



**National Tobacco Administration  
Programs/Projects for Tobacco Farmers  
CY 2017**

**1. Integrated Farming and Other Income Generating Activities Project (IFOIGAP)**

**1.1. Tobacco Contract Growing System (TCGS)<sup>1</sup>**

A total of **4,617 tobacco farmers with an area of 2,841 hectares**, were extended production assistance in the form of cash, fertilizers, pesticides and suckerides for crop year 2017-2018, an increase of **21%** in the number of farmers (from 2016-2017's 3,826). Area planted also increased by **27%**, from the previous year's 2,234 hectares. These amounts to **Php114.89 million**, 20% of the cost of fertilizers/pesticides were given as subsidy to the farmers with possible increase to 40% in CY 2018.

Interest on production assistance was reduced from 6% to 2% per annum and the one time service fees, from 2% to 1%, or a total of 3% per annum, which is lower than the prevailing interest rate.

After a series of consultative meetings with tobacco buyer firms, the NTA Board of Directors has already approved the Harmonized Grading Systems for locally-grown Virginia and Burley Leaf tobaccos.

**1.2. Seeds (52.17 kgs valued at Php1.092 million) of true-to-type tobacco varieties were distributed to TCGS farmer-beneficiaries free of charge.**

**1.3. Rice Production Project<sup>2</sup>**

A total of **2,654 farmer-cooperators with an area of 1,897 hectares** were granted production assistance in CY 2017, in the total amount of **Php25.54 million**. Target for **CY 2018 is Php56 million**. Interest and service fees are similar to TCGS. The agency is working on the possible subsidy to the farmer cooperators of the project.

**1.4 Agripinoy Hog Production Project<sup>3</sup>**

For CY 2017, **1,125 piglets** were distributed to **96 tobacco farmers** in District 2 of Ilocos Sur, amounting to **Php7.37 million**. The hogs

<sup>1</sup> With attached table on number of farmer beneficiaries per province/district/municipality

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were brought back by the Agripinoy Food Processing Plant to produce various meat products that were sold to the general public.

#### 1.5 **Beef Cattle Dispersal for Tobacco Farmers**

For CY 2018, a total of 1,109 heads of cattle is targeted to be dispersed to tobacco farmers with an estimated budget of PhP50 million.

#### 1.6 **Integrated Demo/Model Farm and Extension Training Laboratory with the installation of Solar-Powered Irrigation System**

The project shall establish the demo/model farms in all NTA Branch Offices to serve as a show window for tobacco farmers with the objective of improving their income. The estimated budget for the project is PhP12.5 million.

### 2. **Curing Barn Assistance Project (CBAP)<sup>4</sup>**

A total of 2,441 tobacco farmers were extended assistance for construction/repair of their curing barns, while 1,493 tobacco farmers' air-curing sheds were repaired/constructed in CY 2017. Total amount released/obligated to date is, PhP95.5 million, out of the PhP100 million budget.

In 2018, the amount of PhP15.7 M has been downloaded to our branch offices for release tobacco farmer beneficiaries.

Out of the Php50,000 given for curing barn construction, Php10,000 was given as subsidy and the remaining amount to be paid in 4 years.

### 3. **Renewable Fuelwood Energy Devt. Project and Restoration of Ecological Integrity**

- a. Under the "Kahuyang Pangkabuhayan at Pangkalikasan"(KPP)<sup>5</sup> component, a total of 2,826,250 tree seedlings (ipil-ipil, gemelina, mahogany) were planted in a total area of 1,130 hectares in Region land CAR. For the bamboo component, a total of 46,685 seedlings were planted to a total 228 hectares mostly in Region II. Number of farmer beneficiaries totaled to 1,177. Production assistance totaled PhP28.46 million.

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- b. For the **Synchronized Tree Planting (STP)** activity, a total of **2,033,105 tree seedlings** was planted in July 2017. This is an inter-agency and inter-sectoral action for the restoration of ecological integrity in the tobacco-growing regions. Budget released was **PhP2.76 million**.

#### **4. Irrigation Support for Small Tobacco Farmers<sup>6</sup>**

Various small-scale communal irrigations systems were constructed in Region I and CAR distributed as follows:

- Batch 1 (CY 2014-15) - **52 projects in 28 municipalities** were completed with a total budget of **PhP428.9 million**;
- Batch 2 (CY 2015-16) - **41 projects in 23 municipalities** with a total budget of **PhP269.5 million**; and
- Batch 3 (CY 2016-17) - **48 in 32 municipalities** with a total budget of **PhP319.5 million**.

For Region II, **110 units of engine pumps** will be distributed for CY 2018.

#### **5. Livelihood Training Courses for Tobacco Farming Families**

##### **a. Agripinoy Training School**

- a.1 Trained and certified **49 trainees (from I. Norte, I. Sur, La Union and Abra)** for **Hog Butchering** in coordination with TESDA, Ilocos Sur;
- a.2 An additional **125 trainees** is set to be trained until December 2018.

##### **b. Farmers Organizational Development**

- b.2 Trainings on meat processing, noodle, bread and pastry making, agro-mechanic and sari-sari store management were started in the different provinces in Regions I, II and CAR. A total of **1,060 tobacco farmers/dependents** will be initially trained.

#### **6. Communication Support, Education and Information Campaign**

- a. Published and distributed **Philippine Tobacco News**, a bi-monthly newsletter, including its **Ilokano Edition**, exclusively for farmers.
- b. Distributed **Techno-Calendars (4,500 copies)** to tobacco farmers.

<sup>6</sup> With attached table on number of projects per province





- c. Started broadcasting “Oras ni Mannaon ti Tabako” radio program to disseminate technologies and other information related to tobacco production and other projects of the NTA.

**7. National Tobacco-Free Education for Tobacco Farmers’ Dependents (pursuant to R.A. 9211)**

Since 2012 up to the present, a total number of 1,360 dependents of tobacco farmers have been assisted through this program. They were enrolled in various SUCs in Regions I, II and CAR.

**Total Number of Scholars Per Province  
SYs 2012-2017**

Branch Office	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	TOTAL
Ilocos Norte	4	7	12	26	37	27	113
Ilocos Sur- Vigan	17	27	14	23	39	23	143
Ilocos Sur - Candon	53	54	34	69	66	44	320
Bangued - Abra	10	15	9	22	32	23	111
La Union	21	31	12	24	28	22	138
Pangasinan	24	21	8	22	41	26	142
Isabela	25	24	24	45	63	37	218
Cagayan	10	10	10	16	31	22	99
Mindoro	0	4	8	20	22	22	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1360</b>

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