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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ENGR. ARIEL T. CAYANAN**
Undersecretary for Operations and Agri-Fisheries Mechanization
& Chair, SAAD PSC

FROM : **SAAD PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT : **SAAD AND DBM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ON THE PROPOSED
SAAD PHASE 2**

In relation to the Webex meeting of the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) – Bureau E, attached is the highlights of the meeting.

For queries, please contact Mr. Darwin Pamatmat or Ms. Ashley Mae A. Apigo at (02) 929 7349 or at local 2833/2834.

For your reference and information.

Thank you.

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SAAD Presentation to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
March 11, 2022

Highlights of the Meeting

I. ATTENDEES

A. DBM

- Mary Ann L. Ricohermoso – OIC Division Chief handling DA
- Jezelle Neth R. Amante – OIC Assistant Division Chief handling DA
- Ly Anne S. Rodriguez – Analyst Handling DA
- Vina C. Sumagpao – Analyst Handling BFAR

B. SAAD NPMO

- Dr. Myer G. Mula – National Program Director
- Ulysses J. Lustria, Jr. – Deputy Director
- Darwin Pamatmat – PME Head
- Kit Jasper N. Gopela – Focal Person to BFAR
- Ashley Mae A. Apigo – Regional PME Lead
- Jonalyn A. Racelis – PME Officer
- Jacquelyn M. Rebusit – PME Officer
- Marie Abigail G. Dela Cruz – PME Officer
- Gio Renzo M. Caballero – PME Officer
- Randy C. Ocampo – IT Sub-unit Head

C. BFAR SAAD

- Elymi Ar-J Tuñacao – BFAR National Focal Person
- Arnel Valenzuela – Alternate Focal Person

D. DA Central Office

- Angelita D. Martir – OIC, SPCMAD
- Michael R. Sollera – OIC, PPD
- Anne Glyn Lisbo – Representative, PDS
- Nelda A. Cabason – Representative, Budget Division

E. DA and BFAR Regional Field Offices

- DA RFOs and BFAR ROs I, II, III and IV-A
- DA-SAAD RFOs and BFAR SAAD ROs CAR, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII

F. House of Representatives

- Rep. Elisa Olga T. Kho – 2nd District, Masbate, Chairperson, House Committee on Rural Development
- Abby Apostol – Supervising Legislative Staff Officer II

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II. AGENDA

- Presentation of SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028
- Next Steps
- Other Matters

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

The SAAD Program sought the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the Phase 2 of its implementation from FY 2023-2028. The meeting was joined by DBM officials, headed by Ms. Mary Ann Ricohermoso, House Committee on Rural Development (HCRD) Committee Chairperson and Masbate 2nd District Representative Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, and DA and BFAR Regional Field Offices, and concerned DA-OSEC units.

Agenda/Topic	Commentor	Discussion Highlight	Response/ Agreement
Presentation of SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028	Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Masbate, 2nd District, Chairperson, HCRD	Comments: Was the budget proposal presented sufficient enough? Were the effects of inflation and climate change considered?	Director Mula: The effects of inflation and climate change were already considered. In comparison with SAAD Phase 1, the proposed budget for SAAD Phase 2 is higher. The SAAD Phase 2 will be focusing on livelihood projects.
		Rep. Kho requested the program for a copy of the budget proposal	Director Mula: The program's budget proposal will be submitted to the office of Rep. Kho.
Presentation of SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028	Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Masbate, 2nd District, Chairperson, HCRD	Rep. Kho suggested that the interest of the beneficiaries should be considered to motivate them into taking part in the projects.	Director Mula: The interest of the beneficiaries will be explored under the Social Preparation component.



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		What is the implication of Mandanas-Garcia Ruling in DA Implementation?	DBM DA has not yet submitted its final transition plan to the DBM. Director Mula: In terms of the SAAD Program, SAAD will directly implement the program in its covered areas.
	Ms. Mary Ann L. Ricohermoso, DBM	Who conducted the assessment for the SAAD Phase 1?	Director Mula: The SAAD NPMO conducted its Midterm Impact (through DMMMSU) and Social Preparation and Enterprise Development Assessments (through CLSU). The results of said assessments will be submitted to DBM.
Presentation of SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028	Ms. Mary Ann L. Ricohermoso, DBM	Do you also have the accomplishments of the provinces?	Director Mula: Physical and financial accomplishments by province will also be submitted to DBM.



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		<p>Will the beneficiaries from Phase 1 still be covered by SAAD Phase 2?</p>	<p>Director Mula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries under Phase 1 may still be covered, as long as they fall under the criteria set in Phase 2. Further, similar to Phase 1, beneficiaries covered by SAAD should not have received interventions from DA regular programs in the last 2 years.
		<p>Is SAAD Phase 2 not an extension of Phase 1 but an expansion? Were the projects under Phase 1 successfully accomplished and will not be expanded under Phase 2?</p>	<p>Director Mula: SAAD Phase 2 is an expansion. The projects under Phase 1 will be accomplished by the end of year 2022.</p>
<p>SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028</p>	<p>Ms. Mary Ann L. Ricohermoso, DBM</p>	<p>The interventions under the SAAD program are similar to the intervention under the regular program. Is it not possible to cover the target municipalities instead under the regular program of the DA? What solution can be provided in order to</p>	<p>Director Cameron Odsey, DA-CAR: Director Odsey emphasized that highland areas were not included in the regular programs as these regular programs also had criteria for selecting beneficiaries (e.g., irrigated and lowland area for Rice Program). SAAD Program</p>

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		<p>include the SAAD target municipalities under the regular programs/budget? What steps did DA-RFOs take in order to address this problem?</p>	<p>covers those geographically and disadvantaged areas and government interventions were limited.</p> <p>Further, there are municipalities within the 1st to 4th income class municipalities in SAAD Phase 2 which have relatively high poverty incidence and considered isolated areas.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Phase 2 will cover only 5th-6th income class municipalities, why are there 1st-4th class municipalities in the proposal? 	<p>Director Mula: The SAAD Program followed the priority areas stated in the Budget Call for 2023 which include the top third municipalities with highest poverty incidences.</p>
<p>SAAD Program Strategic Plan and Proposal for FY 2023-2028</p>	<p>Ms. Mary Ann L. Ricohermoso, DBM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the implementation scheme of the SAAD Phase 2? Will it be conducted all at once or in phases like in the current implementation? 	<p>Director Mula: Implementation scheme for Phase 2 will also be in phases or based on the capacity of the implementing unit.</p>
		<p>The procurement of motor vehicles is included in the Phase 2 proposal?</p>	<p>Director Mula: The procurement of motor vehicles is necessary to make the program...</p>



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			<p>implementation more effective and efficient.</p> <p>Rep. Kho, HCRD: Rep. Kho agrees on the procurement of motor vehicles for the SAAD Phase 2, given the difficult access to the areas.</p> <p>Mr. Pamatmat, PME Head: The main purpose of the procurement of motor vehicles is on the Monitoring & Evaluation activities, initial phase of validation, and assessment of the area. There are isolated areas that will require the use of the said motor vehicles due to <u>limitations</u> on transportation.</p>
<p>Next Steps / Recommendation from DBM</p>	<p>Mr. Darwin Pamatmat, PME Head</p>	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pamatmat asked for clarification of the DBM's recommendation with regard to "Plan B" of the proposal 	<p>Ms. Ricohermoso, DBM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be realistic on the budget proposal because of the limited budget of the government • Provision of accomplished BP 202 and justification of the proposal • Provision of an endorsement from



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			the DA Secretary stating SAAD Program as a priority project of the Department of Agriculture
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SAAD NPMO committed to submit all the requested documents to the DBM and will continuously coordinate with DBM for updates.

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