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2020 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**I. Project Information**

Project Code: CPREU

Project Title: Review of ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) and Its Effect on Agriculture and Fisheries in the Philippines

Project Start: 18 September 2019

Project End: 31 December 2020

Project Price: 2,350,000.00

Client Organization: Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries

II. Project Team

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III. Project Details**Project Description:**

In fulfilment of its mandate, the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) sought the assistance of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) through the Policy Research Office (PRO) of the Center for Governance (CfG) to conduct a research project given its extensive experience in policy research and technical assistance for Philippine government and international agencies. The study entitled, "Review of ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) and Its Effect on Agriculture and Fisheries in the Philippines" will be an exploration on whether or not the agreement has beneficial effects on the agriculture and fisheries sectors in the Philippines through the use of primary and secondary data such as interviews and focus group discussions and trade data, respectively. As such, these will help in analyzing trade patterns and identify issues and challenges in maximizing the benefits of the agreement. Overall, this study is expected to generate evidence-based policy recommendations to serve as inputs of PCAF to implementing agencies in advancing the economic interests of the country.

Project Objective:

In general, this study seeks to examine the effects of ATIGA on agriculture and fisheries sectors in the Philippines. Specifically, it aims to:

1. Analyze trends and patterns in agriculture and fisheries trade in the Philippines and ASEAN;
2. Identify the effects of the implementation of ATIGA on the agriculture and fisheries sectors; and
3. Draw policy recommendations for relevant government agencies involved in agriculture and fisheries to further enhance capability of the domestic sector to take better opportunities under ATIGA for the regional trade.

Focus Area: Policy Review and Advocacy, Policy Reform Agenda

Project Type: Policy Research

Project Beneficiary: Agriculture

Regional Coverage: Nationwide

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2020 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**IV. Project Accomplishments**

Key Activities Implemented: Inception Meeting, Data Gathering, Processing and Analysis of Data, Research Presentation and Validation, Report Writing

Major Outputs: 1) Inception Report 2) Final Report


Project Impact:

Lessons Learned:

1. There is a need to invest in better platforms for online FGDs and KIIs and qualitative data analysis as well as additional support for implementing remote and online work arrangement in DAP.
2. There is a need to rationalize and streamline administrative tasks of offices and centers needed in the day-to-day project implementation to adapt in the "new normal" situation and promote effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by the Academy.
3. There is a need to develop a research framework/tool as part of PRO product development for research to guide succeeding research projects.
4. There is a need for regular and continuous training and development support programs made available to both regular and non-plantilla personnel to strengthen technical skills and expertise. This also includes facilitation of mentorship from experts as well as learning during the research project.

V. Attachments

- Inception Report
- Final Report (to follow Certificate of Project Closure and Deliverable Accepted)

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Center Head**Notes:**

1. Project details on Section I-III can be generated thru PMIS based on PMs Inputs.
2. Project Managers are required to accomplish Section IV & provide Section V to reflect results of project implementation
3. Project Managers can update/adjust the pre-filled sections(I-III) based on actual data