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Dissemination of Electronic Copy of the Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Grant System

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The memorandum includes a conceptualized mechanism for the improvement of the present processes of the ATI in the provision of extension grants. The harmonization included the adoption of the common processes and integrated these into a system called the "AFE Grant System".

As part of the efforts of the Institute to continually improve and adapt ATI's services to the global trends in Agriculture and Fisheries, ATI is currently working on making the availment of AFE grants interactive in such way that applications and submission, as well as feedbacking on the progress of proposal evaluation, can be accessed online. To date, the installation of the AFE Grant System to the ATI website is still in progress. In the meantime, AFE grants application shall be processed manually. It is important to note that even if the AFE Grant System becomes available online, the option to apply manually will still be available.

To improve the administration of ATI's current extension grants, the system is aligned with the Agriculture and Fishery Extension (AFE) Framework's six thematic programs that can be financed through catalytic funding. This system harmonizes existing extension grants facilitated by the institute through its operating units. Moreover, it integrates collaboration among extension agencies under the National Extension System for Agriculture and Fisheries (NESAF).

Salient Extension Provisions

Aligning grants to AFE Thematic Programs

To ensure that all grantable projects are in sync with the thrusts and priorities of the AFE in general and of the ATI in particular, this grant system aligns all the extension grants of the Institute with the corresponding AFE thematic programs, described as follows:

- **Enhancing Access to AFE Knowledge Products and Services.** This program deals with different extension clients/stakeholders' need for fast access to up-to-date agriculture and agriculture-related information and knowledge. It includes development, translation, packaging, and distribution of knowledge products through multimedia (face to face, print, radio, TV, ICT-based) and all other modes of communication that fit specific client system.
- **Strengthening Competitiveness and Capacities of the AF Sector.** Also called capability-building program for various clients, this program generally aims to capacitate stakeholders and organized groups at various levels (farmers/ fishers, extension workers, subject matter specialists, experts, extension managers, etc.) with knowledge, attitude and skills (KAS) to achieve specific development objectives and goals. This can be accomplished through training, education, and provision of advisory services.
- **Expanding Partnerships in Advancing Excellence in AFE Delivery.** This program supports initiatives of ATI to forge linkages with other agencies for collaborative undertakings. The purpose of partnerships may be to expand the reach of extension services geographically, to more and various clients/stakeholders and may relate to addressing issues affecting the effective and efficient delivery of extension services.
- **Scaling-Up AFE Innovations.** This program provides for the development of new extension modalities, methodologies, and approaches that are fit to the changing extension contexts. After proven effective through piloting, innovative extension, modalities, methodologies, and approaches are institutionalized and become regular extension interventions that fall under other Thematic Programs. It also includes enriching the content of AFE in relation to competitiveness and sustainability of the Agricultural and Fisheries sector.
- **Strengthening AFE Stakeholders' Capacity in Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation and Disaster Risk Management.** This is a special program that specifically addresses the extension needs of stakeholders that are affected by the adverse impacts of climate change and disasters in order to develop their capability to withstand or adapt to such unwholesome conditions successfully. It also covers stakeholders who are potential to be affected by the impending strike of adverse climate impacts by providing them extension services to boost their preparedness. Extension interventions include services that may cut across all other Thematic Programs.

- Improving Enabling Environment and Quality of Governance. This Program deals with the provision of policy support, effective management interventions, planning, monitoring and evaluation (PME) and budget mechanisms, infrastructure and facilities for smooth implementation of extension services.

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