



RESPONSE TO RTEC COMMENTS

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Project Title:	Setting the Standards of Food Safety Compliant Food Workstation of Street Food Vendors in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro
Beneficiary/Proponent:	Selected Beneficiaries from San Jose/Local Government of San Joe
Province:	Occidental Mindoro
Amount Requested:	PhP 458,900.00
Date of Evaluation:	23 February 2023

RTEC Comments	Response
Have a clear contract defining responsibilities of all parties involved	Noted. Responsibilities will be indicated in the proposal as well as in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
Allocate five (5) additional recipients of the food cart, beyond the initial target of the DOST-MIMAROPA through the LGU, and develop a matrix to document the improvements achieved. This is to maximize the impact of the program and to encourage other vendors in the are to adopt similar improvements	Noted. The additional 5 food carts shall be charged under the GAD funds.
Establish a clear eligibility criterion with the LGU for selecting food cart recipients to ensure a fair and transparent selection process	Noted. Criterion is established in the proposal and will be indicated as well in the MOA
Provide comprehensive food safety training and strict compliance with regulations. Work closely with beneficiaries to ensure high quality, safe products	Noted. Trainings will be coordinated with FNRI, the Municipal Health Office-Sanitary Office

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Develop effective strategies to encourage and motivate vendors to prioritize food safety and implement better practices to prevent foodborne and water-borne illnesses, despite the lack of apparent harm to customers who continue to purchase and consume their products and

Noted. This will be coordinated with the Municipal Health Office of the LGU

Encourage beneficiaries to take responsibility for proper use and maintenance of food carts by implementing an affordable payment scheme at least over five years. Allocate earned profits for buying additional carts or maintenance and repairs to ensure sustained benefits to the community

Noted. This will be discussed with recipients.

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