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SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES (CENTRAD)

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (CenTrAD) is a joint undertaking between the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) and the identified State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) which is proposed to be the center for risk analysis, investigation, diagnosis, mapping and emergency management of the Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs). The project is among the Productivity Enhancement Projects of the DA.

The Center aims to meet the following objectives:

- **SURVEILLANCE.** Provide a venue for focused animal disease diagnostics, monitoring and surveillance particularly of TADs in the country.
- **RISK ANALYSIS.** Serve as a hub for risk analysis, development of plans and the management and implementation of interventional veterinary assistance in times of TADs outbreak.
- **CAPACITY BUILDING.** Serve as a hub for multidisciplinary capacity building particularly for animal health workers, and render expert consultancy service needs on all facets of animal health, more importantly on One-Health, risk communications, and biosecurity.
- **RESEARCH.** Perform relevant and competitive research programs that directly address TADs, conduct socio-economic and value chain studies, improved advocacy, risk communication, and the needs to poultry and livestock farming communities.
- **EMERGENCY FACILITY.** Serve as the central storage facility for animal vaccines, supplies and equipment for emergency and disease management.

II. OBJECTIVES

This project envisions the creation an operation of CenTrAD that shall lead the conduct of surveillance, diagnosis and control, mapping, epidemiology, timely information dissemination, research and emergency management in case of emergence of TADs.

III. PROJECT IMPLEMENTER/ PARTNER

The DA-BAI and various SUCs which include Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Cavite State University, Central Bicol State University, Central Mindanao University, Isabela State University, Visayas State University, Tarlac State University, Cagayan State

University, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, and Pampanga State Agricultural University, are the major partners in CenTrAD project implementation. The DA-BAI will be mainly accountable in the allocation and fund transfer for CenTrAD's establishment and operation; in monitoring the fund utilization and the project's progress; and in providing further technical assistance to strengthen the disease diagnosis in the country. DA-BAI will also conduct collaborative activities with SUCs and will designate personnel at CenTrAD should the need arises. The cooperating CLSU shall be responsible in allocation of at least 10, 000 square meters for the establishment of the CenTrAD project building.

IV. FUNDING

The project's fund source shall be through the Republic Act No. 11494, "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" adhering the disbursement rules set by the Department of Budget and Management subject to auditing rules and regulations.

V. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The proponent shall be compliant to the following requirements:

- 1) Project Proposal by the proponent, approved by the DA-BAI Director;
- 2) Approved "Board Resolution" indicating a support to the establishment of CanTrAD with the commitment to provide the necessary area and technical counterpart to sustain the project's operation;
- 3) Authority of the University president to enter into a contract with the DA-BAI
- 4) Certificate of Land Title/ Usufruct / Deed of Donation/ or any legal document that will grant credence for the use of land as site for the facility;
- 5) The identified site must have source of water, electricity and a good condition road network with transport services;
- 6) Acceptable peace and order condition in the area; and
- 7) The SUCs must have no unliquidated fund released by the DA.

VI. MECHANICS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- 1) The facilitation of fund transfer, monitoring of fund utilization and the project's progress shall be the responsibility of the Technical Working Group (TWG) created and organized by the DA-BAI;
- 2) The preparation of the Memorandum of Agreement shall be spearheaded by the DA-BAI;
- 3) SUCs may or may not create a Steering Committee in the facilitation of activities related to CenTrAD Project;
- 4) CLSU shall allocate at least 10,000 square meters for the establishment of the CenTrAD project building;
- 5) CLSU shall hire competent personnel for the continuous operation of CenTrAD while the DA-BAI shall delegate employees at CenTrAD should the need arises;
- 6) CLSU shall enable the hosting of CenTrAD for various research and development projects of the government agencies, veterinary colleges and research institutions, subject to the approval of the concerned parties;

- 7) Proponents must submit quarterly and annual report of the project implementation to the DA-BAI;
- 8) SUCs shall apply for DA-BAI accreditation for testing of African Swine Fever (ASF) and other TADs;
- 9) SUCs shall adhere to duties and responsibilities of DA-BA recognized laboratory;
- 10) SUCs shall fortify information dissemination and awareness campaign on disease prevention, diagnosis and control; and
- 11) SUCs shall submit database and data analysis of all ASF surveillance results to the DA-BAI.

VII. PROJECT COORDINATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The CLSU in collaboration with other SUCs shall supervise the establishment of the project in coordination with the DA-BAI.

The DA-BAI shall take the lead in periodic monitoring and evaluation of the project.

VIII. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall supersede all other issuances that are inconsistent herewith.

Done this 8th day of April 2021, in Quezon City.



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