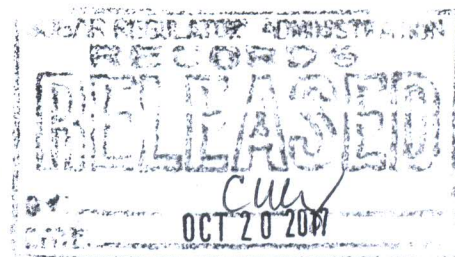




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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GAA-FUNDED HYV NURSERIES

I. Policy Statement

Section 5 of the Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 (RA # 10659) provides that in addition to the extension services provided by the DA, DAR, UPLB, the private and non-government organizations, extension services in the districts shall be provided by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) and the Mill District Development Councils (MDDCs). Extension services include the propagation and dissemination of sugarcane high-yielding varieties (HYVs).

II. Scope and Objectives

These general guidelines shall govern the implementation of all high yielding variety (HYV) nurseries funded by the general appropriations or GAA-funded HYV nurseries in the sugarcane mill districts given as a "grant" to beneficiary / implementing civil society organizations (CSO) or State Universities & Colleges (SUCs). The fund shall be released to eligible beneficiaries / implementing organizations in the form of "cash" subject to liquidation pursuant to COA and government accounting rules and regulations or released "in kind" subject to the procurement law of the Philippines or RA 9184.

The objective of the program is to establish and develop as many HYV nurseries on a continuing basis so that the sugarcane farmers would have ready access to new HYVs that contribute to the increase in farm yield, increase in the adoption of HYVs and serve the HYV needs of neighboring mill districts in times of calamity. It is the intention of this program to distribute the HYV canepoints for "free" or at a subsidized price to target farmer beneficiaries depending on the financial capability of the implementing CSO or SUC.

III. Eligible Project Beneficiaries / Implementing Organizations

- State Universities and Colleges (SUCs);
- Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organization (ARBs) or block farms;
- MDDCS;
- Sugarcane planters associations or their foundations; and
- Other non-profit private organizations such as civil society organizations (CSOs) undertaking sugarcane-related activities and located or operating in the sugarcane mill districts, subject to SRA's determination and qualification.

