

**HIGH VALUE COMMERCIAL CROPS PROGRAM  
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High Value Commercial Crops Development Program (HVCDP) is a priority program of the Department of Agriculture created through Republic Act 7900 known as the High Value Crops Development Act of 1995, with a mandate to ensure food security, promote productivity and quality of crops with high export potentials, poverty alleviation and sustainable growth. This act was legislated to promote the production, processing, marketing, and distribution of high value crops to increase income, create livelihood opportunity and contribute to national development.

**High Value Crops Quick Facts in SOCCSKSARGEN**

Commodity	Production (MT)	RANK	
		Mindanao	Philippines
Coffee	27,868.53	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rubber	169,745.42	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Banana	1,155,347.63	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mango	53,404.63	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>

*Source: Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) CY 2012*

In line with this, the program worked with the local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs), non – government associations (NGAs), state universities and colleges (SUCs) and people’s organizations (POs) to provide services on identified priority commodities such as production support, market development, regulatory, extension support, education and training. The year ended not without challenges as we hoped to be, but despite the obstacles, the office performed its best for rural development.

To ensure that project interventions were based on the felt needs of the farmers, project prioritization was based on proposals submitted for funding. There were sixty one (61) projects that were implemented and were distributed strategically region-wide in which thirty four (34) were in the province of North Cotabato; three (3) in Sultan Kudarat; twelve (12) in South Cotabato; and twelve (12) in Sarangani.

Moreover, the program provided not only seeds and planting materials needed in increasing the production area in the region, but rather provided a holistic approach of development which included, agricultural machines, infrastructure, irrigation, and post-harvest/processing facilities, which paved the way to a more sustainable program implementation with a total budget of PhP47,881,000.00

**A. Production Support Services**

**1. Planting Materials/ Seeds Distributed**

The program had distributed quality vegetable seeds to vegetable growers and asexually-propagated planting materials for fruits (including Lakatan), industrial crops, (rubber, coffee and cacao) for expansion of production area and served as mitigating measures for climate change and contribution to the National Greening Program of the government.

Moreover, tissue cultured Saba banana suckers were also distributed to banana farmers as an alternative staple food crop in support to the department’s Food

Staples Self-sufficiency Program (FSSP). In order to augment the meager volume of planting materials allocated for distribution, the research stations of the region were provided with funds from the HVCDP to produce open-pollinated variety (OPV) vegetable seeds, assorted fruits and industrial crops' planting materials.

A total of 350 hectares were planted to assorted vegetables, 310 hectares intended for the expansion of fruits, 155 hectares for industrial crops and 20 hectares for 'Saba' banana. The production support services generated a total of 2,230 jobs in 2013.

INTERVENTIONS	QUANTITY		AREA PLANTED (Expansion) has.	Job Generated (head)
	Procured	Produced		
Spices	70 kgs	85kgs	85	425
Assorted Upland Vegetable Seeds	50 kgs	60 kgs	60	300
Assorted Lowland Vegetable Seeds	180 kgs	210 kgs	205	1,020
Assorted Fruit Seedlings	36,200 pcs		310	310
Coffee Seedlings	106,666 pcs		106	106
Cacao Seedlings	48,000 pcs		49	49
Banana Saba Seedlings	20,000 pcs		20	20
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>2,230</b>

*Table 2. Seeds and Planting Materials Distributed, Area Planted and Jobs Generated in 2013*

## 2. Farm Animals, Equipment and Machinery

The program also provided the following interventions to enhance the production of high value commercial crops through mechanization. Generally, most of these interventions were provided as grant to the beneficiaries except for the tractors and draft animals where the proponents were asked to counterpart in the bid cost of the unit.

INTERVENTIONS	QUANTITY
Small Farm Equipment	5
Power Sprayer	35
Knapsack Sprayer	184
Draft Animals	32
Small Farm Implements	32

*Table 3. Farm animals, equipment and machineries distributed in 2013*

## 3. Production Facilities

Expansion of production area for high value crops in Region XII is incessant. Farmers kept on expanding areas for crops which are highly productive. To ensure the sustainability of the industry, establishment, rehabilitation and maintenance of production facilities were among the projects implemented that included: screenhouse/nethouse, nursery, rainshelter, seed storage and planting materials production laboratory. For establishment and rehabilitation of facilities, proponents were required to payback 50% of the total amount granted in the form of planting materials, which will then be distributed to interested farmer-beneficiaries.

<b>INTERVENTIONS</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>Job Generated (head)</b>	<b>PAYBACK</b>
Establishment of Screenhouse/Nethouse	1	<b>1</b>	50 thousands worth of planting materials
Establishment of Nursery	10	<b>20</b>	625 thousands worth of planting materials
Establishment of Budwood/ Clonal Garden	1	<b>4</b>	125 thousands worth of planting materials
Maintenance of Rainshelter	1		
Maintenance of Screenhouse/Nethouse	1		
Maintenance of Nursery	6		
Maintenance of Planting Materials Laboratory	2		
Maintenance of Organic Fertilizer Plant	2		
Maintenance of Bio Control Agent Plant	1		
Rehabilitation of Nursery	6		180 thousands worth of planting materials
Rehabilitation of Organic Fertilizer Plant	2		250 thousands worth of organic fertilizer

*Table 4. Production facilities distributed in 2013*

### **B. Irrigation Development Services; Irrigation Support Services**

There were eight (8) units of spring development allocated to different sites as source of irrigation for high value crops with (20,000) meters of HDPE pipes and (500) pieces of water plastic drums distributed for vegetable production areas where the source of water is very scarce.

### **C. Post-Harvest Facilities**

The program also allocated fund to Lower Dado Farmers' Cooperative and South Cotabato Food Processors and Crafts' Association for the installation of Village-level Coffee Processing Equipment and Village-level Fruit Processing Equipment to improve the quality and to add value to the coffee and fruit products in Region 12.