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DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. <u>08</u> Series of 2024

SUBJECT

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENDER-SENSITIVE ACTION PLAN

FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the DA Climate Resilient Agriculture Office (CRAO) has successfully implemented several pilot projects in Adaptation and Mitigation Initiatives in Agriculture (AMIA) Villages, which serve as "go-to places" or lighthouses where farmers learn different climate-resilient agriculture practices and technologies, helping them avoid, adjust, and recover from the impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS, a gender-sensitive action plan for climate-resilient agriculture was formulated, tested, and implemented in AMIA Villages of Regions V (Bicol) and VI (Western Visayas), which yielded satisfactory results after conducting assessments; and,

WHEREAS, it is recommended and deemed necessary to comprehensively evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan and, if necessary, implement appropriate adjustments and improvements necessitating their extension to broader AMIA areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO P. TIU-LAUREL JR., Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and other issuance, do hereby order:

Section 1. Adoption of Gender-Sensitive Action Plan in the Regions. The CRAO shall lead the provision of assistance to the DA Regional Field Offices in adopting the gender-sensitive action plan for climate-resilient agriculture as piloted in AMIA Regions 5 (Bicol) and 6 (Western Visayas) across all AMIA areas.

Section 2. *Conduct of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Activities.* The CRAO, in coordination with the Field Operation Service (FOS), shall undertake monitoring and evaluation in the adoption and implementation of the Plan on a periodic basis to provide recommendations for improvement to the DA Climate Resilient Agriculture Steering Committee (CRASC).

Section 3. *Role of the DA Climate Resilient Agriculture Steering Committee.* The CRASC, created by virtue of Special Order No. 703, series of 2024, shall oversee the implementation of this Order and address the recommended courses of action prepared by the CRAO.

Section 4. *Role of Other DA Operating Units.* All concerned operating units within the Department are hereby directed to provide full support to CRAO in the execution of this Order.

Section 5. *Separability.* If any part or provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. *Repeal.* All other orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are also hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

Done this 24th day of MAY, 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR

Secretary

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