

Sugar Regulatory Administration
Extension Services Division Visayas

SRA distributes Sugarcane Grabbers/Loaders to different mill districts and block farms in Negros Occidental funded by SIDA

The Farm Mechanization Support of the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) through the Extension Services Division Visayas distributed 7 Sugarcane Grabbers/Loaders **JG90Z** to 5 Mill District Development Councils (MDDCs) and 2 SIDA funded block farms in Negros Occidental on November 27 to December 2, 2020. Delivered units are coupled with bucket and complete tool set.

Sugar Regulatory Administration has allocated funds from SIDA (RA 10659) GAA national budget to provide farm mechanization support to our sugarcane stakeholders.

A total of 21 sugarcane grabbers for 16 mill districts and 14 lead block farms covering 21 cluster block farm beneficiaries all over Visayas region were set for distribution before the year 2020 ends.

This program aims to boost the production of sugar producing provinces in the Visayas and increase the income of sugarcane farmers/planters in order to attain self-sufficiency.

Sugarcane Farm Mechanization Program shall be encouraged for efficient planting, cultivation, care and maintenance, harvesting and handling of sugarcane.

Through these modern farm technologies, farmers can expect lower operation costs, lesser postharvest losses, better quality products, and increased profit.

First Farmers MDDC in Talisay City, Silay-E.B. Magalona MDDC in Silay City, Victorias MDDC in Victorias City, San Carlos MDDC in San Carlos City and La Carlota MDDC in La Carlota City were among the first to receive the sugarcane grabbers/loaders, respectively.

Pasto Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Brgy. Magticol, Toboso, Neg. Occ. with 52 members and Menchaca, Malanog, Dolis Farmers Association in Brgy. Dolis, Calatrava, Neg. Occ. with 17 members and 2 cluster block farm members with a total of 34 beneficiaries were the pioneer block farms to receive the sugarcane grabbers/loaders among the 14 identified lead block farms in the Visayas region.

The delivered sugarcane grabber was one of the SRA interventions to block farms following the distribution of 55 sets irrigation facilities to GAA 2018 and GAA 2019 block farms last March 2020 and deliveries of farm implements (1 Heavy Duty Moldboard Plough, 1 Furrower & 1 Hydraulic Harrow) and fertilizer applicators to GAA 2016 block farms on September to October 2020.

Among these supports, technical assistance and monitoring will also be continuously provided to our stakeholders and block farms in order to ensure proper operation and deployment of the equipmen.

Additional deliveries will be scheduled on the following days of December 2020 in the remaining MDDCs and lead block farms in the Visayas.

Sugar Regulatory Administration through Extension Services Division Visayas will continue to deliver technical services beyond boundaries with utmost service to the sugarcane industry despite strict health protocols and difficulties on travel restrictions due to the pandemic.



BLOCK FARM BENEFICIARIES – Mill District Officer of Sagay-Danao Mr. Julian Geolingo together with the block farm officials and members of Pasto ARC in Brgy. Magtical, Toboso, Negros Occidental.



MDDC Representative Mr. Jerry Lopez and SRA Personnel (Photo courtesy of First Farmers MDDCF)



MDDC Representative Elbert M. Garcia and SRA Personnel (Photo courtesy of Silay- E. B. Magalona Mill District Development Council Foundation, Inc.)



2-units sugarcane grabber/loader delivered to SRA – LGAREC, La Granja, La Carlota City



Grabbers initially operated at SRA-LGAREC

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