

**DA-12 presents the fundamentals of F2C2 program with farmer leaders of Sarangani, GenSan and SoCot**

TUPI, SOUTH COTABATO- The Department of Agriculture met today with farmer leaders of Sarangani, General Santos City, and South Cotabato to present the fundamentals of Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation (F2C2) Program.

Regional Executive Director Arlan Mangelen pointed out that after Secretary William Dar signed DA Administrative Order (AO) 27, it sets into motion the Duterte administration's farm consolidation and clustering program.

"The F2C2 program is needed to enable the agriculture and fishery sector attain economies of scale, and achieve cost-efficient production, harvest, processing and marketing operations that will increase your income," the director said in front of the farmer-leaders.

Director Mangelen furthered that the orientation aims to get the strong support from farmer groups, since they are the main players in this program.

F2C2 technical working group presented to the farmers the framework of the program and the eyed pilot areas in the said provinces.

The other week, local government units were also successfully oriented about F2C2 program.

The same briefing will be held in Sultan Kudarat on October 22 (Lebak), and October 23 (Isulan).

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