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Guidelines on the Implementation of the Enhancement of Farmers' Information Technology Services Centers and Magsasaka Siyentista

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The memorandum is about the Tier 2 Project to capacitate Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentistas (MS) on accessing various Climate Information Services (CIS). The CIS included climate data, weather, rainfall and various information regarding climate, weather, temperature and climate change that is available on the Internet.

Salient Extension Provisions

Guidelines on the Implementation of Enhancing Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentista (MS) for Climate Information Services (CIS) under the Tier 2 Funds 2018

- A. The purpose of this Tier 2 Project is to capacitate Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentistas (MS) on accessing various Climate Information Services (CIS). The CIS includes climate data, weather, rainfall and various information regarding climate, weather, temperature and climate change that is available on the Internet.
- B. For this project, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) will identify FITS Centers per Region that will be capacitated to access CIS who, in turn, will provide the information to the farmers in their localities. Likewise, the MS will be selected to demonstrate climate-resilient technologies and disseminate these to their co-farmers or fishers. As MS, they are expected to share this to 30 or more farmers in their areas and hopefully are able to adopt the technologies demonstrated or showcased. At the end of this endeavor, the ATI hopes that these FITS Centers and MS will be organized into a network which will form part of the Climate Resource Network who will share their best practices on the use of climate information services as well as the implementation of climate-resilient technologies.
- C. The ATI Central Office conducted a Training on CIS in March 2018. Hence, it is expected that the Regions will be able to cascade or mentor the FITS Centers and MS in terms of accessing the available CIS. You have the option to lump your training fund for FITS Center and MS and conduct training related to CIS to all chosen FITS and MS in the Region. Likewise, you also have a mobilization fund is doing this.
- D. Based on the Planning Guideline released last year, the following are your targets. Physical targets are based on the total number of FITS Centers in the Region. Each enhanced FITS Center will have a budget of P50,000. The amount will be for local travel (P10,000.00); training (P20,000.00) and ICT supplies (P20,000.00). The chosen FITS Centers may be provided with tablets to further enhance them on accessing CIS. Likewise, they should also display climate-related IEC materials in the Center. The FITS Centers will be monitored in terms of the number of clients whom they were able to assist or brief on climate-related information.

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