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Implementing Guidelines



Community Based Seed Banking



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OBJECTIVES

General:

To ensure and promote farmers access to quality seeds through a sustainable community-based seed banks.

Specific:

1. Establishment of seed banks specially in upland, lowland, rainfed and irrigated areas,
2. Provision of support mechanisms to the marginalized communities not served by accredited seed growers; and
3. Promote seed exchange among farmers within a locality.



TARGET BENEFICIARIES

1. Farmers in the irrigated and rainfed areas who have no access and cannot afford to buy certified quality seeds.
2. Farmer Irrigators' Association and Cooperatives.
3. Upland rice farmers.
4. Non-government Organizations (NGOs) and Peoples Organization (PO) who are capable to engage in seed production and willing to share their produce to their members.



STRATEGIES

1. Provision of free starter seeds (Registered Seeds) to qualified recipients.
2. Provision of trainings and technical briefings to agricultural extension workers and beneficiaries.
3. Construction and rehabilitation of seed storage.
4. Provision of post harvest facilities and other small seed processing equipments.
5. Establishment and maintenance of back-up farm centers in government and seed growers facilities.
6. Conduct of research and Development activities through farmer based participatory activities and technology demonstrations.
7. Well defined management and repayment schemes of the seed bank as agreed by the concerned parties.
8. Conduct of regular monitoring and program review by the national and regional rice program secretariat to ensure the smooth implementation.

