotabato City State Polytechnic College | Provincial Agriculturist Agriculture and Fisheries Expert |

- **Focus Group Discussions.** Five FGDs were conducted in selected provinces of ARMM to understand actual situation and draw out concerns and issues of selected stakeholder groups. Table 3 shows the different stakeholder groups who were part of the FGD. Participants from the stakeholder groups represented the nearby municipalities of these three provinces. The Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council (PAFC) helped coordinate with the farmers.

Stakeholder Group by Area

| Maguindanao | Lanao del Sur | Tawi-Tawi |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| PAFC | PAFC | PAFC |
| Farmers | Farmers | |

3. Project Closure
 - Data processing
 - Final report

Major Outputs:

1. Inception Report
2. Final Research Report
3. Project Accomplishment Report



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Lessons Learned:

- Despite a clear terms of reference with the DAP sa Mindanao, the PM should still exercise due diligence in overseeing that the tasks are completed within the scheduled timeline and ensure that the quality of outputs are within standards.
- To ensure the safety and security of the team, all activities in conflict areas should always be coordinated with the proper authorities. DAP should also have a standard guidelines and SOP for activities in such areas.
- Team should be aware of local peculiarities and/or culture of stakeholders to avoid offending.


IV. Attachments

Certificate of project deliverables accepted: inception and final report

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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