

Challenge accepted!

SAAD Program continues to implement various projects in the Province of Southern Leyte amid the uncertainties of the pandemic. One of the municipalities covered by the program is the Municipality of Tomas Oppus, whose marginalized farmers received different livelihood interventions since 2018.

This year, SAAD Program implementation in Southern Leyte allocated a total of ₱1,704,970.00 for swine production. The fund was used for the purchase of a number of livestock (20 head ready-to-breed gilts), grower feeds (20 bags), gestating feeds (80 bags), lactating feeds (30 bags), booster (300 gm.), and biologics.

The selected recipients for this project are two (2) local farmer associations – San Miguel Farmers Association (SMFA) and Maslog Integrated Livestock and Poultry Breeders Association (MILPBA). These farmer associations are new in terms of swine production, but with the capacity enhancement activities they underwent coupled with proper guidance from program implementors, they feel confident of succeeding in this particular endeavor. Thus, they are very thankful for the opportunity to undertake the project because it gives them hope for a brighter future. The associations received the inputs (grower feeds) on August 25, 2020, and ready-to-breed gilts (total: 20 head at 10 head per association) on August 27, 2020, after completion of the construction of swine housing.

“At first, doubts and reservations crossed our minds due to some things that we thought were insurmountable as we embarked on this totally new undertaking. But through cooperation and initiative of the group members, we were able to successfully pass through the initial difficulties. It led us to the realization that even with the pandemic, there is room to grow and succeed if only we give it our best shot,” remarked Edgar Felicilda, FA President.
