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About the Cover

This cover encapsulates the essence of a transformative journey, where age-old practices merge seamlessly with cutting-edge technology, shaping the future of farming.

ATI-RTC X remains committed in empowering AEWs, farmers, agripreneurs, and stakeholders across the agricultural spectrum. Utilizing effective information and communication technologies and tools to navigate the complexities of modern agriculture, ATI-RTC X not only imparts technical know-how but also instills a spirit of sustainability and resilience.



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ATI

is the capacity builder, knowledge bank, and catalyst of the agriculture and fisheries extension system of the country.

VISION

Food availability and affordability for every Filipino family through excellent extension services in agriculture and fisheries.

MISSION

Empowerment and building capabilities of Agriculture and Fisheries stakeholders for sustainable development.

QUALITY POLICY

The Agricultural Training Institute leads in the professionalization of the Philippine agricultural extension service towards food security and prosperity.

CORE VALUES

We, at ATI, are committed to uphold our core values, reiterated as follows:

- Customer Focus
- Commitment
- Resource Stewardship
- Innovation and Excellence

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The Center Director's **MESSAGE**

Extension services play a crucial role in empowering farmers in Northern Mindanao to adopt new farming technologies by providing them with the necessary knowledge and information, as well as facilitating their interaction with partners in education, and in agribusiness. Embracing digital agriculture signifies more than just technological advancement—it embodies resilience, sustainability, and a commitment to feeding future generations.

This year, commodity trainings on rice, corn, livestock, high-value crops, farmers scientists, organic agriculture, and soft skills trainings are provided to enhance and capacitate our Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), farmers, youth, and other farming communities. Moreover, innovation in agricultural extension involves leveraging ICT-based tools and capacity development through training for knowledge transfer to address the challenges facing agriculture and resource management.

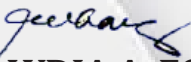
Extension services help farmers adopt new technologies through various means, including tailored information delivery, capacity building, and the facilitation of knowledge and technology access. By incorporating information and communication technologies (ICTs), and social media presence and engagements, extension services can deliver frequent reminders and customized information to farmers and other clients, thus increasing technology dissemination and adoption.

Additionally, the importance of enterprise development is underscored through Farm Business School (FBS), digital marketing, and online agribusiness mentorship to develop and broaden the learning capacity of both farmers and extension workers.

ATI's intervention through extension services and various programs aims to reach out to more farming communities in remote areas, as they require the most assistance from the government. This initiative is designed to empower farmers to achieve their goals and aspirations in life, address food security, help farmers earn more from selling their farm produce, mitigate hunger, and fight poverty.

By providing support and resources to these communities, ATI has always aimed to improve farming practices, increase productivity, and enhance agricultural outcomes. This approach is consistent with the objectives of agricultural extension, which emphasizes the characteristics of the service and its potential impact on improving and educating farmers.

My sincere thanks also goes out to our partners in extension--- the DA-Regional Field Office 10, LGUs, LSAs, SPAs, SUCs, private institutions, and other government and non-government organizations which have been our greatest allies in terms of reaching out and empowering the farmers to make them the heroes they are today.


MARIA LYDIA A. ECHAVEZ
Center Director

9,386

total participants to trainings and other AF activities

43

CPD accredited trainings conducted

191

trainings and other AF activities conducted

35

LSAs certified

5

Magsasaka
Siyentista
appointed

67

FITS Kiosks established

1.5M

Individuals reached in Facebook

2023 HIGH

49

EAsY Agri Scholars

3

Young Filipino
Farmer Training
Program in Japan
Interns

2

Filipino Young
Farmers Internship
Program in Taiwan
Interns

115k

copies of IEC materials distributed

5

Youth Scholarship
Grant on Organic
Farming Scholars

8

EdGE Scholars

9

Agristoryahay
sa ATI episodes
livestreamed

3

School-on-the Air
(SOA) Program
conducted

302

farm business advisories and queries served

HIGHLIGHTS



CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

ATI's role as capacity builder through a diverse array of training programs, workshops and other AF educational activities fosters a culture of continuous improvement and innovation within the agricultural community. By investing in individuals and communities, ATI contributes significantly in building a resilient and knowledgeable workforce capable of addressing the complex challenges facing the agricultural sector.

191

Trainings and other AF activities

137 Trainings conducted **54** AF-related activities

9,386

Participants to trainings and other activities

1,293 AEWs **8,093** Others

RICE



34 Trainings and other activities
3,298 participants

CORN



8 Trainings and other activities
758 participants

LIVESTOCK



14 Trainings and other activities
315 participants

HVCDP



9 Trainings and other activities
195 participants

RCEF



15 Trainings and other activities
495 participants

CFIDP



43 Trainings and other activities
1,555 participants

REGULAR



28 Trainings and other activities
790 participants

OA



7 Trainings and other activities
134 participants

NUPAP



31 Trainings and other activities
1,777 participants

HALAL



2 Trainings and other activities
69 participants

RICE

Training programs conducted under the National Rice Program focus on balanced fertilization strategy, hybrid rice production, pest management, waste utilization, value-adding, digital technologies, financial literacy, and resource person development. Thus, in 2023, ATI-RTC X was able to conduct 34 training programs and other AF activities for the National Rice Program, involving 3,298 participants. The trainings were designed to improve the abilities of agricultural practitioners, including Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers, Local Farmer Technicians, AEWs, and farmer-leaders.

Moreover, the integration of digital technologies optimizes resource use, contributing to the modernization of the rice sector in the Philippines, promoting food security, and enhancing economic stability for farmers.



LIVESTOCK

ATI-RTC X dedicated 14 trainings under the National Livestock Program and were able to train 315 participants from the various stakeholders of the livestock sector in the region. The training programs conducted include diversified livestock options, artificial insemination, animal health, feed milling, waste management, emergency response, and meat processing.

These capability-building activities promoted innovation and best practices to improve product quality, biosecurity measures, overall industry competitiveness, and ensure a more efficient and disease-resistant livestock program in the Philippines.



Trainings Against ASF

African Swine Fever severely impacts livestock production in the Philippines, causing economic losses, reduced pork supply, and livelihood challenges. To prevent or control this outbreak, the Center conducted capability-building programs for Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs).

BABay ASF: Training on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers (2 Batches - 48 participants in total) were conducted.



CORN

ATI-RTC X has conducted a total of eight training programs in 2023 designed to enhance the collaboration, productivity, and market engagement of corn farmers in the region.



Site-specific nutrient management (SSNM) was another significant training program conducted by the Center, which aimed to optimize fertilization for cassava and corn while reducing costs and environmental impact. The program also introduced a computer-based decision support tool called Nutrient Expert, which provides instant nutrient recommendations to farmers for their corn crop.

Farmer Scientist Training Program

ATI-RTC X conducted two batches of Farmer Scientist Training Program. The training participants were taught the necessary technology for corn farming from soil preparation, fertilizer application, proper planting and harvesting, and also farm record keeping. They were also trained in the effective marketing of agricultural products, communication and presentation skills for farmer scientists, and leadership management.



HVCDP

Evolving agricultural practices, technology, and market demands require continuing education for farmers and stakeholders.

Capability-building initiatives conducted under HVCDP focused on enhancing trainers' expertise in nursery establishment, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for high-value crops.

ATI-RTC X also conducted specialized trainings such as hydroponics, vegetable production, rubber cultivation, food safety, packaging, and edible landscaping, promoting innovative techniques and quality maintenance. These trainings were aimed at diversifying and sustaining high-value crop production in the region, being one of the biggest producers of vegetables in the country, as well as economically uplifting the lives of its farmers.



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

The Organic Agriculture Program accomplished 100% of its target for training and other extension-related activities for 2023. These activities include the Training of Trainers on Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) Group Expansion, wherein in Mindanao, only Region 10 has two PGS Group accredited by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS).



Other extension initiatives such as the Kabataang OA and the Youth Scholarship Grant on Organic Farming to urge more youth to engage in farming and the yearly gathering of the National Organic Agriculture Congress (NOAC) were part of the efforts.

HALAL

Recently, the halal industry in the Philippines has been experiencing substantial growth. Due to its considerable Muslim population, especially in its southern region, and the rising demand for halal products. In the agriculture industry, adhering to halal practices guarantees that agricultural products meet Islamic dietary laws. This not only caters to the needs of Muslim consumers but also creates new market opportunities and promotes ethical farming practices on a global scale.

ATI-RTC X conducted a training program on Halal Production participated by 29 farmer-leaders in the region. The program was to equip farmers with the necessary knowledge and skills on halal production standards and promote sustainable and ethical agricultural practices in line with the industry's standards. Advocacy activities on halal, such as information caravans, were also conducted to further support the promotion of halal practices.

NATIONAL URBAN AND PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM (NUPAP)

With the main goal of promoting gardening and ensuring consistent food accessibility for urban communities, the Partnership and Accreditation Section (PAS) of the ATI10 initiated a series of Go Urban Gardening: Making FOOD Available (GUGMA) Program in key cities of Northern Mindanao.

Targetted areas for the GUGMA Program were in Iligan City, Cagayan de Oro City, Malaybalay City, El Salvador City, and Gingoog City. GUGMA's mission was met with enthusiasm and strong support from local agriculturists, focal persons, and public officials. Their commitment underscored the growing importance of urban and peri-urban agriculture in addressing food security challenges.



One of the program's most impactful components was the Seminars on Capability Building through ATI Blended/e-learning that was provided to the 750 aspiring gardeners. This training covered essential techniques for successful gardening in an urban environment and the art of making fermented plant juices to enhance crop yields. Armed with such essential knowledge, these urban gardeners were better equipped to contribute to food security for their family and on their community.

ATI-RTC X also installed five (5) nursery houses to selected Learning Site for Agriculture Partners and Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region. The nursery house's beneficiaries are expected to utilize the project by growing different kinds of vegetable seedlings that will be given to their community and walk-in clients.



RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND

Rice Extension Services Program

In its 5th year of implementation, the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund continually gears towards improving the competitiveness of rice farmers and achieving an increase in their income. ATI-RTC X has regularly provided our AEWs, farmers, and farmer leaders with training programs and information materials relating to the production of high-quality inbred rice seeds production, rice mechanization, up-skilling farmers on agricultural digitalization and drone technology, as well as agripreneurship.

15



trainings and other AF conducted

495



participants

- 5** Training on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice
- 2** Training on Agripreneurship in Support to GAD
- 2** Information Caravan cum FGD
- 3** Digital Agriculture Course for RCEF
- 3** Training on Digitalized Knowledge Products Development

5,284



knowledge products disseminated

48



radio plugs aired



2

RCEF Success Stories produced



1

GantimPALAY sa ATI RCEF Year-end Assessment





COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act (CFITF) is a comprehensive initiative to boost the coconut industry in the Philippines by supporting farmers through training, research, value-adding projects, infrastructure development, market access, sustainability efforts, and financial assistance. On its second year of implementation, ATI-RTC X conducted various initiatives under CFIDP playing crucial roles in increasing production, promoting sustainability and fostering innovation within the coconut industry in the region.

43



trainings and other AF conducted

1,555



participants

37

Trainings conducted

5

Information Caravan

1

School-on-the-Air Program

10,150



knowledge products disseminated

1



Success story produced

52



radio plugs aired

16



Coco LSAs enhanced



REGULAR PROGRAM

Social Technology Trainings

Capability-building activities on social technologies were crafted to capacitate the Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) through the ATI-RTC X priority programs focusing on extension and communication skills. They were trained to become effective leaders and extension managers by being adaptable to changes, adopting innovations, and having efficient leadership and management skills.

The trainings conducted were as follows:

- 4 Batches of Training on Extension Delivery System
- 2 Batches of Training on Extension Management for Extension Managers
- 2 Batches of Resource Person Development Course
- Skilling Up: A Training on Extension Delivery System & Technology Updates for Corn Trainers
- Scaling Up the Industry of Manila Hemp: Production Technology of Abaca (This enhancement training was conducted to test the newly developed module on abaca production in collaboration with the provincial/municipal/city LGUs, other government agencies such as DA-RFO 10, and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).



Digital Literacy Trainings



Digital literacy is essential in today's increasingly technology-driven world. To keep up with technological trends, ATI-RTC X hold trainings to enhance the knowledge of every stakeholder in the agriculture sector. These agri-technologies involve smartphone usage, internet safety, agri applications, social media marketing, digital transactions, and smart agriculture technologies. There were 14 out of the 137 trainings activities in 2023 involved in digital literacy.

The following were the conducted trainings for digital literacy:

- Training of Trainers on Digital Farmers Program
- 3 Batches of Digital Agriculture Course for RCEF
- 3 Batches of Specialized Activities: Training on Digitalized Knowledge Products Development
- 2 Batches of Training on Smart Agriculture Technologies (SATs) - Digital Agriculture
- 2 Batches of Capacity Enhancement Training on Digital Marketing
- DFP 103 Version 2.0 - Farm Tech (2 Batches) and Farm Connect (1 Batch)

Support Activities to the Marginalized Sector



Agricultural training programs can be more inclusive, empowering, and beneficial for women, youth, differently-abled individuals, and senior citizens. Recognizing diverse contributions to nation-building, the Center initiated conducts lectures and training programs focused on sustainable agriculture and livelihood improvement, emphasizing inclusivity, empowerment, and environmentally responsible practices for long-term socio-economic

Gender and Development (GAD)

Training programs in support to gender and development includes backyard gardening, capability enhancement for women, coconut products and by-products, agripreneurship, and waste utilization for rice. These initiatives demonstrate a commitment to empowering women, promoting gender equality, and fostering sustainable agricultural practices for broader community development.

To mark the National Women's Month, ATI-RTC X held a Capability Enhancement Training for Women in El Salvador City from March 22-24, 2023. Collaborating with the City Social Welfare and Development Office, the training was attended by 25 Women's Association members. It covered key topics such as gender equality, the Safe Spaces Act, Solo Parent Act, Violence Against Women and their Children Law, and the Magna Carta for Women.



Other GAD activities:

- Training on Backyard Gardening in support to Gender and Development Program (Capability Enhancement Training for Women in Support to the Elimination of VAWC)
- Capability Enhancement Training for Women in Support to the National Women's Month Celebration
- Training on the Production of Coconut Products and By-Products, Specifically on Coconut Husk, in support to GAD (2 Batches)
- Training on Agripreneurship (in support to GAD)
- Training on Value Adding and Waste Utilization for Rice in support to GAD
- Refresher Course of AEWs Batch 1: Training on Value Adding and Waste Utilization for Rice in support to GAD
- TOT on Banana Production and Utilization in support of GAD



Senior Citizen

Specialized trainings tailored for senior citizens aligned with the goals of encouraging them to stay active, learn new skills, and engage in meaningful activities. Training programs conducted contributes directly to the physical, mental, and social well-being of seniors, providing structured opportunities for them to participate in activities that enhance their quality of life.

In 2023, 25 senior citizens participated in the urban container household gardening training, while 26 joined the urban gardening with straw mushroom production program. These initiatives were designed to meet their specific needs, encourage health, sustainability, and empowerment through practical skills, community engagement, and a holistic approach to healthy living.



Differently-Abled Person

The Training on Urban Container Household Gardening engaged 25 differently-abled individuals in Cagayan de Oro City (August 8-11, 2023) and 26 in El Salvador City (October 11-13, 2023). The training program aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of differently-abled persons in vegetable gardening for livelihood, fostering productivity and self-sufficiency on their barangays. Additionally, the training seeks to ensure the sustainable production of healthy vegetables within their reach, meeting food needs at home.

Persons Deprived with Liberty

ATI-RTC X conducted a “Training on Backyard Gardening” at the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Region X in El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental, on May 30-31, 2023. With 26 participants, the program aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in backyard gardening, covering crucial topics such as vegetable gardening basics, soil importance, composting techniques, and production technology for specific crops.

The training program also supported the persons deprived with liberty (PDL) on their rehabilitation, as well as potentially reducing recidivism rates.



Enterprise Development

Empowering aspiring agripreneurs to equip them with comprehensive skills for successful agri-enterprises through Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program (KAMMP), Digital Marketing, and other related training were conducted.

Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program

In collaboration with PCE - Go Negosyo, an online training was conducted through the Zoom platform on May 10 to June 1, 2023, involving 25 participants hailing from various provinces within the region. The initiative included lectures, discussions, workshops and mentoring and coaching aimed at refining and advancing the participants' business plans and presentation of individual business plans.

Digital Marketing

Empowering farmers and young farmers with digital marketing skills, Training on Virtual Store: Digital Marketing for Young Farmers in Support to Out-of-School Youth Development Alliance (OSYDA) and two batches of Capacity Enhancement Training on Digital Marketing were conducted. The program seeks to broaden their market reach, strengthen their online presence, and contribute to their economic development.

Farm Business School

Active engagement in training is important for an effective sharing of knowledge and skills. ATI-RTC X organized two 10-day Training of Trainers sessions on Farm Business Schools in El Salvador City. The first batch, from May 22 to June 02, 2023, had 26 participants, including 12 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and 13 farmers. The second batch, held on June 19-28, 2023, involved 19 participants, including 3 AEWs. These sessions provided a structured learning environment, facilitating practical application and empowering individuals to disseminate information effectively in their communities or workplaces.

Furthermore, to establish or improve participants' current farm enterprises, making them more financially lucrative. Four Season Long Farm Business School training sessions took place in Gingoog City (20 participants), Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon (20 participants), Opol, Misamis Oriental (20 participants) and Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao Del Norte (23 participants).



Continuing Professional Development

To further professionalize the agricultural sector, the conducted training has been accredited with CPD points by the PRC. In 2023, from the 54 training courses of ATI-RTC X intended for AEW's, 43 (80%) of which were accredited with CPD points.

5pts

- Training on Extension Delivery System
- **Training on Civil 3D**
- **Training on Leadership and Extension Management for Extension Managers (Batch 1)**

6pts

- Training of Trainers (TOT) on Corn Cluster Development
- Training on Rabbitry Production as an Enterprise
- **Training on Animal Health Refresher Course**

7pts

- TOT on Site-Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM) for Cassava
- Training of Trainers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Cacao and Coffee Production
- Training Of Trainers on DIY Hydroponics: Alternative To Soil Gardening
- Training on Leadership and Extension Management for Extension Manager

8pts

- TOT on Nursery Establishment, Management and Accreditation
- TOT on Coconut-Coffee Farming System
- Climate Resilient Agriculture for Livestock: Training on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS)
- TOT on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)- 2 Batches
- TOT on Coconut Farm Business School
- Refresher Training Course on Sorghum Production
- Training on Extension Delivery System (EDS) for Agricultural Extension Workers- 2 Batches

9pts

- Training of Trainers (TOT) on Site-Specific Nutrient Management (SSNM) for Corn
- Training on Leadership and Extension Management for Agricultural Extension Managers
- Training on Halal Crop Production

10pts

- TOT on Meat Processing
- Training on Hybrid Rice Production and Management
- Training on Resource Person Development Course for Rice Coordinators and Farmer Leaders
- Resource Person Development Course

11pts

- Training on Value Adding and Waste Utilization for Rice in support to GAD
- TOT on Coconut Hybridization and Nursery Establishment

12pts

- TOT on Animal Feed Milling Course for Smallholder

13pts

- TOT on GAP on Coconut

14pts

- **Training on Leadership and Extension Management for Extension Managers**

15pts

- Coconut Specialist Training Course

16pts

- Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production
- Training on Value Adding and Waste Utilization for Rice in support to GAD
- Training on Pest and Disease Management for Rice

17pts

- TOT on Free-Range Chicken Production

19pts

- TOT on Artificial Insemination

25.5pts

- Training on Pest and Disease Management for Rice

28pts

- Trash to Cash: Training on Animal Waste Management and Utilization

30pts

- TOT Banana Production and Utilization

32pts

- TOT on Farm Business School

32pts

- Training on Basic Meat Inspection

42pts

- TOT on Advanced Artificial Insemination and Pregnancy Diagnosis in Large Ruminants

Specialization: ■ Agriculture ■ Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering ■ Veterinary Medicine

Youth Development Activities



In fostering the future of agriculture, connecting youth to the vibrant world of farming is paramount. As we stand at the intersection of technology and tradition, empowering young minds to embrace agriculture not only ensures the sustainability of this crucial industry but also cultivates a generation equipped to tackle global food challenges.

70th Farm Youth National Convention



Cristine Galupo of ATI-RTC X, along with the youth representatives of Region 10, participated in the 70th Farm Youth (4-H) National Convention at La Carmela de Boracay, Malay, Aklan last August 1-4, 2023.

Among the Region 10 representatives, Mr. Ezel R. Lambatan was hailed Champion in the National Achievers Award (NEAA) Head Category, on the other hand, Ms. Maydene V. Demesana also won the first place award in the 4-H Agri-innovative Pitching of Agri-tindahan ni Juana't Juan.

Moreover, the region was also awarded as finalists in the 4-H Himig Handog: Song-Writing and Singing Contest, 4-H Short Film, 4-H Promotional Merchandise Making Contest and Best 4-H Club Members Categories.



2nd Kabataang OA Quiz Bee

ATI Northern Mindanao Representative, Ms. Jessa Solis from Mindanao State University - Naawan Campus got 4th place in the OA Quiz Bee Competition. The annual competition is part of the month-long celebration of the 9th Organic Agriculture Month with the theme "Kabuhayang OA, Kinabukasang OK".

Other Youth Activities

1. Regional 4-H Youth Camp
2. Capability Enhancement Training for RBO and 4-H Club Coordinators and Officers
3. Capability Building for RBOs and Young Farmer Leaders
4. Organizational Capacity Development Training for Youth Leaders in support to Out-of School Youth Development Alliance (OSYDA)
5. Value-adding Training for Young Farmers and Fisherfolk Entrepreneurs in support to OSYDA Batch 2
6. Digital Farmers Marketing in support to OSYDA

Scholarship Programs

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE (EAsY Agri)

For the year 2023, a total of 49 students from Central Mindanao University (CMU), Mindanao State University (MSU) in Marawi and Naawan, and University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) - Claveria pursuing Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering were granted of EAsY Agri Scholarship.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT FOR EXTENSION WORKERS (EdGE)

Providing access to educational opportunities will serve as catalyst for staying updated on the latest agricultural practices, technologies, and innovations. With the support of ATI-RTC X, there are eight agricultural extension workers scholars pursuing their Masters and Doctorate Degrees.



FY 2023 YEAR-END ASSESSMENT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The FY 2023 Year-End Assessment for the Educational Assistance for the Youth in Agriculture (EAsY Agri) and Educational Grant for Extension Workers (EdGE) Scholarship Programs took place at TIEZA-Gardens of Malasag, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City on December 27-28, 2023. This semestral assessment served as a platform for scholars to address concerns, share their actions, and provide recommendations. Ms. Maria Lydia A. Echavez, Center Director, and Scholarship Program Focal Person reviewed the Scholarship Guidelines and reiterated scholars' obligations and responsibilities.

The Local Scholarship Committee recognized exceptional students for their prompt submission of scholarship monthly reports. Certificates of merit were awarded to scholars who achieved a GPA higher than 1.5, including Jay Marie B. Generalao, Ayah B. Alido, Jose Mei W. Barrio, Starlyn B. Pasco, and Ma. Joylyn H. Yaconas. This acknowledgment underscores the commitment to academic excellence and overall achievement within the scholarship programs.

YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

The Youth Scholarship Grant on Organic Farming (YSGOF) structured as a specialized internship initiative, aims to foster an appreciation for organic agriculture and empower young individuals to embrace organic entrepreneurship.

ATI-RTC X supports five scholars who recently showcased their refined project visions and a strong commitment to excellence during the Project Proposal Presentation held on November 19, 2023. They were stationed to selected LSAs in the region to grasp first-hand experience on the agriculture technologies and practices for nine months.

Currently, the scholars are on their individual farms to implement their presented projects.



Internship Programs

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE INTERNSHIPS

Filipino Young Farmers Internship Program (FYFIP) in Taiwan

Four alumni of the Filipino Young Farmers Internship Program in Taiwan Batch 2 from Region 10 have secured a financial grant of Php 150,000 each to support their proposed business initiatives aligned with the ATI's goal of empowering young Filipino farmers to apply their skills and knowledge in agribusiness. As the 3rd batch of interns is currently engaged in their assignments in Taiwan, the 4th batch has progressed with the National Written Examination, with 10 applicants successfully passing.



Young Farmers Leaders Training Program in Japan

On the other hand, two young-farmers from Northern Mindanao - Mr. Neil Christian Dave Pio of Alubijid and Mr. Patrick Tomonglay of Claveria, Misamis Oriental, participated in a learning opportunity in Japan as part of Batch 2023. This initiative aims to enhance their farming skills and expertise, providing them with valuable experiences for the advancement of their agricultural careers. Concurrently, Batch 2024 has commenced field validation and interviews for applicants who successfully passed the National Written Exam of the Young Filipino Farmer Leaders Training Program in Japan.



To prepare the interns for their training, they undergo basic training and field activities on farm management at selected Learning Sites for Agriculture in Misamis Oriental.



ON-THE JOB TRAINEES

ATI-RTC X facilitated a diverse range of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Work Immersion programs with a total of 49 trainees across various educational institutions. The programs spanned different courses and durations, contributing to hands-on experiences for students in Public Administration, BS Agriculture, Development Communication, BS Extension Education, BSBA Marketing Management, BS Entrepreneurship, and the STEM Strand for Senior High School students. These initiatives aimed to provide valuable practical knowledge and skills to the trainees, fostering their development in the agricultural sector.





TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

Transferring knowledge and demonstrating the practical application of agricultural technologies to enhance the capabilities of farmers and promote sustainable agriculture by scaling-up local farms to learning sites and learning communities.

LEARNING SITES FOR AGRICULTURE (LSA)

35



A total of 35 newly certified LSAs have been added to the growing roster of Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSA) in the region. As of 2023, the region has a total of 145 LSAs.

1. Lola's World Botanical Garden - Aloran, Misamis Occidental
2. Kahayahay Diversified Agricultural Farm - Clarin, Misamis Occidental
3. Technological Expertise Services of the Philippines Inc. - Gala, Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental
4. ALS Agri School and Learning Institute, Inc. - Tuyabang Bajo, Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
5. Farmer's Institute-UCCP, Inc. - Purok 7, Demetrio Fernan, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental
6. Alforque's Farm - Bonifacio, Linconan, Misamis Occidental
7. Mejos Agricultural Farm - Calamba, Langcub, Misamis Occidental
8. Northwestern Mindanao School of Technology, Inc - San Isidro, Bajo, Sinacaban, Misamis Occidental
9. Matthew's Integrated Farm - Cabasagan, Baroy, Lanao del Norte
10. DreamFarm Learning Center - Poblacion, Maigo, Lanao del Norte
11. Living Hope Integrated Farm and Learning Center - Poblacion, Matungao, Lanao del Norte
12. Rama's Nature Farm - Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte
13. CMS Farm - Panaliwad-on, Salvador, Lanao del Norte
14. NA2 Farm - Poblacion Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte
15. LaRegina Coconut Products Manufacturing - Baroy, Lanao del Norte
16. Donna's Garden - Claveria, Misamis Oriental
17. Pag-Ugmad Sa Kaugmaon Agriculture Cooperative (PAGSAKA AGRI COOP) - Jasaan, Misamis Oriental
18. Man-ai Integrated Agro-Forestry Farmers Association Demo Farm - Tignapoloan, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental
19. Arca Goat Farm - Sitio Kilakob, Pagatpat, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental
20. Feniza Agricultural Products Trading - Mambuaya, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental
21. Namoc Integrated Farm and Learning Site - Solano, Jasaan, Misamis Oriental
22. Perez Dairy Multiplier Farm - Solano, Corrales, Misamis Oriental
23. Cocamas Farm - Mahinog, Camiguin
24. Ethalie's Lanzones and Coconut High Value Learning Site - Mambajao, Camiguin
25. AERO Farm - San Luis, Malitbog, Bukidnon
26. Owel Duldulao Diversified Farm - Kahaponan, Valencia City, Bukidnon
27. Kristohanong Pagkinabuhì Garden - Dalogon, Maramag, Bukidnon
28. Capundag Lowland Rice Farming - Danggawan, Maramag, Bukidnon
29. Blue Monkey Diversified Farm - Maligaya, Malaybalay, Bukidnon
30. Arcadia Aqua Farm - Poblacion, Valencia City, Bukidnon
31. Fritzie Integrated Farm - Kiburiao, Quezon, Bukidnon
32. Ba'an Talae Eco Farm Resort - Purok B3, New Visayas, Dangcagan, Bukidnon
33. Val Marden's Integrated Coconut Farm and Livestock - Pay-as, Kadingilan, Bukidnon
34. SS Livestock Trading - P-4, Sitio Maliwanag, Apo Macote, Malaybalay, Bukidnon
35. Impalutao Dalwangan Sawaga (IMDALSA) Coffee Farm - Dalwangan, Malaybalay, Bukidnon

RCEF LSAs

7 RCEF-LSA joined the nine other farms accredited as RCEF-LSA by the RTC X. These LSAs contribute to the region’s agricultural landscape and showcase diverse approaches to rice farming and learning.

16 COCO LSAs

Coco LSAs were certified in 2023 by ATI-RTC X under the CFIDP. These certified LSAs reflect the rich diversity and innovative practices within the agricultural community, contributing to the overall development of the region’s farming sector.

PRIVATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SERVICE PROVIDER (PAF-ESP)



ATI-RTC X maintains its collaborative efforts with ESPs through Capability Enhancement initiatives. In the current year, two accredited PAF-ESP entities, Queensland Herbs and Tourist Farm and Greenminds Incorporated, successfully conducted Capability Enhancement programs.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

Nursery Establishment



The Department of Agriculture and its attached agencies aim to enhance efforts for a nationally-coherent food security program, emphasizing sustainability in agricultural productivity. The Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) commits to multi-stakeholder capacity development in agriculture and food production, targeting Regional Training Centers, Local Government Units, Learning Sites for Agriculture, and various community-based stakeholders. The goal is to increase local stakeholder participation in the development and promotion of the agriculture and fisheries sector, fostering vibrant local agricultural and food production for sustainable Philippine agricultural systems.

As part of DA-ATI’s interventions, the focus includes establishing sustainable sources of planting materials, engaging stakeholders to ensure access to viable and high-quality seedling materials in various communities, and promoting long-term crop availability and production. In line with these objectives, a specific project was implemented at five sites in Iligan City, two in Cagayan de Oro City, Gingoog City, and Malaybalay City.

The project involves the establishment and enhancement of nurseries to serve as sources of planting materials and seedlings for distribution, contributing to the overall goal of achieving safe, nutritious, and affordable food for all in the Philippines.

INSPIRE PROJECTS

The Department of Agriculture's National Livestock Program is actively supporting the Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) program, emphasizing the creation of sustainable sources for high-quality hog genetics to enhance local production. This initiative aims to provide accessible, quality hogs to farmers nationwide, contributing to the resilience, recovery, and expansion of the swine production sector.



CAMIGUIN

A P10M check was turned over to the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Camiguin through Governor Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, transpired recently for the funding of the 30 Sow-Level Swine Multiplier and Techno-Demo Farm Project in Mambajao, Camiguin last August 9, 2023.



MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

ATI-RTC X Center Director Maria Lydia A. Echavez, alongside OIC - Assistant Center Director Noemi Beth G. Macario, and Livestock Program Alternate Focal Person Jeric L. Cabatac, turned over a check worth P10 million to the Local Government Unit of Clarin, Misamis Occidental, as represented by Municipal Mayor Emeterio D. Roa, Jr.

The fund transfer to LGU Clarin is for the implementation of the 30-Sow Level Swine Multiplier and Techno Demo Farm Project under the INSPIRE of the National Livestock Program.



BUKIDNON

A 60-sow level Swine Multiplier and Demo Farm was inaugurated in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon. Moreover, right after the event, the Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office X also turned-over the stocks to be raised on the multiplier farm. The project aims to establish a credible supply of stocks not only in Cabanglasan but for the whole province as well and opens a lot of swine raising and agribusiness opportunities in the neighboring municipalities.



FARM BUSINESS ADVISORIES

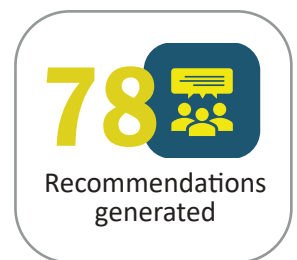
ONLINE ADVISORIES

Notably, there were 252 inquiries via online and phone calls about farm technologies and training. Additionally, 50 clients sought information on seed acquisition and participated in activities related to program renewal, receiving orientation and briefings on the LSA program.

RICE CROP MANAGER

Digital transformation is playing a pivotal role in advancing agriculture. In alignment with the Department of Agriculture’s initiatives, the Rice Crop Manager (RCM) stands out as a key tool, promoting sustainable and efficient rice farming practices. This contribution extends to enhancing productivity and livelihoods within the rice farming communities of the Philippines.

Moreover, a Training of Trainers on Rice Crop Manager Advisory Services (RCMAS) was carried out, involving 20 participants primarily from Bukidnon, and some from Lanao Del Norte and Misamis Oriental. This training aimed to empower farmers with site-specific, one-page fertilizer and management recommendations through RCMAS. Participants utilized GPS technology to measure their farm lots. This commitment underscores the dedication of agricultural professionals to effectively harness technology and empower farmers through skill-building initiatives.





KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

ATI-RTCX continues to stand as knowledge bank committed in empowering AEWs, farmers, agripreneurs, and stakeholders across the agricultural spectrum. Utilizing effective information and communication technologies and tools to navigate the complexities of modern agriculture, the Center not only imparts technical know-how but also instills a spirit of sustainability and resilience.

DISTRIBUTION OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

115,019

total number of IEC materials disseminated



93,985

Techno-based

21,034

Corporate

5

Corporate IEC materials developed

11

IEC materials developed and localized

3

Corporate IEC materials with ISBN published

28

IEC materials digitized

3

Success story videos produced

35

IEC materials developed with partners



BAHANDI



In January this year, Bahandi NextGen was launched during ATI's 36th Anniversary Celebration. A next-generation farmer is someone who carries on the farming activity and legacy of one's farmer parents, or at least from an immediate family member. Next-generation farming is a farming approach that aims to attain sustainability, with the "farm-to-plate" end in mind. As the sixth success storybook produced by the center, Bahandi NextGen (Next Generation) Edition carries 18 inspiring stories of next-gen farmers and agripreneurs from the children of our Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) partners.

Agristoryahay sa ATI



9 Agristoryahay sa ATI episodes livestreamed

ATI-RTC X has maintained the AgriStoryahay sa ATI EduVlog Edition showcasing agricultural and entrepreneurial success of some LSA operators and farmer-entrepreneurs in the region and feature their best technologies in processing and



SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

f 1,545,413
Facebook reach

y 33,480
Youtube views

c 510
Instagram posts

t 378
Tweets

ATI-RTC X continues to drive page traffic with the full implementation of its social media advocacy plan. Posting of scheduled various agri-tech and corporate contents boosts the page's traffic, views, and engagement.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

9
Media partners

18
Articles published



- ATI-RTC X tie-up and engagement with local media papers such as The Monitor Mindanao Today, The Monitor Mindanao Post, Gold Star Daily, NorMin Plus, and Mindanao Journal strengthens and cements its media mileage. Engagement with local newspapers is important for fostering social engagement and maintaining a sense of connection with the community, especially the farming community.
- The strong agency relationship with Philippine Information Agency-10 enables the Center to communicate its programs, projects, and services to the intended target audience. Tapping the media mileage and coverage of PIA is a smart move since they have regional offices in all 16 regions and an information center in 78 provinces across the country.
- The appearance of two articles in Boracay Island News was a first when it comes to crossover media mileage in local media coverage.
- When it comes to reaching a broader readership, ATI-RTC X was grateful for Manila Bulletin and Monthly Agriculture Magazine for continually showcasing its articles as well as the success of its training implementation (credits also to the Center's outstanding partnership with GreenMinds Incorporated for really going down to the grassroots level, and for always championing the indigenous and marginalized farming communities in Mindanao).

SCHOOL-ON-THE-AIR (SOA) PROGRAM

The School on the Air program led by the Information Services Section is a distance learning program on agriculture and fisheries related topics. The topics are aired through a nearby radio station covering the targeted provinces or cities/municipalities.

For 2023, ATI-RTC X has conducted 3 School on the Air Programs, namely:

1. Wais na Wais sa Mais - Corn Program
2. “Mabungahong Panginabuhian: Radyo Eskwela sa Pangkalubian- CFIDP
3. School on the Air on Smart Rice Agriculture (SOA SRA) Palay Aralan sa Radyo - Rice Program

CORN



607
participants



The Wais na Wais sa Mais SOA program was aired at WRK 96.9 FM in Kauswagan Lanao del Norte from June-October 2024, with a total of 607 farmer graduates. It was held in the Province of Lanao del Norte particularly in the Municipality of Kauswagan as the main target municipality based on their letter of request. It was also participated by the nearby municipalities of Matungao, Munai, Bacolod.

RICE



2510
participants



The SOA-SRA Program, in its third year, was likewise held in the Province of Lanao del Norte via hook up with the main radio station at Friends Radio 96.7 FMR in Iligan City from July-August 2023 with a total of 2,510 participants.

COCONUT



550
participants



Moreover, for the SOA on Coconut, it was conducted together with the full coordination of the Philippine Coconut Authority in Region 10 from August-September 2023 and was aired at Radyo Rapido 92.9 FM in Agay-Ayan, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental. A total of 550 coconut farmers were enrolled in the said program.

TECHNO GABAY PROGRAM



3
FITS Center established



67
FITS Kiosks established



5
Magsasaka Siyentista appointed



5
Linkages established

This year is one of the most active years for the Techno Gabay Program’s implementation in region 10, as to capacity-building of FITS Staff and expanding reach of information and dissemination through the establishment of more FITS Centers and FITS Kiosks in the region.



Establishment of FITS Centers and Kiosks

At present, there are 63 FITS Centers, all operational across the region, and three (3) among 63 were established this year. Two (2) out of the three (3) FITS established this year are from Bukidnon. As of October 2023, there are a total of 21 out of the 22 municipalities of Bukidnon are with FITS Centers.



The yearly appreciation and reward approach of ATI-RTC X to the top performing FITS Centers came into fruition when numbers of FITS Centers have initiated their establishment of FITS Kiosks in their respective municipalities.

As of October 30, 2023, 140 FITS Kiosks were established in the region, of which majority were established through the initiatives of LGU and PLGU-FITS.

Capacity-building for FITS Staff

ATI-RTC X has conducted three (3) batches of the Training on Digitalized Knowledge Product Development. The trainings were attended by FITS Center Staff and LSA FITS Kiosk staff tandem from all over the region. The training taught the FITS Center staff and FITS Kiosks staff to develop and produce their techno-based and promotional materials in the forms of brochures and short videos which they could make available online for easy retrieval when they needed to print more IECs for their library, and for their clients’ easy access through their social media accounts.

Most of the contents of the outputs of the trainings were agriculture practices of the LSAs or promotional material for their farm, with these, the partnership was also established between the LGU-FITS and LSA FITS in terms of documentation, development, packaging, and dissemination of agri-info materials. There were 35 techno-based and promotional brochures developed through the training, and nine (9) will be funded and reproduced in 2024.



3
Trainings conducted



The ATI-RTC X spearheaded by its Information Services Section (ISS) conducted a virtual graduation for the 843 students who completed various e-courses in 2021 through the e-Learning of the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI).

From the 843 graduates, 747 of which were students from Central Mindanao University (CMU) while 96 were from the Misamis Occidental National High School.

The e-Learning component of the e-Extension program, is an online learning platform that offers e-courses on agriculture and fisheries designed for students, farmers, fishers, agricultural extension workers and enthusiasts. However, last year, the program took some downtime due to its upgrading, system maintenance, as well as updating of the e-courses.

E-EXTENSION PROGRAM




DIGITAL FARMERS PROGRAM

LSA Owner Mr. Recarte Bacus, of Candiisan Diversified Farm in Malaybalay City Bukidnon, together with the City Agriculture Office of Malaybalay City conducted the 1st DFP rollout in the Region last September 20, 2023. This rollout is a realization of their re-entry plan when they attended the DFP 101-102 TOT on September 2022.

ATI-RTC X has maintained its strong partnership with SMART Communications. Ms. Judy Chaves, Smart Communications Mindanao Relations, was invited to grace the opening program through an opening message during of the TOT on DFP on June 6-9, 2023.

Before the conduct of the DFP SATS and DFP Farm Connect, the Information Services Section conducted a coordination meeting with the target farmers association beneficiary, the Sto Niño Organic Rice Farmers Association (SNORFA) in Malaybalay City Bukidnon. The discussion revolved on the identification of demo site for the drone seeding, and the target date of conduct in line with their planting schedule.

Majority of this year’s participants for the TOT on DFP are FITS Center representatives across the Region. The means of selecting the participants is in preparation of the devolution of the Mandanas Ruling where trainings for farmers will be conducted by the AEWs. The participants who are best in microteaching were awarded with android tablets and hard drive that their FITS Centers may use in delivering their extension services to the farmers.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

- Training of Trainers on Digital Farmers Program **27** participants
- Digital Farmers Program 101 Roll-out **20** participants
- Smart Agriculture Technologies Phase 1 (DFP 101-102) **22** participants
- Smart Agriculture Technologies Phase 2 (DFP for Rice) **22** participants
- DFP 103 ver.2 Farm Connect **17** participants





PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership among ATI-RTC X, the government, and NGOs create a synergistic relationship that maximizes the strengths of each entity. By combining resources, expertise, and networks, this collaboration drives sustainable agricultural development, enhance resilience in farming communities, and contribution to broader national development goals.

ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY (EPAHP)

ATI-RTC X renews Partnership with the Regional Convergence Team for Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty. The partnership was concluded through the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) held on June 23, 2023 at Chali Beach Resort in Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City.

Among the beneficiaries, the Paglaum Sustainable Livelihood Program Farmer Association in Barangay San Luis, Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental and Maharlika Vermicast Sustainable Livelihood Program Farmer Association in Barangay Kawit Oriental, Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte and MTMH SLP Farmers Association in Barangay Bayanga, Cagayan de Oro City are actively involved in projects supported by the Department of Social Welfare and Development Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) initiative and ATI-RTC X. With financial aid, they have implemented initiatives like Rice Trading and Vegetable Communal Gardening and Vermicomposting, fostering community resilience through Cash-for-Work programs. ATI-RTC X conducted this project in collaboration with LGU- Municipal/City Agriculture Office.

ATI-RTC X has provided training and materials for the establishment and maintenance of communal vegetable garden, contributing to the associations' sustainability. These collaborative efforts aim to empower the beneficiaries, alleviate poverty, and address hunger as part of EPAHP's comprehensive approach for sustainable development. The Farmers Associations or CBOs established in Cagayan de Oro City and Gingoog City signed a marketing agreement with DSWD for their vegetable produce.



REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT (RTF-ELCAC)

ATI-RTC X conducted the training on urban gardening in partnership with 10th Intelligence and Security Unit, AIR, Philippine Army headed by their Commanding Officer Major Primo G. Dawiguy Jr. (INF) in Camp Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City.



The training was conducted as part of their flagship program called Military Livelihood Education (MILE) purposely to increase the knowledge and skills of their personnel and dependents in urban gardening as a livelihood that can provide them an extra source of income.

ELCAC - Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster (ELCAC-PRLEC)



In an effort to revitalize the “No Man’s Land” of Sitio Kalhaan in Barangay Minalwang, Claveria, Misamis Oriental, a transformative initiative took place through targeted training programs. From March 7-9, 2023, members of the Higaonon tribe participated in a four-day training on Organic Herbs Production, Utilization, and Processing. Led by Green Minds Incorporated CEO Datu Makadingding and project officer Lonalyn Amper Sulatan, the training equipped the tribe with knowledge on identifying local herbs, propagation techniques, and soil media preparation.

The hands-on trainings included the preparation of teas, infusions, and herbal remedies, with the goal of not only fostering herbal propagation but also creating additional income sources for the community. This initiative exemplifies a concerted effort to bring essential services closer to the people, breathing life into a once-neglected area.

PROVINCE-LED AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEM (PAFES)



ATI-RTC X has led 9 capacity building activities in support to PAFES in the Provinces of Misamis Oriental and Camiguin.

With a strong collaboration among local government units, private entities and support from various agencies in the region highlight a comprehensive approach to agricultural development, ensuring the success and resilience of farming communities in the region.

Additionally, the rearing of stingless bees training program was organized in partnership with GreenMinds, Inc. that showcases innovative practices and involvement of former OFWs in beekeeping, contributing to the region’s diversified and sustainable agricultural landscape.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (OSYDA)

The ATI-RTC X, in collaboration with the Agricultural Productivity and Organization Office (APOO), is actively strengthening the capacities of Out-of-School Youths (OSY) in Cagayan de Oro City, with a focus on providing services related to agricultural production, value-adding, marketing, and other agriculture-related skills training.

In support of the Out-of-School Youth Development Alliance (OSYDA), a comprehensive series of training programs were conducted. These included a three-day Digital Marketing training, a separate three-day Organizational Capacity Development Training, and another three-day session focused on enhancing the value-adding skills of young farmers and fisherfolk entrepreneurs. Each training, engaging 25 youths from Cagayan de Oro City, contributed to equipping them with essential skills, ensuring their development and empowerment within the OSYDA framework.



4-H CLUB

To enhance youth's knowledge of agricultural technologies, foster leadership, and artistic skills, the center successfully conducted Regional 4-H Youth Camp from July 25-27, 2023. The event, attended by seventy 4-H'ers and their coordinators from Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon, and Iligan City, revolved around the theme "4-H EVOLVE: Expanding the Value of Leadership and Values Over 70 Years of 4-H Excellence." The camp provided a platform for active engagement of youth in agriculture-related fields and sought to achieve its objectives by promoting knowledge sharing, reinforcing 4-H convictions, and encouraging healthy competition.



NOMCAARRD

NORTHERN MINDANAO CONSORTIUM FOR AGRICULTURE, AQUATIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ATI-RTC X maintains its partnership with NOMCAARRD in implementing the DOST-PCAARRD banner programs in strategic research and development, capability building, and advancing the agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources sectors in Northern Mindanao.

Moreover, key discussions during their 135th NOMCAARRD RRDC Meeting last December 12, 2023 includes report on the Training-Writeshop on Proposal Packaging and Development, resulting significant achievements such as drafting of 12 R&D proposals, 4 TechTrans proposals, submission of 16 re-entry plans, and development of a training program.



GOVERNANCE

A well-governed center is instrumental in fostering a positive organizational culture, enhancing staff engagement, and contributing to overall success and sustainability. The staff at ATI-RTC X, recognizing the significance of continuous improvement, have been actively involved in this regard.

CONTINUOUS CAPACITATION OF STAFF

National Trainings

1. Training of Trainers on Cacao Fermentation, Drying, Bean Grading and Sensory
2. User's Training for the Unified Extension Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Information System (UNEXSYS) Batch 2
3. National TOT on Corn Cluster Development
4. Refresher Course for Rice Specialists
5. Course on Leadership and Management
6. Capability Building on Writing Purposively Training and Activity Design
7. Rice Crop Manager Advisory Services (RCMAS) National Updating and Planning Workshop
8. Training Basic Communication Skills for ATI Staff
9. National Training of Trainers (TOT) on Nutrient Expert for Cassava Production
10. Training of Trainers on Strategic Rice-based Clustering Approach
11. OALevelup: A Training of Trainers on Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture (OA) and Updating of Various OA Plans, Programs and Activities
12. National Training of Trainers on the use of monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Data & Dashboard Analytics
13. Vegetable Specialist Training Course
14. Capability Training for the Regional Pre-Assessment Team (RPAT) on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)



Local Trainings

1. Learning and Development for ATI Staff (Anniversary Celebration)
2. Staff Development for ATI Staff
3. Annual Production Planning of our EPAHP Community Beneficiary MTMH SLP Farmers Association
4. DOST-PCAARRD-CMU ATBI 1st Technopreneurship: Taking the Agri-Aqua Business to the next level



MANAGEMENT REVIEW, ASSESSMENT, AND CONSULTATION

Management Review and Assessment

The Management Review and Assessment is a crucial process for any organization. At ATI-RTC X, this process involves a comprehensive evaluation of the Center's quality objectives, risks plans, activities and performance over the year. It allows the institution to reflect on its achievements, compliance with standards, and overall effectiveness in meeting its objectives. ATI-RTC X conducted two management reviews this year, which were participated in by thirty-one regular staff members and led by Center Director Maria Lydia A. Echavez. These activities provide an excellent opportunity to assess past achievements, ensure compliance with standards, and plan for the future.



Provincial Consultations

To establish harmonized training programs and extension activities for fiscal year 2023 and identify training needs for intervention in 2024, ATI-RTC X conducted a series of provincial consultations in Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, and Misamis Oriental. The consultations involved 149 participants, including staff from Provincial Agriculture and Veterinary Offices, Municipal Agriculture Offices, Local Government Units, farm owners, operators of Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSA), and other stakeholders



The workshop, conducted through the "World Café" methodology, featured booths covering various agricultural aspects, promoting discussions on topics such as livestock, corn, rice, coconut, organic agriculture, youth initiatives, and more. The event aimed to enhance collaboration and address diverse training needs along the agricultural value chain.

Regular Meetings

The monthly meetings at ATI-RTC X are pivotal for effective communication, coordination, and strategic planning. They involve a thorough assessment of the center's achievements and targets from the previous month, as well as planning for upcoming training and activities. The agenda covers ISO updates and audits, ensuring the maintenance of quality management standards, and addressing various issues and concerns through collaborative discussions. Overall, these meetings serve as dynamic platforms for reflection, planning, and problem-solving, contributing to the ongoing success of ATI-RTC X.



Management Review Among ATI-RTCs

ATI's FY 2023 Midyear Performance Laoag City, Ilocos Norte - July 17-21, 2023

Attended by Center Director Maria Lydia Echavez, along with AFU Chief Efren Macario, PAS Chief Javier Andalan, and Project and Evaluation Officer Cheriemy General, RTC 10 received praise for prioritizing people within the market value chain through effective interventions. National Director Remelyn R. Recoter commended the RTCs for achieving a 68.57% obligation rate and urged them to meet the 70% absorption capacity by the following June. She also encouraged exploring LSAs' technologies for advancement, emphasizing the adoption of modern technologies

ISS KM Updates 2023 Tupi, South Cotabato - December 4-7, 2023

The 2023 Knowledge Management (KM) Updates is an avenue for IS staff from all ATI Network to showcase their recent accomplishment and share their best practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the ATI-Information Services Section (ISS) programs, projects, and activities. ATI-RTC X was recognized with the following the awards during the event.

- 1st Place - Best in Social Media Presence
- 1st Place - Techno Gabay Program
- 2nd Place - Knowledge Products Development
- 2nd Place - RCEF-Strategic Communication Implementation
- 2nd Place - Overall Excellence Award



STAFF PROMOTION

The management and staff of ATI-RTC 10 congratulated its newly promoted and appointed team. ATI-National Director Remelyn R. Recoter, as the administering officer, spearheaded the oath-taking ceremony. The promoted staff were the following:

1. Mr. Javier P. Andalan as Senior Agriculturist
2. Ms. Rose Marie Salcedo Magriña as Administrative Aide VI
3. Ms. Augem Gail Guzman as Accountant I
4. Mr. Mael Japheth Alvarez as Planning Officer



ATI 36th ANNIVERSARY

The ATI RTC X celebrated its 36th Anniversary on January 30-31, 2023, with the theme “Embracing Extension Modernization for a Progressive and Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries.” Center Director Maria Lydia Echavez emphasized innovation and the transformative power of quality training in her welcome message. The first day included the participation of LSA owners, retirees, and DA-RFO 10 and attach bureaus, featuring activities like a ribbon-cutting for the LSA Bazaar and e-Hub, as well as the launching of Bahandi NextGen Edition. Spontaneous events such as a baking demo, LSA partner meeting, and student contests enriched the celebration. The second day involved mangrove planting and a training session on Comprehensive Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for Adults.

REGIONAL LSA SUMMIT

ATI-RTC X organized a 2-day capability enhancement summit during the celebration of Farmer’s Month attended by 175 participants from LSAs, SPAs, and PAF-ESP partners. The summit included ATI-National Director Remelyn R. Recoter Director Recoter recognized farmers as frontline workers during the pandemic, praising their resilience in sustaining agricultural activities. Meanwhile, ATI-RTC X Center Director Maria Lydia A. Echavez emphasized the region’s numerous certified LSAs, underlining the significance of networking and adopting new technologies.

The summit showcased insights from accomplished farmers Engr. Jose Feron E. Cacanando and Engr. Ramon R. Barbosa, with Engr. Cacanando focusing on business management and financial literacy. Engr. Barbosa shared his successful experience in integrated natural farming and highlighted effective marketing strategies. The event not only provided valuable information but also served as a collaborative platform for agricultural stakeholders in the region to exchange knowledge and ideas, fostering a stronger sense of community and cooperation in the agricultural sector.



ISO RECERTIFICATION AUDIT

ATI-RTC X was one of the four training centers audited for the ISO 9001:2015 Recertification Audit on November 21, 2023. The audit was spearheaded by Mr. Xavier Lance Dy of TUV-SUD, along with ISO National Focal Person Ms. Abby Athena A. Baguisi and Ms. Marlyn Q. Pintac.

The ISO 9001:2015 Recertification Audit is conducted to ensure the delivery of quality training and extension services to our clients, and to continually improve the quality management system of the Center.

Overall, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) together with its network of training centers have successfully passed the recertification audit and has been renewed for ISO 9001:2015.



FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

As of December 31, 2023, ATI-RTC X has accomplished 99.85% utilization of its Php104,860,000.000 FY 2023 funds by commodity/program.



National Rice Program

17.4M

100% Utilization



National Livestock Program

27.2M

100% Utilization



National Corn Program

6.9M

100% Utilization



National Organic Agriculture Program

3.5M

100% Utilization



15.7M

98.88% Utilization



National High Value Crops Program

10.1M

100% Utilization



Other ESETS (Regular Program)

13.5M

100% Utilization



7.8M

100% Utilization

Halal Food Industry Development Program

250,000

100% Utilization



INNOVATIONS

Innovation fosters environmental sustainability and resilience in adapting to a rapidly changing world. It is integral to organizational success, enabling continuous improvement and growth. For the year 2023, ATI-RTC X continues to innovate to serve clients and implement good practices.

MOVING FORWARD IN THE DIGITAL AGE

As technology continues to advance, RTC X has proactively upgraded its capabilities to deliver cutting-edge training programs and advisories to its stakeholders. In the year 2023, the Center embraced innovative approaches by incorporating blended learning methodologies, seamlessly integrating both traditional and online elements. Leveraging various online platforms, RTC X ensured a dynamic and accessible learning experience for participants.



INNOVATING KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE IN AGRICULTURE

ATI-RTC 10 innovates agricultural learning by orchestrating cross-visits of Farm Business School participants between different groups. This pioneering initiative goes beyond conventional education, offering a dynamic platform for farmers to share successful practices and enhance their agricultural knowledge collaboratively. Through this interactive knowledge exchange, ATI-RTC X cultivates a culture of continuous improvement and shared innovation, redefining traditional agricultural education and fostering a more interconnected and progressive learning environment.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEARNING SITES

ATI-RTC 10 excels in good practices related to capacity building and learning site utilization. By utilizing Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) as versatile venues for training and immersive experiences, the center enhances hands-on learning for participants. The collaborative approach with LGUs, SUCs, and NGAs reflects a commitment to inclusive initiatives, fostering shared knowledge and resources for agricultural development.



COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY

ATI-RTC 10 excels in good practices by utilizing a group chat for timely information dissemination and continuously improving the “EASy Link” platform for efficient digital communication. The establishment of a centralized repository on Google Drive, covering various aspects like promotional designs and financial data, enhances accessibility and transparency. Additionally, maintaining an updated data bank for printed IEC materials and conducting regular monitoring and updating of the MDP showcases a commitment to providing stakeholders with relevant and current information.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

ATI-RTC 10 demonstrates commendable good practices in recognition and awards by implementing the GantimPalay Awards to promote excellence in agriculture. This initiative not only acknowledges outstanding achievements but also serves as a motivator for individuals and entities to strive for continuous improvement.



MEDIA OUTREACH

ATI-RTC 10 excels in media outreach through strategic practices, including the use of hook-up radio stations during SOA implementation and establishing linkages with publishers for broader media coverage. These initiatives extend the reach of agricultural programs, enhance awareness, and facilitate education.



EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

ATI-RTC 10 implements impactful educational initiatives through the distribution of Agri Kits for IEC display during training, promoting hands-on learning experiences. Additionally, the center adopts an efficient and organized approach by leveraging Google Forms for layout and printing requests.







AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

Regional Training Center X

Office of the Center Director

Maria Lydia A. Echavez - Center Director
Noemi Beth G. Macario - OIC-Assistant Center Director
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Giftfemae S. Catiil - Administrative Support Staff

Administrative and Finance Unit (AFU)

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