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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR SRA'S CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

#### I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) is committed and dedicated to provide responsive and sustainable development programs that will uplift the socio-economic and environmental conditions of all its stakeholders and society as a whole.

The SRA's social responsibility efforts will be guided by the principles of social justice and sustainable development.

## II. OBJECTIVES

- 1. To establish standard and simplified procedures for the implementation of plans, programs and activities (PPAs).
- 2. To ensure that the poorer sectors of the sugarcane industry will have equitable access to resources, income opportunities, basic and support services especially in areas where productivity is low as a means of improving their quality of life.
- 3. To promote sustainable rural development in areas where sugarcane production activities are carried out thus enhancing and expanding services for faster and more efficient delivery of SRA's programs/projects.
- 4. To promote volunteerism and altruism within the SRA community.

#### III. CORE CATEGORIES AND COVERAGE

The SRA's CSR has the following Core Categories:

- 1. Community involvement and development;
- 2. Environment;



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- 3. Labor Practices;
- 4. Human Rights;
- 5. Fair Operating Practices.

### IV. COVERAGE

- 1. The area should be within the milling district or engaged in sugarcane production from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.
- 2. The beneficiaries should be SRA personnel and its service providers.
- 3. The beneficiaries should be sugarcane based farmers, indigenous people, workers and their dependents.
- 4. On environment projects, project area should be within sugarcane mill district with coastal, watershed areas/ river basins and areas needing rehabilitation/reforestation; and
- 5. Also, project areas should be accessible for easy bringing in of planting stocks and to facilitate monitoring.
- 6. Eligible Partners are the following:
  - a. Peoples' Organizations
  - b. LGUs
  - c. Universities and Colleges
  - d. Other government agencies

## V. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. The CSR Committee shall identify the beneficiary community/school/ project location.
- 2. Together with the LGU and Government Agencies concerned, the CSR committee should identify interventions needed by the community.

## A. Community Involvement and Development Program

### A.1 Adopt A Community

- 1. The following are the possible interventions:
  - a. Medical Mission (Optical, Dental, Free Haircut, Medical Check Up)/WELLNESS
    - 200 300 patients per medical mission

- Provision of hygiene kits, medicines, reusable straws, eco-bags and advocacy materials
- b. Provision of vegetable seeds for distribution
- c. Conduct of Capability Building Activities
- d. Provision of farm inputs (planting materials)
- e. Donation may be in cash or in kind
- f. Disaster Preparedness and Relief Operations

## A.2 Adopt A School

- 1. The school should be within or nearby the adopted community
- 2. Improvement of school facilities will depend on the needs of the school identified
- 3. Provision of hygiene kits/slippers/rain gears and other school supplies
- 4. Three months Feeding program for Pre-school/Grades 1-3 students (1,000 students from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao)
- 5. There should be a Memorandum of Agreement with the identified school for fund transfer for the feeding program.

## A.3 Livelihood Projects

- 1. The beneficiaries should be registered small sugarcane farmer groups/organizations.
- 2. Funds can be cash transferred to accredited Civil Society Organization.
- 3. There should be a Memorandum of Agreement with the beneficiaries.

#### **B.** Environment

SRA will endeavour the following Environmental Awareness Programs:

- 1. Clean Air Anti-Trash Burning Campaign;
- 1. Water Water Conservation Awareness Program;
- 2. Anti-Single plastic use;
- 3. Tree Planting Activity;
- 4. Mangrove Planting Activity;
- 5. Coastal Clean-up Activity;
- 6. Trash Segregation Awareness;
- 7. Compost Pit into fertilizers; and
- 8. Eco Brick and Paper Mosaic Making.

## SRA should provide the following:

- 1. Planting materials
- 2. Advocacy materials
- 3. Representation expenses

#### C. Labor Practices

SRA will endeavour the following Capability Building Activities for SRA personnel and its service providers:

- 1. Campaign on Healthy Lifestyle;
- 2. Integrated Mental Health Support System;
- 3. Working to Build Workplace Environments that emphasizes employee safety;
- 4. Building Good Labor-Management Relations;
- 5. Promotion of Anti-Child Labor Campaign;
- 6. Legal Counselling and Basic Labor Laws Seminar;
- Enhancing Understanding of LGBT and Millennials in the Workplace Seminar

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- 2. Representation expenses

## D. Human Rights

SRA shall undertake the conduct of the following Information campaign on:

- 1. Labor Rights (Fair wages-right to minimum wage pay)
- 2. Rights to equality and non-discrimination
- 3. Access to e-commerce

## E. Fair Operating Practices

SRA will provide personal protective equipment for RDE packiao laborers.

## VI. EFFECTIVITY

These Guidelines shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Sugar Board.

By Authority of the Sugar Board

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