

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Oxfam publicly acknowledges that the Climate-Resiliency Field Schools (CrFS) program was developed by and introduced to the BINDS project by Rice Watch and Action Network (R1). In the BINDS project, R1 was engaged in developing the capacity of local governments, communities and three organizations (SIMMCARD, COM and RDISK) with the skills on CrFS. Oxfam, in partnership with the three organizations continued work under the EMBRACE project using the skills and knowledge in CrFS.

Oxfam acknowledges that the Landscape-Based Climate Adaptive Livelihood Field School (SCALE) implemented under EMBRACE project follows much of what was introduced by R1 in CrFS, and we full-heartedly apologize that proper recognition of CrFS and the role of R1 in developing and introducing the concept, tools and approaches in CrFS was not accorded.

Oxfam has been supporting farmers and local government units in Mindanao to adapt to the impact of climate change. This work has been done since 2012 - 2014, initially under the BINDS project and since 2015 under the EMBRACE project.

Oxfam also regrets that we had not officially informed R1 that the EMBRACE project builds upon CrFS approaches that were developed and introduced by R1 in BINDS and other projects. The skills and knowledge in CrFS along with other elements are still being utilized in EMBRACE. For this omission and failure to acknowledge R1's significant contribution in the development of CrFS, we have apologized to R1, and we use this space to inform the public of the same.

Oxfam has taken measures so that omissions of a similar nature do not happen again, and continue to take steps in order to effect a responsible, accountable respectful engagement in the Philippines.


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