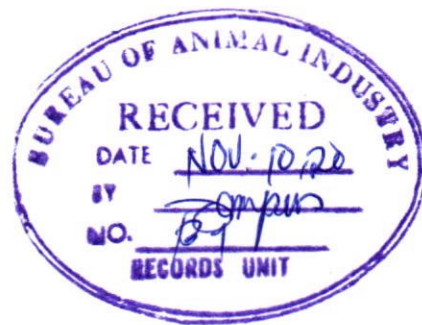




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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM'S BAYANIHAN ACT II STIMULUS PACKAGE PROJECTS INVOLVING EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES

I. RATIONALE:

As part of the government's efforts to support every sector and hasten their recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Republic Act No. 11469 or the *Bayanihan We Recover as One Act* was signed into law by the President on September 11, 2020. The Department of Agriculture received Php 24 Billion under the said act. From that allocation, the National Livestock Program was allotted a total of Php 678 Million to implement two (2) flagship projects intended to aid and revitalize the local livestock and poultry sector: (1) The Nucleus and Multiplier Breeder Farms for Poultry, Swine, and Small Ruminants with a budget of Php 500 Million, and (2) The Cattle Feedlot Fattening Project with a budget of Php 178 Million.

These projects will be implemented by the National Livestock Program (NLP) through its Implementing Units (IUs) and in partnership with external stakeholders such as Local Government Units (LGUs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs).

Major components of these projects involve the said external stakeholders as partner implementers, hence, the involvement of fund transfers and other necessary coordination mechanisms.

II. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

These guidelines shall govern the implementation of the programs and projects of NLP under the Bayanihan Act II Stimulus Package for Agriculture, specifically on the components that involve external stakeholders as partner implementers.

Furthermore, it will provide facilitating direction on the following: selection of beneficiaries, finalization of the projects' specific components by beneficiary, transfers of funds to partner entities whenever necessary, and monitoring and evaluation.

It is deemed important that the guidelines and procedures mentioned here shall complement with the existing guidelines of previously approved individual projects. However, for future individual projects, the provisions on the various processes, requirements, and other procedures shall emanate from the present guidelines. In case of conflicts and confusions, these guidelines shall prevail.

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III. OBJECTIVES

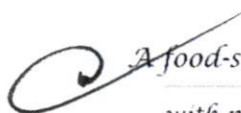
These guidelines aim to ensure the effective, efficient, and timely implementation of programs and projects of the National Livestock Program under the Bayanihan Act II Stimulus Package for Agriculture with components involving external stakeholders as partner implementers.

It also aims to provide the NLP implementing units, the necessary guidance and enabling procedures on utilizing funds with the object of expenditure of *Donation* and facilitate the proper implementation of the planned interventions with the beneficiaries of NLP.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As used in these Guidelines, the following terms, words, and phrases shall be construed as:

1. Donation-This account is used to recognize the amount of donations to other levels of government and individuals and institutions in accordance with existing *Government Auditing and Accounting Manual*.
2. Implementing Units (IUs) - The DA agencies and units that are implementing the regular NLP PAPs. These are the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Offices (DA – RFOs), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI). The NLP Operating and Project funds are lodged at the IUs.
3. Memorandum of Agreement - A written document describing a cooperative relationship between two or more parties wishing to work together on a project or to meet an agreed upon objective. A MOA serves as a legal document and describes the terms and details of the partnership agreement, in this case, the DA/DA agency and the partner entity/beneficiary.
4. Multiplier Farm- Multiplier Farm is a facility that maintains parent breeders and produce quality animal stocks that are eligible for distribution to production centers, farmer growers, and other sister Multiplier Farms. It shall source its animals from elite breeders from Nucleus Farms and reputable source farms.
5. Nucleus Farm-Nucleus Farm is a facility where elite breeders are maintained that will be the source of reputable parent and breeder stocks to sustain Multiplier Farms and other eligible and capable farms.
6. Partner Entity- Also known as the beneficiary/ requesting party/ or cooperating partner of the *Donation*, these shall be institutions with established legal identity and stature that passes the validation and selection process. These institutions can be Local Government Units (LGUs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), DA accredited CSOs, and cooperatives, associations or people’s organizations that are qualified for the Project.
7. Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) - Refer to the specific interventions of the National Livestock Program herein identified to be funded by DA thru donation to an implementing partner entity.
8. Selection- Refers to the process of identifying project beneficiaries after due validation and review of application or request and the accompanying requirement using a prescribed selection criteria.
9. Validation- Confirmation of the identity and qualifications of the applying partner entities through the provision of documents and objective evidence through on-site

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