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Office of the Governor

BRO Farmer Assistance Program Office

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 or 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. With this contribution, the small farmers can avail all the benefits of SSS. In fact, after twenty four (24) monthly contributions, they can already avail a housing loan amounting to P500,000.00.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The BRO SSS-M aims to provide protection or to insure every small farmer against the hazards of

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

BRO *Sapat na Seguridad para Sa mga Magsasaka* (SSSM) has enrolled a total of eight thousand seventy eight (8,078) marginalized farmers wherein 3,550 of them are still enrolled in the program and 4,528 have already been paid 24 months of contribution. The farmer 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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Table 1. The distribution of BRO SSS-M members as of December 2018.

Municipality	Currently Paying	Graduated
ALICIA	14	23
ANGADANAN	516	115
AURORA	139	520
BENITO SOLIVEN	70	1
BURGOS	47	200
CABAGAN	17	69
CABATUAN	11	371
CAUAYAN	101	677
CITY OF ILAGAN	72	166
CORDON	5	20
DELFIN ALBANO	180	151
DINAPIGUE	5	124
ECHAGUE	4	6
GAMU	256	
JONES	61	96
LUNA	114	206
MALLIG	35	32
NAGUILIAN	155	13
PALANAN	108	7
QUEZON	23	94
QUIRINO	95	152
RAMON	61	43
REINA MERCEDES	168	10
ROXAS	270	671
SAN AGUSTIN	160	52
SAN ISIDRO	18	53
SAN GUILLERMO	1	61
SAN MANUEL	339	169
SAN MARIANO	11	89
SAN MATEO	180	128
SAN PABLO	9	37
STA. MARIA	29	39
STO. TOMAS	10	11
TUMAUINI	266	122
Total:	3,550	4,528

IMPACT

Because of the extensive information dissemination made by the coordinators BRO Farmers Assistance Program Office (FAPO), several 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 8,078 in 2018. The number of farmer-members from 2014 to 2018 is shown on the table below.

Table 2. Farmer-members enrollment per year.

YEAR	NUMBER OF ENROLLEES
2014	959
2015	4,926
2016	4,741
2017	3,204
2018	3,550



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The PGI through the BRO FAPO exerts extra effort to maximize the enrollment of farmers in the program. One of the activities this year is to reach farmers in the most remote *barangays* of Isabela who are unable to go to the Provincial Capitol through the Farmers' Congress *sa Barangay* to extend to them the program.

SUSTAINABILITY


The Provincial Government of Isabela allocated P10 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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The Provincial Government of Isabela through the Bojie Rodito Opportunities Program turned over checks to SSS with its representative, Ma'am Catherine De Leon together with other SSS Program Beneficiaries.



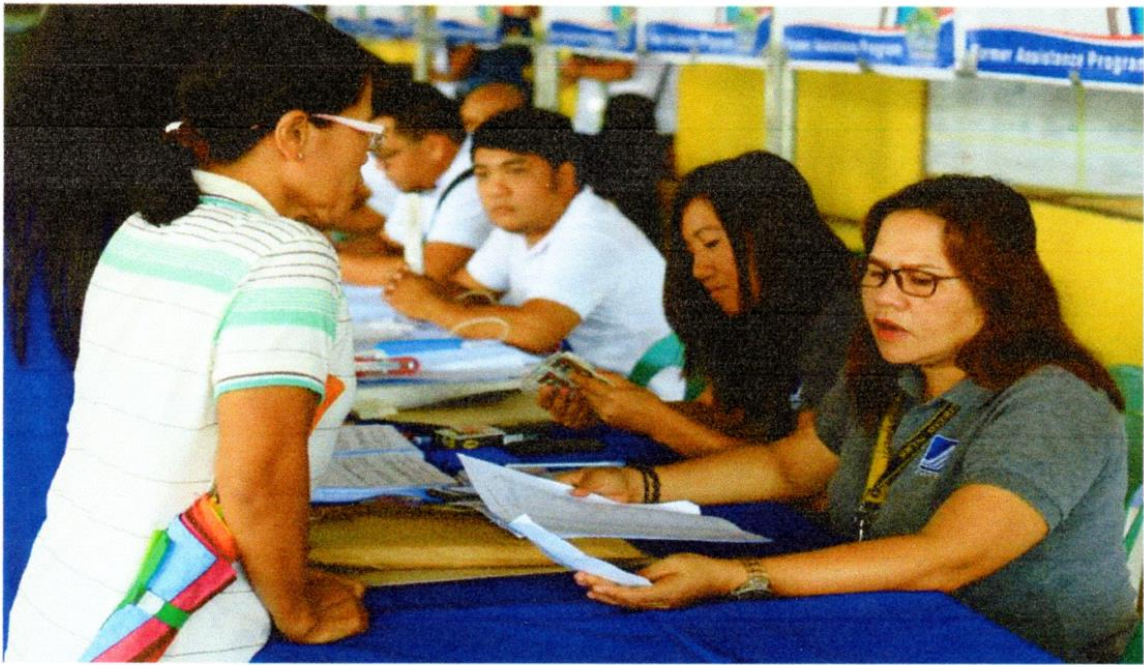
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Ma'am Arlene A. Martinez of SSS Ilagan Branch showed support as she explained to the Small Farmers on how to avail the program during the Farmers Congress in the coastal towns of Isabela.



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Ma'am Lirio Atienza of SSS Cauayan Branch assisted the awardees together with Governor Bojie G. Dy, Congressman Rodito Albano and LNB Inno Dy during the Farmers' Congress at Dinapigue.



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