



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37
Series of 2022

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION CENTER (PAFEC) OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997 (AFMA) declares that it is the policy of the State to promote science and technology as essential for national development and progress and that the State shall give priority for the utilization of research results through formal and non-formal education, extension, and training services;

WHEREAS, despite the greater attention afforded to the agriculture and fisheries sectors in the past years, the slow utilization of smart agriculture and fisheries technologies manifests the lingering of weak Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) services in the Province;

WHEREAS, Davao Oriental aspires to further elevate and sustain itself as a food secure and self-sufficient Province hence, acknowledges the need to maximize the innovative model provided by Department of Agriculture (DA) that strengthens linkages, research and extension services through sharing of science-based knowledge and technologies with the farmers, fisherfolks, individuals and families, rural communities and agri-fishery enterprises;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code has no provision for the direct control of Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) over Municipal/City Local Government Units (M/CLGUs) in developing and implementing agriculture programs. Similarly, the main players such as the DA, its field offices, bureaus and other attached agencies, State Universities & Colleges (SUCs) and the private sectors pursue their own programs; hence, resulting to weak research-extension-farmer linkages, further causing a fragmented and ineffective agriculture and fisheries extension delivery system;

WHEREAS, even as the AFMA mandates PLGUs to integrate and evaluate M/CLGU extension programs, attaining economies of scale for greater productivity and impact is a big challenge at the municipal/city level;

WHEREAS, to ensure smooth implementation of all AFE programs whether funded by LGUs, the national government, private agencies/entities, and/ or foreign donors, there is an imperative to establish a single entity to serve as a unitary umbrella in planning and implementing such AFE programs in the Province;

WHEREAS, the Province of Davao Oriental signed a Memorandum Order of Agreement (MOA) with the DA and partners to establish and manage the Provincial Agriculture and

Fisheries Extension Center of Davao Oriental, in collaboration with various public-private and civil society organizations in the Province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON N. MALANYAON, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the following and its subsequent provisions, viz.

Section 1. Title. This Executive Order mandates the establishment of a **"Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center (PAFEC) of the Province of Davao Oriental"** as the operational arm of the Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) of Davao Oriental.

Section 2. Functions. The PAFEC shall perform the following functions to wit:

- a. Lead the development and implementation of a Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program (CPAFEP) guided by the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP) and Value Chain Analysis (VCA) of priority commodities;
- b. Integrate the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program with the Comprehensive Provincial Development Plan (CPDP);
- c. Coordinate the operation of Municipal/City LGU extensionists and mobilize technical support of subject matter specialists from Davao Oriental State University (DORSU), private sector, and civil society partners in implementing the Provincial-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program;
- d. Lead the establishment of viable agro-enterprises and setting up of corresponding technology adaptation/demonstration farms, capacity building, conduct of field days and other related activities in collaboration with partner agencies in the Province;
- e. Link farmers and fisherfolk with markets and provide custom services in the whole agriculture and fisheries value chain; and
- f. Submit quarterly reports to the Management Committee on the progress and achievements of the Center, and if there are bottlenecks, the critical steps taken to overcome them.

Section 3. Programs. The Center shall develop and pursue the following flagship programs in collaboration with partners of PAFES- DavOr, to wit;

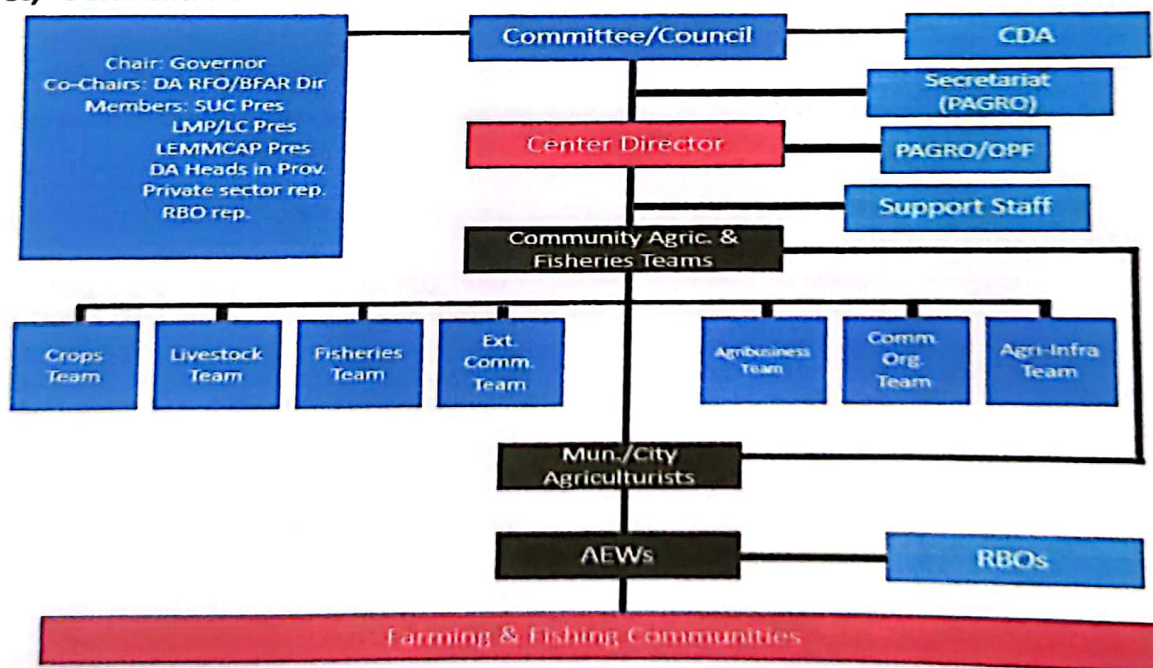
- a. **Agro-enterprise development-** establishing enterprises to enhance rural livelihoods based on the value chains of priority commodities of the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP);
- b. **Location-Specific Technology Development and Demonstration-** testing, adaptation and on-farm/on coast demonstration of new, improved and climate

resilient agriculture and fisheries technology in strategic locations of the Province in collaboration with the private sector, farmers and fisherfolk;

- c. **Capacity Building-** massive training of LGU Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), farmers, fisherfolk, rural women and the youth on agro-enterprise development and improved agriculture and fisheries production, processing and marketing, technologies;
- d. **Information/Knowledge Sharing-** timely provision of technical, market and weather advisory through personal and electronic (i.e., mass media, mobile phone and computer-based) channels; and
- e. **Institutional Strengthening-** enhancing capacities of M/CLGUs in planning and managing agricultural extension; providing complementary incentives and benefits for AEWs; upgrading and establishing LGU physical facilities and acquisition of equipment/transport for AFE.

Section 4: Organization and Management System. The Center shall be supervised by a Provincial Management Committee as created by Executive Order No. __, Series of 2022.

Organization and Management System of the Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center (PAFEC) – Davao Oriental



PAFEC	Existing PAGRO Divisions responsible	PLGU
Crops Team	Crop Division (CD)	
Livestock Team		Provincial Veterinarian's Office
Extension Communication Team	Research, Administrative & Agricultural, Technical Support Services Unit (RAATSSU)	

Section 5: Terms and Reference of the Center Director. The Center Director shall perform the following tasks and functions, to wit:

- a. Lead the development and implementation of the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program;
- b. Formulate the annual work and financial plan of the Center for approval by the Management Committee;
- c. Supervise the operations of Municipal/City LGU extensionists and coordinate technical support of subject matter specialists from PAFES partners;
- d. Prepare quarterly reports to the Management Committee on the progress and achievements of the Center; and
- e. Provide administrative and secretarial support to the Management Committee.

Section 6: Term and Reference of the Agriculture and Fisheries Teams (I.E., Crops, Livestock, Fisheries, Agribusiness, Extension, Communication, Community Organizing, Agri Infrastructure).

- a. Assist the Center in developing the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program.
- b. Assist the Center in establishing and nurturing agro-based enterprises in the Province.
- c. Serve as multi-disciplinary resource persons to the capacity building programs of the Center.
- d. Serve as roving teams of advisors in providing technical support and advisory services to Municipal/City AEWs in the Province,
- e. Link PAFES with resource/technology providers within and outside the Province.

Section 7: Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately and will remain in full force unless revoked or amended.

ISSUED this 16th of December 2022, in City of Mati, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

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Governor