National Forum on One Health Innovations to Mitigate Impacts of COVID-19

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The onset of COVID-19 pandemic clearly disrupted the health and agricultural system of the country. Agricultural production, particularly the production of crops, livestock, poultry, and fisheries sector significantly dropped while the delivery of public health services, medicines, including the control of zoonotic diseases hampered.

In order to properly understand and therefore manage the risks brought about by COVID-19, it is important to look at the pandemic as part of a wider system, which includes, human, animal, and environmental health. One Health/EcoHealth is a holistic approach to understanding health that integrates various factors concerning human, animals, and the environment interface. Given that most of the challenges in the pandemic tend to be interrelated, this approach provides for inclusivity among humans, animals, and the environment that would be essential in coming up with strategic solutions and innovations in managing the impacts and risks of COVID-19.

The main objective of this forum is to provide an avenue to discuss the emerging challenges in the agricultural and health sectors in the midst of COVID-19 and how One Health/EcoHealth approach as a concept could be better wielded in managing the risks related to the pandemic. Specifically, this workshop aims to:

1. Highlight the theory and principles of One Health/EcoHealth approach and its current applications and potentials in understanding the impacts of COVID-19 particularly to the farmers and farming families and communities;

2. Analyze the interface between the health and agricultural impacts of COVID-19 to identify priority areas and process for immediate and long-term intervention,

3. Identify priority interventions and strategies across Agricultural and Health Policy Innovations to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 to the farmers and farming families.

- Understanding COVID-19 risks and challenges to human, animal, and environment health
- Operationalizing OneHealth/EcoHealth approach in understanding COVID-19 impacts

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