



Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act



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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11524]

AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND
INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, RECONSTITUTING
FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT
AUTHORITY BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as
the “Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the
policy of the State to consolidate the benefits due to coconut
farmers, especially the poor and marginalized, under various
statutes and to expedite the delivery thereof to attain increased
incomes for coconut farmers, alleviate poverty, and achieve
social equality.

Republic Act No. 11524, also known as the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund (CFITF) Act, was enacted in February 2021. The law aims to manage and utilize the coconut levy funds (Trust Funds) for the benefit of coconut farmers and their organizations, promoting their welfare and strengthening the coconut industry’s resilience.

COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN



SEC. 4. *Preparation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan.* – The Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan shall be prepared by the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and approved by the President of the Philippines. The utilization of the Trust Fund created under this Act, or any portion thereof, shall be in accordance with the Development Plan. In the performance of its functions, the PCA shall consult coconut farmers and their organizations, industry associations, civil society organizations, academe, government agencies concerned, particularly the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD), Bureau of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development under the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), Philippine Center for Post-harvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), Department of Agriculture’s High Value Crops Development Program, Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Animal Industry’s Philippine Native Animals Development Program, National Dairy Authority (NDA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and other stakeholders in the coconut industry. The Plan shall set the directions and policies for the development and rehabilitation of the coconut industry within fifty (50) years.

What is the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP)

The CFIDP aims to provide targeted interventions for coconut farmers, focusing on increasing productivity and income, alleviating poverty, and modernizing the coconut industry. The CFIDP outlines strategies for implementing development programs on social protection, capacity building, farmer organization empowerment, infrastructure, and other support programs to improve the socio-economic status of Filipino coconut farmers and revitalize the coconut industry.

UTILIZATION OF THE TRUST FUND

- Shall be in accordance with the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan;
- Initial allocation of PhP 5 B shall be available to the designated government implementing agencies; and
- The funds shall be directly released to the designated government implementing agencies.

MANAGEMENT AND CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE TRUST FUND

Section 12. Management and Custodianship of the Trust Fund. - Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the BTr is hereby designated as the depository of the Trust Fund. As depository, the BTr shall have the following functions:

- (a) Hold, account, and collect on a timely basis all current and future income and other payments with respect to securities and other assets to which the Trust Fund shall be entitled to in the manner set forth by the DOF as Trust Fund Manager;
- (b) Release and deliver out securities and other assets of the Trust Fund upon receipt of proper instructions from the Trust Fund Manager, specifying the securities or assets to be delivered out and the person or persons to whom the delivery is to be made;
- (c) Release funds directly to the designated government implementing agencies pursuant to the implementation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan as approved by the President under Section 4 of this Act; and
- (d) Perform any act as may be directed by the Trust Fund Manager in accordance with the Investment Strategy set forth by the Trust Fund Committee.

COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP)

“Approved on June 2, 2022 through Executive Order No. 172. It shall be implemented by fifteen (15) government implementing agencies identified under RA No. 11524”

Revised COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CFIDP) 2024-2028

Issued on May 21, 2025, providing a clearer mandate to the implementing agencies and more effective programs that will address the needs of coconut farmers.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REVISED CFIDP

- Period of implementation, 2024 to 2028
- Increase on the annual financial allocation, consistent with the percentage allocation based on CFITF Act
- Streamline programs, projects, and services to be delivered by the CFITF implementing agencies, consistent with the mandates and provisions of the CFITF Act
- Improvement on the key implementation strategies and efficiency on the delivery of interventions
- Membership of a coconut farmer in all relevant oversight committees to ensure proper representation and inclusivity in the decision making process.

SOCIAL PROTECTION : CROPS INSURANCE



PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE (PCIC)

Program and Services:

Coconut Tree Mortality Insurance Product Package
Coconut Yield Insurance Product Package (on-going development)

Death benefits (P10,000)

Beneficiaries: Owner, leaseholder or tenant of Coconut Farms

Implement the Coconut Yield Insurance Product Package (CYIPP), which will provide coverage for the farm gate value of nuts from standing coconut trees. The inclusion of a built-in life insurance component will also be explored. Furthermore, the processing and resolution of indemnity claims will be expedited, with a target turnaround time of no more than 20 days.

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SOCIAL PROTECTION : SCHOLARSHIP

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)



Program and Services:

Undergraduate Scholarship Program

- Stipend (food, educational tours, projects, internet) - **70,000.00/ Academic year**
- Book Allowance - **10,000.00/ Academic year**
- Thesis/ OJT Allowance - **75,000.00**
- Participation in conferences - **10,000.00 (One time attendance)**
- Laptop allowance - **30,000 (One time financial assistance)**

Beneficiaries: **Dependents of Coconut Farmer**

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Scholarships will be provided to undergraduate students who are currently enrolled or will enroll in PCA-recommended programs. Of the total recipients, 80% shall be allocated to those pursuing agriculture-related or non-agriculture programs that directly support the development of the coconut industry, while the remaining 20% shall be for other fields of study, excluding selected pre-medical courses.

SOCIAL PROTECTION : HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM



Program and Services:

- **Hospitalization and Medical Care Assistance** – providing appropriate subsidies and assistance for hospital bills and other medical expenses of coconut farmers and their families.
- **Mobile Health Services** – delivering medical services to remote and geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs) with the support of LGUs, private sector partners, and other government agencies.

Beneficiaries: **Coconut farmers and their families**

In partnership with national and local government units and the private sector, the PCA will lead the implementation of two key initiatives: (1) Hospitalization and Medical Care Assistance, which aims to help cover hospital bills and out-of-pocket expenses; and (2) Mobile Health Services, which will bring medical consultations, including laboratory and diagnostic tests, to geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA).

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TRAINING PROGRAM



Agricultural Training Institute at Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Program and Services:

ATI

- Various trainings such as Farmer-level and Training of Trainers (TOTs)
- Certification of Coco Learning Sites for Agriculture
- School-on-the-Air
- Farm and business advisory and strategic communication services



TESDA

- Various trainings with corresponding certification for technical and vocational courses
- Development of Area-Based Competency Standards and Training Regulations

Beneficiaries: **Individual Coconut Farmer**

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ATI's training programs will now align more closely with market demands and the needs of coconut farmers, complementing the interventions of other agencies. A new Internship Program for the children of coconut farmers has also been added under ATI. TESDA will develop competency standards and training regulations focused on strengthening the coconut value chain—from production, processing to marketing. Additionally, more Coconut-Based Learning Sites for Agriculture (CocoLSAs) will be enhanced or certified by ATI and endorsed for registration as farm schools under TESDA to support extension services

Coconut Farmers Organization and Empowerment through Cooperatives

Cooperative Development Authority



Program and Services:

- Strengthening coconut farmer cooperatives through capacity-building programs
- Conduct of social preparations and training for coconut farmer organizations, as well as individual coconut farmers
- Implementation of support mechanisms such as creating market opportunities, audit and registration subsidy, travel and transportation support for cooperatives participating in trainings, and others

Beneficiaries:

**Individual Coconut Farmers and Coconut Farmer Organizations
(Organized and Not Yet Organized)**

The establishment of processing plants and hiring of a development management team will be excluded. Instead, the annual allocation will prioritize strengthening coconut farmer cooperatives through capacity building, organizing and training farmer groups, and implementing support mechanisms such as enterprise development, value chain enhancement, market matching, subsidies for registration and audit, and networking.

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COCONUT HYBRIDIZATION PROGRAM (OPERATIONS)

Philippine Coconut Authority



Program and Services:

- Production of hybrid coconuts
- Establishment of seed farm and communal hybrid nurseries
- Strategic Planting and Replanting
- Precision Farming Thru Nutrient Support of the Existing Hybrid Palms
- Professionalizing Hybridization Crew

**Beneficiaries: Individual Farmers, Civil Society Organizations or
Private Sector**

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This program involves the mass production of high-yielding coconut hybrids using PCA recommended hybridization techniques.

- In-house seednut production
- Pollen Production
- Seedfarm Establishment
- Communal Nursery Establishment
- Precision Farming thru Nutrient Support of the Existing Hybrid Palms

COCONUT HYBRIDIZATION PROGRAM (RESEARCH)

Department of Science And Technology - Philippine Council
for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research
and Development (DOST-PCAARRD)



Program and Services:

- Research and Development
- Technology Transfer and Promotion
- Socio-economic and Policy
- Capacity Building o Pagsasanay
- Knowledge Management and M&E

Partners: **Research Institutions, State Universities, at Colleges**

The initiatives will be aligned with the PCA's Research Agenda, DOST's Harmonized National R&D Agenda (HNRDA), and DOST-PCAARRD's Industry Strategic S&T Program (ISP) for Coconut. DOST-PCAARRD will regularly involve PCA in key evaluation and monitoring activities of CHP-related projects. A dedicated Knowledge Management and M&E (KMME) team will be established to enhance knowledge exchange among scientists, experts, and coconut farmers. Research efforts will also factor in market demands and regulatory standards, such as the use of organic fertilizers for hybrids.

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NATIVE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INTEGRATION

DA - Bureau of Animal Industry



Program and Services:

- Manukan sa niyugan
- Kambingan sa niyugan
- Bakahan sa niyugan
- Babuyan sa niyugan

Beneficiaries: Individual Coconut Farmers and Organizations

Inclusion of Kabayo sa Niyugan modules, promoting the use of native horses in coconut farming. Additionally, native cattle/carabaos have been integrated as draft animals in partnership with the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC).

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INTERCROPPING OF COFFEE AND CACAO

DA - High Value Crops Development Program



Program and Services:

- Rehabilitation and enhancement of existing coffee and cacao farms
- Expansion of coffee and cacao plantations under coconut farms
- Establishment of coffee and cacao nurseries

Beneficiaries: **Individual Coconut Farmers and Organizations**

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Provision of essential basic post-harvest and primary processing equipment such as fermenters and dryers. It will also support the Hub and Node model to expand coffee and cacao nurseries and multiplier farms, empowering qualified farmers and cooperatives to manage community-based nurseries.

Hub Nursery: Centrally managed by an institution with the expertise in plant breeding, propagation and accessions of mother trees(ex. DA Regional Field Office, Bureau of Plant Industry, State College and University). Serves as the main propagation and technical support center. Houses mother plants, skilled grafters, nursery tools, and irrigation infrastructure. Responsible for training, monitoring, and quality assurance.

Spoke Nurseries: Managed by farmer groups (coconut-based organization) to receive scions, rootstocks, and technical support from the Hub. Propagate and raise seedlings under guided supervision.

DAIRY INTEGRATION

DA - National Dairy Authority



Program and Services:

- Provision of dairy cows, carabaos, and/or goats
- Provision of starter kits for dairy production

Beneficiaries: **Individual Coconut Farmers and Organizations**

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Provision of basic milking equipment, including a double-bucket portable milking machine with replacement parts and other necessary tools. The program will now also include provision of dairy cattle/ carabao modules.

SHARED FACILITIES FOR PROCESSING



Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization

Program and Services:

- New processing machineries and technology
- Farm Service Crews

Beneficiaries: **Coconut Farmer Cooperatives and/or Local Government Unit**

The Shared Facilities for Processing (SFP) will be implemented by PhilMech, which now comprise of construction of buildings, provision of processing equipment, transport and harvesting machinery, and essential utilities. PCA will lead site selection based on supply sustainability, logistics, utilities, road access, and market linkages to boost job creation and coconut farmers' income.

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SUPPORT SERVICES : CREDIT PROGRAM



Development Bank of the Philippines and Landbank of the Philippines

Program and Services:

Loan/Credit Assistance:

- Working capital (production, processing, trading, marketing, purchase of farm inputs, etc.)
- Acquisition of machinery and equipment
- Establishment of facilities for production, post-production, processing, and trading, including
- Rediscounting existing loans of SEC-registered coconut farmers' organizations and CDA-registered cooperatives
- Re-lending to coconut farmers listed in the NCFRS for the above-mentioned purposes and projects

Beneficiaries: **Individual, Coconut Farmer Organizations or Cooperatives and Coconut-based Enterprises**



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For Land Bank floor loanable amount is set at Php 50,000.00, capped at 90% of the total project cost or sub-promissory note value— whichever is lower. Financing now includes diversified farm projects such as intercroops, poultry, livestock, and aquaculture under coconut farming. Aquaculture proposals require PCA endorsement in coordination with BFAR.

The Term Sheet shall loan amount, interest rate, requirements, and collateral—are subject to PCA Board approval and outlined in the Term Sheet.

SUPPORT SERVICES : RESEARCH, MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development



Program and Services:

- Benchmarking, market research, industry study, and other research initiatives for marketing, promotion
- Capacity building for market linking, market consolidation, digital marketing, product packaging and labeling.
- Technical assistance for establishing geographic indicators and branding, trading hubs and one-stop-shops
- Facilitation of certifications
- Promotion of coconut products and facilitation of activities that highlight strong points of the country's coconut industry to increase domestic and foreign investments.

Beneficiaries: **Individual, Coconut Farmer, Coconut Farmer Organizations, MSMEs**

The restated PPA will strengthen the coconut industry's market competitiveness. Research covers industry, scientific, and market studies to support innovation. Marketing Assistance involves business matching, market and financing linkages, and investment facilitation. Market Promotion includes advocacy campaigns and participation in trade fairs and investment missions, with focus on local activities. The implementation shall be guided by Enterprise Development Track (EDT) co-developed by PCA and DTI-BSMED.

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SUPPORT SERVICES : RESEARCH, MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Department of Public Works and Highways



Program and Services:

- Construction of Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) and Bridges
- Establishment of essential infrastructure (Research/ Training Centers, Trading Centers, and Irrigation)

Beneficiaries: **Coconut Farmer Organization, Local Government Unit, PCA and relevant government agencies**

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The interventions will refocus efforts on constructing farm-to-market roads (FMRs) and essential infrastructure in CFIDP convergence areas to support the coconut industry and key components. The DPWH will prioritize using coconut coir or coconut for erosion control and slope stabilization in road projects. On the other hand, PCA will lead in identifying priority sites, ensuring alignment with the needs of the coconut industry and infrastructure plans of implementing agencies.

BENEFICIARIES OF CFIDP PROGRAMS

1. Registered in the National Coconut Farmers' Registry System (NCFRS)
2. Qualified based on the definition of coconut farmer based on Sec. 3 of the law.

An owner of a coconut farm that is not more than five (5) hectares, who:

- Tills the land (owner-cultivator); or
- Does not till the land, but has control and supervision over the cultivation of the coconut farm which is not more than five (5)

- A leaseholder with not more than five (5) hectares or tenant who tills or supervises the cultivation of the coconut farm or
- A farm worker or laborer, whether seasonal or itinerant, engaged in the harvesting of the nuts and processing of copra as a major means of livelihood.

The National Coconut Farmers' Registry System (NCFRS) is the official registry of coconut farmers managed by the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)

1. Facilitate the implementation of programs; and
2. Identify the beneficiaries of the programs.

NCFRS

National Coconut Farmers' Registry System

Documentary Requirements

A



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ID or Certification from the Barangay Captain or Tribal leader



Proof of Ownership of the Coconut Farm:
Owner: Copy of Land Title/
Tax Declaration
Tenant/ Worker: Certification from the Brgy Captain or Tribal leader

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Submit the documents to the nearest PCA office, from Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (except on Holidays).