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The policy recognizes the need to achieve sustainable modern agriculture and food security by helping the agricultural and fishing communities to reach their full potential, increasing farmers' and fishermen's incomes, and bridging gaps through public-private partnerships, thereby improving their quality of life. In pursuance to this policy, the State shall strengthen the farmers and fisherfolk enterprise development program by establishing a comprehensive and holistic approach in the formulation, coordination and implementation of enterprise development initiatives, consolidating the roles of different government agencies involved in farmers and fisherfolk enterprise development, and intensifying the building of entrepreneurship culture among farmers and fisherfolk.

Salient Extension Provisions

Section 3. *The Farmers and Fisherfolk Enterprise-Development Program.* — There is hereby established the "Farmers and Fisherfolk Enterprise Development Program", herein referred to as the Program, which shall refer to the comprehensive set of objectives, targets, and holistic approach in promoting the establishment of enterprises involving agricultural and fishery products. It shall be integrated and be made consistent with the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Plan, and the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Plan.

The Program shall make use of science-based technologies in the identification and prioritization of agricultural and fishery products to be covered.

The forms of assistance to be provided under the Program shall include:

- (a) Improvement of production and productivity, including agricultural extension services, skills development, provision of production inputs, equipment, facilities, and infrastructure for production and post-production activities;
- (b) Improvement of producers' and enterprises' access to financing in the form of credit grants and crop insurance;
- (c) Provision of access to improved technologies through research and development; and
- (d) Provision of business support and development services, particularly in the areas of access to markets, marketing, and networking.

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