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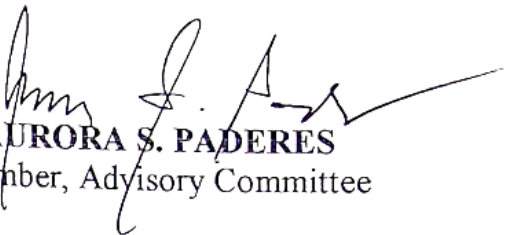
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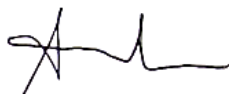
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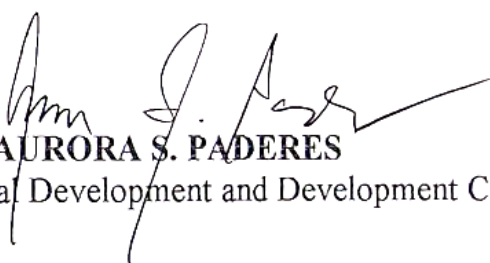

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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted to determine the gender roles and access to rural marketing and finance in two onion growing barangays in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija. The primary sources of information were the husband and wife who are onion growers in barangays Palestina and Camanacsacan, San Jose City. Pre-tested interview schedule was used to gather quantitative data from 73 couples who served as respondents of the study. Informal group discussion was conducted to enrich gathered data.

The study used descriptive statistics, t-test and correlation. Findings resulting from statistical analyses to assess access to rural finance were used as the basis in determining the training needs of the respondents.

The average time spent by husbands on the reproductive roles was 22.01 hours per week. The wife's average time for reproductive roles was 89.33 hours with a maximum of 109.10 hours.

The productive roles were male-dominated. The husbands spent a maximum of 98 hours per week while the wife's devoted 32.5 hours per week. Husbands spent an average of 7 hours per week for community managing roles while the wives spent an

average of 2.51 hours. The time spent on community politics roles of husbands and wives was 2.86 and 1.14 hours in a week, respectively.

The t-test showed significant differences on the time spent by husbands and wives on their reproductive, productive, community managing and community politics roles.

The socio-economic characteristics which showed relationship with the reproductive roles were age, organizational membership, years in farming, and income. Number of children, size of the farm, distance of farm from the residence and income had positive correlation with productive roles. On the community managing roles, the socio-economic factors which showed significant correlation were number of years in farming, size of farm, distance of farm, and income. The membership of the wife in organizations showed positive correlation with the community politics roles.

The most accessible source of financial resources of the respondents was the local lenders particularly the neighbors whom they claimed to have sufficient access. The respondents' access to savings was "moderately sufficient." The use of truck is notably the most preferred in transporting their produce to the market.

Access to rural finance showed positive correlation with productive roles only. Marketing channel and mode of marketing resulted in positive correlation with productive roles.

The training needs of the respondents were on pest management of onion, marketing particularly trading, harvesting, rules and regulations in marketing, and soil nutrient management.

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