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SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES (CENTRAD)

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD) is a joint undertaking between the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) and the identified State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) which is proposed to be the center for risk analysis, investigation, diagnosis, mapping and emergency management of the Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs). The project is among the Productivity Enhancement Projects of the DA.

The Center aims to meet the following objectives:

- **SURVEILLANCE.** Provide a venue for focused animal disease diagnostics, monitoring and surveillance particularly of TADs in the country.
- **RISK ANALYSIS.** Serve as a hub for risk analysis, development of plans and the management and implementation of interventional veterinary assistance in times of TADs outbreak.
- **CAPACITY BUILDING.** Serve as a hub for multidisciplinary capacity building particularly for animal health workers, and render expert consultancy service needs on all facets of animal health, more importantly on One-Health, risk communications, and biosecurity.
- **RESEARCH.** Perform relevant and competitive research programs that directly address TADs, conduct socio-economic and value chain studies, improved advocacy, risk communication, and the needs to poultry and livestock farming communities.
- **EMERGENCY FACILITY.** Serve as the central storage facility for animal vaccines, supplies and equipment for emergency and disease management.

II. OBJECTIVES

This project envisions the creation an operation of CenTrAD that shall lead the conduct of surveillance, diagnosis and control, mapping, epidemiology, timely information dissemination, research and emergency management in case of emergence of TADs.

III. PROJECT IMPLEMENTER/ PARTNER

The DA-BAI and various SUCs which include Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Cavite State University, Central Bicol State University, Central Mindanao University, Isabela State University, Visayas State University, Tarlac State University, Cagayan State