

# STRATEGIES

## 1. SELECTION OF PILOT PROVINCES

Initially, PAFES shall be piloted in at least one province in all regions of the country in 2021. With the implementation of the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling, this shall eventually cover all provinces of the country.

The selection of pilot provinces are based on: (1) the expressed interest of provinces to participate; (2) capacity and quality of governance; (3) presence of a state university and college (SUC) with a strong agriculture and fisheries Research, Development and Extension (RDE) program; and (4) potential of success.

## 2. REPLICATION

PAFES will be replicated along with the recommendations from the pilot phase to provinces. Interested provinces shall directly coordinate with the concerned DA-RFO to be included for the implementation in the succeeding year until all provinces of the respective regions are included.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

PAFES shall be established by DA-RFOs and DA Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) Regional Offices with concerned DA staff bureaus and attached agencies (e.g. DA-ATI), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), PMCLGUs, and Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Networks (RAFEN). This shall be pursued in partnership with private sector organizations (PSOs), rural-based organizations (RBOs), and farming and fishing communities.



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# PAFES

## PROVINCE-LED AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEMS

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# WHAT IS PAFES?

**Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Systems (PAFES)**, as one of the key strategies under the consolidation pillar of the OneDA Reform Agenda, will strengthen the collaboration among DA, local government units, academe, and private sector.

With PAFES, the province serves as an extension hub that synchronizes agricultural plans and programs as well as orchestrate the activities of the various stakeholders. DA will co-plan, co-invest, co-implement, and co-monitor priority projects in the provinces, particularly as they embark on commodity specializations to maximize comparative advantage.

## LEGAL BASES

The PAFES is anchored on the following laws and issuances:

**Republic Act No. 7160  
(Local Government Code of 1991) Sec. 17**  
Section 17. Basic Services and Facilities

**Republic Act No. 8435  
(Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997) Chapter 2 Sec. 86 & 90**  
Chapter 2 Extension Services

**Executive Order No. 138 Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, Creation of a Committee on Devolution, and for other Purposes**



## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

PAFES aims to establish a pluralistic extension system to enhance LGUs' capacities in delivering strategic agri-fishery interventions under a Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program (CPAFEP).

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Establish Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Systems in all provinces of the Philippines. Initially, this shall be piloted in at least one province per region starting in 2021.
- Organize and co-fund Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Centers (PAFEC) and map out and vigorously implement Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Programs (CPAFEPs) in each pilot Province.
- Establish and sustain dynamic linkages with PLGUs, DA-RFOs, and SUC partners in the operation of PAFEC.
- Develop, digitize, adapt, share, and utilize location-specific and climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries technologies with farming and fishing communities.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following are the expected outcomes of PAFES:

- Strong research-extension-farmer/ fisherfolk linkages in the provinces.
- Improved institutional capabilities of PMCLGUs in agricultural and fisheries extension.
- Sustainable co-financing arrangements in agricultural and fisheries extension.
- Enhanced rural livelihoods and increased household income
- Sustained household food security.

## BENEFICIARIES

**Implementers as beneficiaries.** The Provincial, City and Municipal Agriculture Staff, SUC extension Staff, and Technical Staff of the NGAs present in the province are considered as beneficiaries of PAFES. Being the frontliners and primary movers of the system, they shall undergo capacity building and improvement of skills particularly in their field of specialization.

**Agriculture and Fishery clients as beneficiaries.** These include smallholder farmers and fishers and their families, clusters, and communities who shall be provided with the different agri-fishery extension services, capability building, market linkages, financial management/ literacy, organizational strengthening, and access to up-to-date technologies and information.