



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Project Title: Root Crops and Vegetable Production and Marketing

The Root Crops and Vegetable Production and Marketing is a value-chain type of project by CoSEED supported by a Donor in London through MuCAARD-UK. Value-chain type as it adds value or services with the existing land redemption program of CoSEED supported by MuCAARD-UK that aims at developing local crops production and marketing that include before-sales services of products from the redeemed mortgaged farm land of farmers in Zamboanga Peninsula (municipalities of Vincenzo Sagun, Margosatubig and Pitogo) in Zamboanga del Sur.

The fund support from the Donor was received and downloaded to CoSEED account last October 18, 2018. After receiving the said fund support, CoSEED team immediately held meeting discussing the sub-activities for the implementation of the project.

1. Re-visit/revalidation/coaching and mentoring to the individual farmer-beneficiary for the preparation on the conduct of project orientation. As a result, one of the land redemption program's beneficiaries name Reminda Tingson, voluntarily offered to exclude her from the root crops production support because she could no longer manage the day to day activities of the farm. Ms. Tingson is a single mother, Senior Citizen, living with distance from her coco-land. Besides, she has already a home-based livelihood re: rug, pot holder, slipper and bag making which augmented her monthly income.



2. Project Orientation/Vegetable and Crop Production Training. CoSEED conducted the said training on December 14, 2018 at CoSEED formation hall. There were 4 women and 7 men attended the trainings and actively participated in the hand-held training on Fermentation of Natural Farming System foliar fertilizer as part of the module on Crop Production Training. Major outputs for the

training was the formulation of individual Farm Plan which is imperative in determining the final inputs needed by the farmers for the crop production and per agreement the land preparation as counterpart by the farmer-beneficiaries. The following are the identified crops for the project are a) peanut, b) assorted vegetables, c) ginger, and d) turmeric.

3. Procurement of Seeds and Organic fertilizers. After the consolidation of the final farm inputs identified by each farmer from the developed farm plan, CoSEED procured the organic fertilizers, peanut seed and assorted vegetable seeds. Ginger and turmeric will be procured after the farm land of the farmer-beneficiaries is ready for planting. Because the ginger and turmeric are considered as prone to damage if not immediately transplanted.
4. Land Preparation and Planting. As of this writing, the land preparation is yet pending because of the occurrence of the el niño weather condition. Per projection of PAG-ASA (Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration), the drought season will occur in the first six months of 2019 but the severe heat index is within the 1st quarter of 2019. In the project sites drought had started since October 2018 until today that causes vast damaged of the farm crops. Therefore, CoSEED suspend the implementation of the project to avoid failure of the project. When good weather condition comes, CoSEED will resume and fast-track the implementation.