

**ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CLUSTER STRATEGIC PLAN**

<b>Vision</b>	By 2023, SOCCSKSARGEN as the premier, globally competitive and climate resilient Organic Agriculture Industry in the country.		
<b>Mission</b>	People – To promote health and well-being of the producers and consumers. Planet – To sustain the life support system of mother earth. Peace – To utilize organic agriculture as a means to promote peace and development. Prosperity – To uplift the quality of life of organic farmers and producers.		
<b>Goals</b>	PEOPLE 25% of the total farming families has adopted organic agriculture 50% of the 25% is second party certified 10% of the 25% is third party certified 25% of the total population of region 12 is consuming organically grown products  PLANET 77,000 hectares adopted diversified and integrated organic agriculture 35,000 hectares second party certified 10,000 hectares third party certified  PEACE To implement organic agriculture in former conflict areas  PROSPERITY 15.4 B gross annual sales of organic products 7 B gross annual sales of second party certified 2 B gross annual sales of third party certified Average farmer's income is 5% higher than poverty threshold		
	<b>Issues/Concerns</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>	<b>PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES (PAPs)</b>
	LGU's inactive Local Technical Committee for OA	1. Push for inclusion of Sox Organic Council-affiliated groups in the LTCOAs  2. Formally request LCE to activate LTCOA	Enjoin Sox Council member associations to pursue membership/representation in LTCOAs, 2. Request LCEs to activate LTCOAs
	Fragmented program initiatives for various agencies (NGAs)	Sox Organic Council Roadmap/Plan as the point of convergence of NGA programs	1. Invite relevant agencies in Sox Council meetings and program planning  2. Present Roadmap to relevant agencies and request for program support
	Limited source of organic inputs (seeds, planting materials, feeds and concoctions)	Request for funding, technical support, and incentives for the development and certification of organic inputs	Request research and development funding, incentives, and technical support for organic inputs development and certification
	Underdeveloped input players/enterprises	Request for or organize trainings on enterprise development planning	Request enterprise/business planning trainings for input producers
	Devolved function of Extension workers	Propose for incentives and further professionalization of OA extension workers	Propose a regional professional organization of OA Extension workers
	Lack/inconsistent incentives across LGUs to organic agriculture practitioners	Propose minimum incentives across all LGUs	Propose passage of ordinances providing incentives and development support for organic agriculture
	Lack of manpower during planting and harvesting due to 4Ps program	Full mechanization in line w/ organic standards  Promote agripreneurship to 4Ps beneficiaries  Tap non 4Ps workers	Submit proposal to concerned agencies Conduct Values Formation to 4Ps beneficiaries Conduct entrepreneurship mindsetting Propose formal employment schemes for organic farm workers
	Inconsistency of organic stakeholders practices	Promote compliance with prescribed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Standards	1. Promote Sox Organic Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party standards to all Region 12 practitioners  2. Encourage ICS and PGS practices
	Underdeveloped production players/enterprises	Request for or organize trainings on enterprise development planning	Request enterprise/business planning trainings for organic farmers and producers
	Lack of attractive/less-risky transition program for new adopters of organic farming	Promote market acceptance of Sox Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Standards for producers in transition	Promote Sox Organic Council 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party standards to all OA adopters as a transition strategy
	Low/non-compliance with organic food processing regulations and certifications (e.g., organic processing, FDA requirements, GMP)	Support policy recommendations to improve compliance by micro/small organic food processors	1. Request technical, policy and program support for compliance with food processing regulations and certifications
	Slow implementation of modernized Organic Farming through mechanization due to limited budget for Organic Agriculture	Propose budget and programs for mechanization	Request financial and technical support for mechanization
	Lack of consolidators	Organize consolidator groups	Encourage creation of consolidator and marketing groups
	Inferior packaging designs/materials	Request trainings/technical assistance to improve packaging and labeling	Request technical assistance and trainings on packaging and labelling
	Limited market opportunities for individual organic practitioners	Encourage individual practitioners to organize and create economies of scale	Encourage creation of marketing groups/cooperatives
	Non-compliance with market rules/regulations (e.g., FDA, packaging, certifications)	Propose and request financial, technical and policy-reform assistance to ease/improve compliance	Request policy and program support to ease or improve compliance
	Lack of competitive options for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Organic Certification	Encourage establishment of Mindanao/Region 12-based Organic Certifying Body	Support establishment of Mindanao/Region 12-based Organic Certifying Body
	Lack of certified organic retailers	Propose extension of certification subsidies to organic retailers	Request certification subsidy for organic retailers, including OTPs