

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

- 1. Project Title : Improving Organic Rice Productivity through Improved Technology and Farm Service Enterprise
- 2. Location : Kidapawan City, Cotabato
- 3. Project Sector : Agricultural development
Agricultural inputs
Food crop production
Agricultural education/training
- 4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,280,491.00
- 5. Implementing Organization : Advocates of Cotabato Rural Development, Inc.
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- 6. Duration : December 09, 2004 - January 31, 2006
- 7. Project Description :

The project shall provide farm machinery, seeds assistance, technology training, and organizing of rice farmers' cooperative to enhance and expand the farmer-beneficiaries' organic rice production and marketing. While the main problem in terms of production appears to be the lack of adequate farm equipment, this project seeks to also address the implications of the presence of the equipment , e.g. need for more seeds due to potential expansion of farm areas, technology training to enhance the traditional no-chemical farming. The project shall benefit at least 35 subsistence small farm-holder households in the area. It shall have the following major components: a) provision of basic and needed farm machinery, b) provision of training and skills transfer on organic and sustainable rice production technologies and farming systems, c) provision of seeds and establishment of seed experimentation and propagation plot, and d) assistance for organizing farmers' cooperative.

On the soft technology aspect on organic farming, the project will introduce appropriate methods under the MASIPAG and SRI system as well as other best practices in and from nearby areas.

- 8. Beneficiaries : 35 farmers
- 9. Expected Results :
 - At least 50 farmers have undergone training on various organic rice farming technologies.
 - Two seeds production plots have been established for research and development, and sustaining seeds supply.
 - At least 50 farmers have undergone training on soil fertility management and organic fertilizers production.
 - A cooperative of organic rice farmers shall have been organized and registered with the Cooperatives Development Authority.
 - The coop has established and formulated policies and guidelines on use of farm machinery, etc.
 - LGU Paglat has issued commitment to support the coop and its initiatives through SB Resolution and actual involvement of the MAO.