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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Research in Agriculture and Forestry
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Title of the Manuscript:	Effectiveness Of Tagumpay Agrivolving Fund (Taf) Program For Rice Farmers In Tagum City, Davao Del Norte
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<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>This manuscript provides valuable insights into the effectiveness of the Tagumpay Agrivolving Fund (TAF) Program, highlighting its role in improving rice farmers' access to credit, production practices, and income levels in Tagum City, Philippines. By addressing the challenges faced by smallholder farmers, such as insufficient financing and water scarcity, the study contributes to the broader discourse on sustainable agricultural development and rural poverty alleviation in developing countries.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Recommend to take out the word Tagum City from the title. Instead add Phillipines. General audience knows Phillipines better than DAVAO DEL NORTE. So recommended title is: EFFECTIVENESS OF TAGUMPAY AGRIVOLVING FUND (TAF) PROGRAM FOR RICE FARMERS IN DAVAO DEL NORTE, PHILLIPINES</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>In the abstract it is recommended to add "in the province of Davao del Norte, Phillipines" after Tagum City.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 1.2 seems to be redundant due to much similarity with section 1.1. Consider deleting section 1.2. - Table 4 is not clear to understand. What do the "provision of agri inputs", "repayment terms", and "agri extension services" indicate? Are the mean values based on farmers subjective satisfaction with these services or what? Consider changing the explanation of the table and the names of the variables in the table. - Same comment on Table 6. How the 3 variables in table 6 have been measured? What does the mean value of 3.89 on quality of produce and 2.98 on competitiveness in the market actually indicate? Whether they are high or low values is secondary, first explain what these values actually indicate. 	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The Mixed methods used in the study is appropriate for studying this type of topic. 150 is a good sample size. However, in some tables as mentioned above the measurement of variables and their interpretation is below the mark.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :</p>	<p>I would recommend to study and refer to the below relevant studies about farm credit programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ramasamy, P., & Malaiarasan, U. (2023). Agricultural credit in India: determinants and effects. <i>Indian Economic Review</i>, 58(1), 169-195. https://doi.org/10.1007/s41775-023-00187-8 - Khan, M. F., Kurosaki, T., & Sakurai, T. (2020). Contract farming, loan repayment ability and access to credit of small farmers in Pakistan. <i>Japanese Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>, 22, 123-128. https://doi.org/10.18480/jjae.22.0_123 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Throughout the manuscript the word "this chapter" should be replaced with "this section". Grammatical mistake in the second paragraph in the subsection "Procedure of study" Add units in Table 2. E.g. Age (years), Monthly Income (PhP)</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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