

**Executive Order No. 801 series of 2009**

**ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) TO ADOPT THE TECHNO GABAY IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURPOSE**

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In consonance with the constitutional mandate, and in adherence to the Local Government Code of 1931, Local Government Units (LGUs) are now tasked to provide extension delivery services, particularly in terms of food production extension plans and budgets;

The policy provided a guideline that Local Government Units shall exert efforts to strengthen and maximize the technology extension delivery modalities of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (PCARRD-DOST), with emphasis on the Techno Gabay Program, and shall consolidate the said program with similar extension models of other agencies and bureaus.

**Salient Extension Provisions**

Section 3. Institutional Arrangements – This Executive Order shall be implemented observing the following operational scheme between and among the concerned agencies:

PCARRD-DOST shall:

1. Provide the overall direction within the framework of the existing Techno Gabay Program, in coordination with its regional consortia partner member agencies and the DA-ATI;
2. Conduct necessary pre-project consultations and planning activities;
3. Provide or facilitate the conduct of training programs for the efficient and effective operation of the Techno Pinoy centers;
4. Provide technology/information through Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials for the Techno Pinoy;
5. Link scientific community, the researchers and the agricultural experts from the National Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Network (NARRDN); and
6. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program at the national level.

DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) shall:

1. Link DA's Extension Program to the extension delivery modalities under the Techno Gabay Program, an extension program of SUCs, LGUs, and other agencies;
2. Provide access to online databases of DA on e-Learning courses and other agricultural information; and
3. Complement manpower and logistic support in the conduct of training and education of LGU personnel that will be involved in this joint undertaking.

Regional Research and Development Consortia shall:

1. Coordinate with LGUs regarding the implementation of the Techno Gabay Program in the municipality;
2. Conduct/facilitate training in various areas like ICT, IEC development, skills training and other related training for the efficient and effective operation of the center;
3. Provide guidance in the implementation of the FITS; and
4. Monitor the implementation of the Techno Gabay Program at the regional level.

LGUs are encouraged to:

1. Appoint/ designate the manpower need by the center;
2. Collaborate with the DA and other concerned agencies in planning technology delivery activities in line with the agriculture development program of the municipality;
3. Provide seed money for the establishment and maintenance of the FITS center;
4. Provide the site/office for FITS establishment in the area and purchase equipment and fixtures, supplies necessary to operate the center; and
5. Make available its staff to manage the project.

Section 4. Funding – All local government units covered by this Executive Order are encouraged to allocate funds from their respective budgets to cover the program's physical, human, and financial requirements.

Supplemental budgets may also be sourced by the concerned LGU from contributions of public and private institutions involved in the program.

Fund utilization and disbursement shall be subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The PCARRD-DOST, with the active participation of selected CHED-SUCs, DA, DA-ATI and LGUs, shall call for the creation of a Steering Committee and a Technical Working Committee that shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

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