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BRO Sapat na Seguridad para sa Magsasaka (SSS-M)

Social Protection for every Small Farmers

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BRO Sapat na Seguridad para sa mga Magsasaka of BRO SSS-M is a social protection program of the Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI) for the small farmers in cases of sickness, maternity, disability, retirement, and funeral.

The PGI undertook to initially subsidize the monthly contributions of the farmers and farm workers amounting to P330.00 a month. With this contribution, the small farmers can avail all the benefits of SSS after twenty four (24) monthly contributions.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

BRO SSSM can be availed by farmer-members on the following occurrences:

- a) Sickness
- b) Maternity
- c) Disability
- d) Funeral
- e) Retirement or old age
- f) Other contingencies resulting in loss of income or financial burden

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Since its launching in November 2014, 959 farmer-beneficiaries coming from different cities and municipalities of Isabela were already enrolled at the program. At present, *BRO Sapat na Seguridad para Sa mga Magsasaka (SSSM)* has enrolled a total of 7,671 marginalized farmers wherein 3,204 of them are still being paid with their contribution and 4,467 have already been paid the full-24 month contribution, hence the completion of the 24-month payment. The farmer-beneficiaries graduates of BRO SSSM are encouraged to continue paying their monthly premium contribution so that they can reap the benefits and privileges of being members of Social Security System (SSS) when the time comes.



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As a matter of fact, 21 farmer-members of BRO SSSM have claimed some of the program's benefits – 16 of which have claimed for burial and death amounting to P32,000.00 each, 2 members enjoyed maternity benefits claiming P6,000.00 each, and 3 members availed sickness benefits.

The table below shows the distribution of BRO SSS-M as of December 2017.

City/Municipalities	Enrollees in 2016	Enrollees in 2017
Alicia	24	33
Angadanan	115	639
Aurora	502	630
Benito Soliven	67	138
Burgos	200	242
Cabagan	74	71
Cabatuan	387	382
Cauayan	702	741
Cordon	66	71
Delfin Albano	153	307
Dinapigue	124	129
Echague	6	9
Ilagan	184	219
Gamu	0	252
Jones	97	117
Luna	206	319
Mallig	31	67
Naguilian	13	119
Palanan	12	113
Quezon	95	94
Quirino	153	187
Ramon	51	82
Reina Mercedes	10	148
Roxas	672	947
San Agustin	52	215
San Guillermo	62	61
San Isidro	53	53
San Manuel	169	554
San Mariano	89	99
San Mateo	128	163
San Pablo	37	43
Sta. Maria	73	84
Sto. Tomas	11	11



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Tumauini	123	332
TOTAL	4,741	7,671

**Please note that some members in certain municipalities presented in the table above have decreased their number in 2017. This is because their names were inadvertently encoded twice in the BRO SSSM record.*

IMPACT

Because of the extensive information dissemination made by the coordinators BRO Farmers Assistance Program Office (FAPO), many farmers became aware of the importance of being enrolled in a social protection program. From 959 enrollees in 2014, farmer-members enrolled in the program totaled to 3204 in 2017. The yearly number of enrolled farmer-members from 2014 to 2017 is shown on the table below as well as the funds utilized in this project.

Table 2. The summary of farmer-members of BRO SSSM from 2014 to 2017.

Year	Number of Enrollees per year	Disbursed Funds (Php)
2014	959	1,918.00
2015	4926	8,886,405.00
2016	4741	17,027,340.00
2017	3204	16,362,020.00

It can be noticed that the number of members decreased in 2016 and 2017. This is because farmer-members already graduated from the 24 months subsidy of the PGI. However, the PGI through the BRO FAPO exerts extra effort to reach farmers even in the most remote *barangays* of Isabela to extend to them the program created to uplift their social status.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Provincial Government of Isabela allocated P12 million for BRO SSSM thru Appropriation Ordinance no. 20, series of 2016 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Isabela. A Memorandum of Agreement was also entered into between the Social Security System (SSS) and the Provincial Local Government Unit of Isabela (PLGU-Isabela).



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