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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The primary objective of this study was to assess the effectiveness of the TagumpayAgrivolving Fund (TAF) program for rice farmers. A mixed-methods research design was utilized, with a sample of 150 rice farmers selected from six farmers' associations in Tagum City using a stratified random sampling technique. Data were gathered through face-to-face interviews, using a survey questionnaire that had been validated by experts. The collected data were analyzed using frequency counts, mean scores, and thematic analysis. The findings revealed that the majority of the farmers in the study were older, with most being 41 years or older. The gender distribution showed a slightly higher proportion of male farmers. Additionally, most respondents had small to moderate-sized households and reported low monthly incomes.</p>	
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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The results also revealed that the repayment terms of the TagumpayAgrivolving Fund (TAF) Program were consistently followed and were highly rated in terms of program practices. Additionally, the program's effectiveness was rated very high across several areas, including access to credit, loan size, interest rates, repayment terms, and the availability of technical support, highlighting its success in empowering farmers and supporting agricultural activities. However, rice farmers in the TAF Program faced challenges such as inadequate financing for rice production, low returns on investment, delays in addressing their needs, and a shortage of water supply.</p>	

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