



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM



LEGAL BASIS

THE AMENDED ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT

RA 11511

An Act Amending the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (RA 10068)

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PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT

DECLARATION OF POLICY

“...promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the country.”

Organic agriculture aims to enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity and farmer’s incomes, reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, encourages the participation of indigenous organic farmers in promoting their sustainable practices, further protect the health of farmers, consumers, and the general public, save on imported farm inputs and promote food self-sufficiency.

Section 2 of OAA as amended by RA 11511



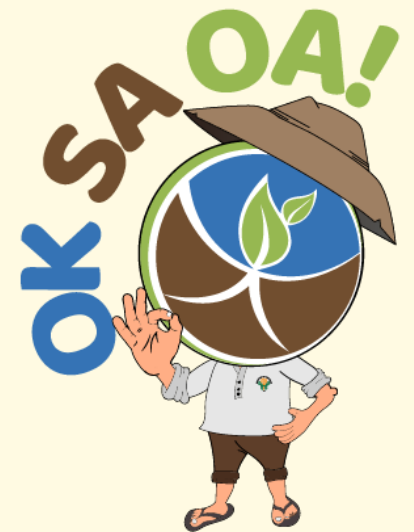
MANDATES OF THE PROGRAM

1. Promotion and commercialization of organic farming practices
2. Cultivation and adaptation of production and processing methods
3. Research and Development
4. Capacity Building
5. Consumer Education



CORE SERVICES OF OA (NOAP-ROAP)

1. OA Livelihood Program (OALP)
2. Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)
3. Capacity Development
4. Research for Development and Extension
5. Youth Internship Program for Organic Agriculture
6. Establishment of Organic Seed Centers
7. Marketing Assistance
8. Social Credit
9. Policy Development
10. Advocacy and Promotion



THRUSTS AND PRIORITIES



Thrusts and Priorities

- » Expansion of certified OA areas thru accreditation of core PGS groups and organic certification of PGS group farmer-members to increase the number of certified organic farms and the volume of certified organic produce.
- » Consistency of supply of certified organic inputs to target beneficiaries thru the provision of support to DA Stations and Establishment of Community Seedbank.
- » Enhancement of organized OA Practitioners thru Organic Agriculture Livelihood Projects (OALP) and Market Development Assistance.



Thrusts and Priorities

- » Self-sufficiency in the supply of organic soil amendments, biocontrol agents and farm inputs thru the establishment of Organic Production Facilities and Capacity Building for farmers.
- » Enhancement of OA Practices and Technologies thru Research and Development and adoption of OA best practices.
- » Increased interest in OA farming thru Youth Scholarship Program, Promotion and Advocacy, and conduct of congresses, product exhibits and information caravan



PROCESS OF AVAILMENT OF
ORGANIC LIVELIHOOD PROJECT AND
PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE
SYSTEM



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

- » The DA National Organic Agriculture Program - National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO) designs this project to strengthen and empower existing organic practitioners' and farmers' groups through the establishment of organic agriculture livelihood projects.
- » The livelihood project shall serve as a business integrator of organic farms, that is, producer and supplier of organic inputs, provider of farm services, as well as the consolidator and marketing arm of organic produce and products.
- » The facilities and components of each organic agriculture livelihood project, as well as its scales of operation and phases of development, shall be based on the organic agricultural commodities of the proponent.
- » The livelihood project may perform any of the following services and activities, e.g, production of agricultural inputs, farm services, agricultural technical services, consolidation of harvest and marketing, processing and value adding, training and capacity building.



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Scope of the Project:

**SOCIAL PREPARATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND
INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

(Trainings/Capacity building activities, Office Equipment)



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Scope of the Project:

PRODUCTION AND POSTHARVEST SUPPORT

1. Crop Production (Fertilizer Facility Concoction Facility Seed Production, Nursery, Seed Dryer, Seed Processing, Seed Storage, Millers and Hullers, Solar/Bubble Dryers, Farm Production Machineries, Farm Sheds for Farm Machineries, Rainwater Harvester, Irrigation System)
2. Animal Production (Breeder and Animal Stocks, Feed Production, Silage Facility)
3. Animal Hauler, Animal Housing, Forage Development, Slaughter House, Dressing Plant, Hatchery with Incubator) Fisheries Production (Pond Construction, Breeder and Fingerlings, Feed Production, Feed Packaging, Fishery Processing, Fish Products Packaging and Fish Products Storage)



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Scope of the Project:

MARKETING, LOGISTICS AND OTHER ANCILLARY SUPPORT

1. Food Processing (Food Processing Structures, Food Processing Equipment and Food Packaging Supplies and Equipment)
Consolidation Areas (Cold Storage, Warehouse and Wholesale Selling Area)
2. Marketing and Logistics (Carts, Pedicabs, Hauling Trucks, Small Transport)
3. 4. Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System or Solar Panel System (as an alternative to electricity)



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Eligible Beneficiaries:

- A. Certified Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Groups;
- B. Registered Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) - for PGS-OCB groups accreditation
- C. Indigenous People's Organizations; and
- D. Local Government Units (LGUs) with ordinance and programs on organic agriculture.



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Documentary Requirements:

- Letter of intent (addressed to the DA-Regional Executive Director (DA-RED));
- Project Proposal;
- Certificate of Registration (ex. SEC, CDA, BAFS, NCIP, DOLE among others
- Sworn Affidavit of the Secretary of the entities that none of its incorporators, organizers, directors or officials is an agent of or related by consanguinity or affinity up to the 4th civil degree to the officials or any personnel authorized to process and/or approve the proposal, the MOA, and the release of funds. Relationships of this nature shall automatically disqualify any entity from being granted the fund (Section 4.4.8 of COA Circular No. 2007-001 and Section 2.1 of COA Circular No, 012-001);



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Documentary Requirements:

- Board Resolution authorizing the Chairman/President of the Organization to enter into an agreement with the DA;
- Valid business permit
- Proof of land ownership, with no encumbrances, by the proponent, or usufruct agreement between the owner of the land and the proponent with updated receipt of payment of real property tax;
- Affidavit of Undertaking that the lot owned by the proponent or with usufruct agreement shall be dedicated to the sole use of the organic agriculture livelihood project and shall not be converted to any purpose for the duration of ten (10) years from its establishment;



Organic Agriculture Livelihood Project (OALP)

Documentary Requirements:

- Certified copy of the local ordinance on organic agriculture program for LGU proponent;
- Letter of Commitment to support the implementation of the project from the Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), for BARMM proponents; and
- Certificate from the Secretary/Accountant that the entity has equity equivalent to at least 20% of the total project cost.



PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS)

**RA 1511 Amending RA 10068 and its
Corresponding IRR Introduced the PGS as
an Alternative Organic Certification
System**



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Guidelines for the Accreditation of Core Participatory Guarantee System Group (PGS) and its Operation as Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB)

Objectives:

The circular provides the criteria, requirements, rules and procedures for the accreditation of core Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups and its Operation as Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB), and ensure that the accredited groups implement their Manual of Operations based on the Guidelines Operation of Participatory Guarantee System Groups as Organic Certifying Bodies in a competent, consistent and impartial manner.



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Prerequisite for Accreditation:

Five (5) individual farms from the same municipality or city or within a province as a Core PGS group shall secure organic certification from BAFS, BAFS-accredited third-party OCB, or an accredited core PGS group in the province. The certification of the five (5) core PGS group members shall be treated and processed as one application.



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Requirements for PGS Organic Certification:

- Endorsement Letter from municipal/city local technical committee
- Original or Duplicate copy of the Mayor's Permit
- Accomplished application form with signed declaration of the applicant
- Organic Management Plan (OMP) of each of the five (5) core PGS group member
- Farm profile and map of each of the five (5) core PGS Group member



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Procedure for Certification of the Core PGS Group Members:

- Application Review and Preparation for Inspection
- Conduct of Inspection
- Monitoring of Implementation of Corrections and Corrective Action Plan (CCAP)
- Decision-making and Granting of Participatory Organic Certificate
- All NC must be resolved within the agreed period



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Requirements for Application for Accreditation of Core PGS Groups:

Following criteria to be accredited as an OCB:

- Must be registered with the municipality or city where the PGS group is predominantly located;
- Must have physical office or place for transactions or operations;
- Must have an established PGS Manual of Operations in accordance with the Guidelines for the Operation of PGS Group as Organic Certifying Bodies;
- Must have five (5) farmer-members certified by the BAFS or an accredited core PGS group as organic practitioners, to be known as the core PGS Group;
- Must comply with the findings and requirements based on audit results.



Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)

Requirements for Application for Accreditation of Core PGS Groups:

Following documents to be submitted to BAFS for accreditation:

- Accomplished application form with signed declaration of the PGS group's authorized representative
- Copy of PGS group's Manual of Operations (internal standards, and documented management systems and procedures)
- Original or Duplicate copy of POC (s) issued by BAFS or other accredited OCB or organic certificate(s) issued BAFS-accredited third-party OCB, if applicable





Thank you.

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