

(5) Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development Project

(Background and Necessity)

While the agriculture sector of the Philippines takes 33.6 percent of its labor population, its contribution to the GDP is limited to 16.8 percent, leading to demand to improve agricultural productivity. In terms of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, support for agriculture infrastructure and institutional capacity building is important to increase agricultural productivity and added value for agricultural products.

The Mindanao region, in particular, has a rich agricultural potential with vast land area and stable climate, and needs to establish models of agribusiness by enhancing collective farming of small scale farmers.

(Objective and Summary)

The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity, product value, and income of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and other small scale farmers through the provision of small scale agricultural infrastructure and agricultural/organizational capacity building support, thereby contributing to increase competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture in the covered areas.

The Japanese ODA loan will be used for the civil works, agricultural support and organizational capacity development, and consulting services for development of agricultural infrastructure.

(Organization of project implementation)

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(Planned Implementation Schedule)

- (i) Completion of project: December 2016 (completion of civil works, institutional development and agricultural support)
- (ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services (construction management,

etc.): May 2012

(iii) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction:

There will be no procurement in this project through international competitive bidding, but procurement for subsequent project implementation activities such as site development activities through local competitive bidding is expected.