

2015 LCDFI Financial and Performance Highlights

About LCDFI

The **LANDBANK Countryside Development Foundation, Inc. (LCDFI)** is a non-stock, non-profit corporate foundation of Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK), established in March 1983. The Foundation embodies LANDBANK's commitment to spur development in the countryside particularly among its priority sectors such as the small farmers and fisherfolk, agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), Countryside Financial Institutions, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

In 2013, it was classified by the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) as a government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC), and as such, LCDFI endeavors to comply with all pertinent rules and regulations governing GOCCs and government entities. By 2015, LCDFI successfully transitioned from a non-government organization into a GOCC by ensuring that its systems and processes are compliant with relevant laws and regulations, particularly those concerning disclosure requirements and statutory liabilities.

LCDFI personnel attended the required training courses conducted by the GCG, Commission on Audit (COA), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Government Procurement Policy Board (BPPB) to ensure proper compliance.

Also in 2015, the Office of the President appointed a new set of Trustees as LCDFI's governing board. Before the year ended, each member of the LCDFI Board was able to complete the required Orientation-Seminar on Public Corporate Governance for Board of Directors/Trustees of GOCCs.

Financial Highlights

For 2015, the total revenue of LCDFI decreased by P7.41 million mainly due to the change in accounting treatment particularly in recognition of donations. Total expenses also decreased by P7.1 million because the number of trainings requested decreased to 79 batches as compared to 178 batches in 2014.

In 2015, closer coordination was done by LCDFI with the Lending Program Management Group (LPMG) and the Development Assistance Department (DAD) to implement the Capacity Building Program. This resulted to increased enhancement in the program's systems and processes.

Operational Highlights

Capacity Building Program. For the year, LCDFI conducted 79 out of the 79 batches of trainings requested; updated 12 training modules; and monitored 16 batches of training to ensure compliance with the new implementing guidelines. LCDFI was able to train 1,267 training participants from 403 LANDBANK Borrowing Cooperatives.

LCDFI Productivity Tool. In 2015, at the request of LPMG, LCDFI, together with SID, initiated the development of the LCDFI Productivity Tool as part of database management for improved monitoring of training activities. The LCDFI Productivity Tool was turned over to LCDFI in July 2015. However, population of data started by September 2015 after several test runs that helped address some technical errors.

Bangon Mini-Farms Program. LCDFI also continued its implementation of the Bangon Mini-Farms Program in CY 2015. This program was developed to provide assistance to farmers based in Leyte and other nearby areas affected by the Typhoon Yolanda. The objective of the Bangon Mini-Farms Program is to introduce farmers to the natural mini-farms technology as a means to end hunger and poverty one farmer family at a time.

For the year, LCDFI was able to conduct five (5) batches of monitoring meetings in Capoocan, Ormoc, Tacloban and other areas in Leyte, as well as in Iloilo. Two (2) farm audits were also conducted in various areas in Leyte to ensure proper implementation of the organic mini-farms technology as well as address emerging concerns of the farmer-members of the Bangon Alpha Sector Association, Inc. (BASAI).

LCDFI also conducted a training on "7 Habits for Highly Effective People: Mindset Resilience" for the 55 participants who are farmer-members of the BASAI. The said training, held on March 5-6, 2015, was implemented in coordination with the Center for Leadership and Change, Inc.

Another training, conducted by LCDFI this time, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DA) for 70 BASAI farmer-members is the "Good Agricultural Practices Orientation Seminar" held at Kananga, Leyte on September 25, 2015.

Likas Saka Program. LCDFI also continued to implement the Likas Saka Program in 2015 for farmer clusters in Tarlac and the Bondoc Peninsula, Quezon Province. The program also advocates the organic agriculture technology implemented by farmer clusters through locally-based Local Resource Persons (LRPs).

For the year, LCDFI was able to distribute "camoteng bagin" and other farm materials to the two (2) farm clusters in Bondoc Peninsula, Quezon Province. Two (2) batches of monitoring meetings was conducted in Narciso, Quezon to determine needs of participating farmer clusters as well as provide updates on the organic agriculture technology.

To ensure that LRPs assigned in the Likas Saka Program are updated on developments about the organic agriculture technology, LCDFI enrolled them in the Integrated Organic Farming Systems and EM Technology training conducted by the Costales Nature Farms in Majayjay, Laguna on November 18-19, 2015.

Scholarships. LCDFI continued to assist in the administration of LANDBANK's GAWAD PATNUBAY Scholarship Program by monitoring the academic performance of six (6) scholars based in Bukidnon, Oriental Mindoro, Batangas and Aklan. LCDFI also implemented the Scholarship Program supported by the Land Bank of the Philippines Employees Association (LBPEA) and the Middle Management and Officers Association, Inc. (MMOAI). The twenty (20) beneficiaries of this scholarship program are enrolled in agri-related courses at the Misamis

Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) and the Central Mindanao University (CMU).

CSR Program. As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, LCDFI, along with other LANDBANK Subsidiaries, agreed to be part of the Manila Bay SUNSET Partnership Program, Inc. (MBSPPPI), the flagship CSR program of LANDBANK which aims not only to clean-up Manila Bay and nearby coastal areas but also promote environmental awareness, protection and conservation. LCDFI employees participated in the Annual Manila Bay Clean-Up organized by LANDBANK in August 2015.