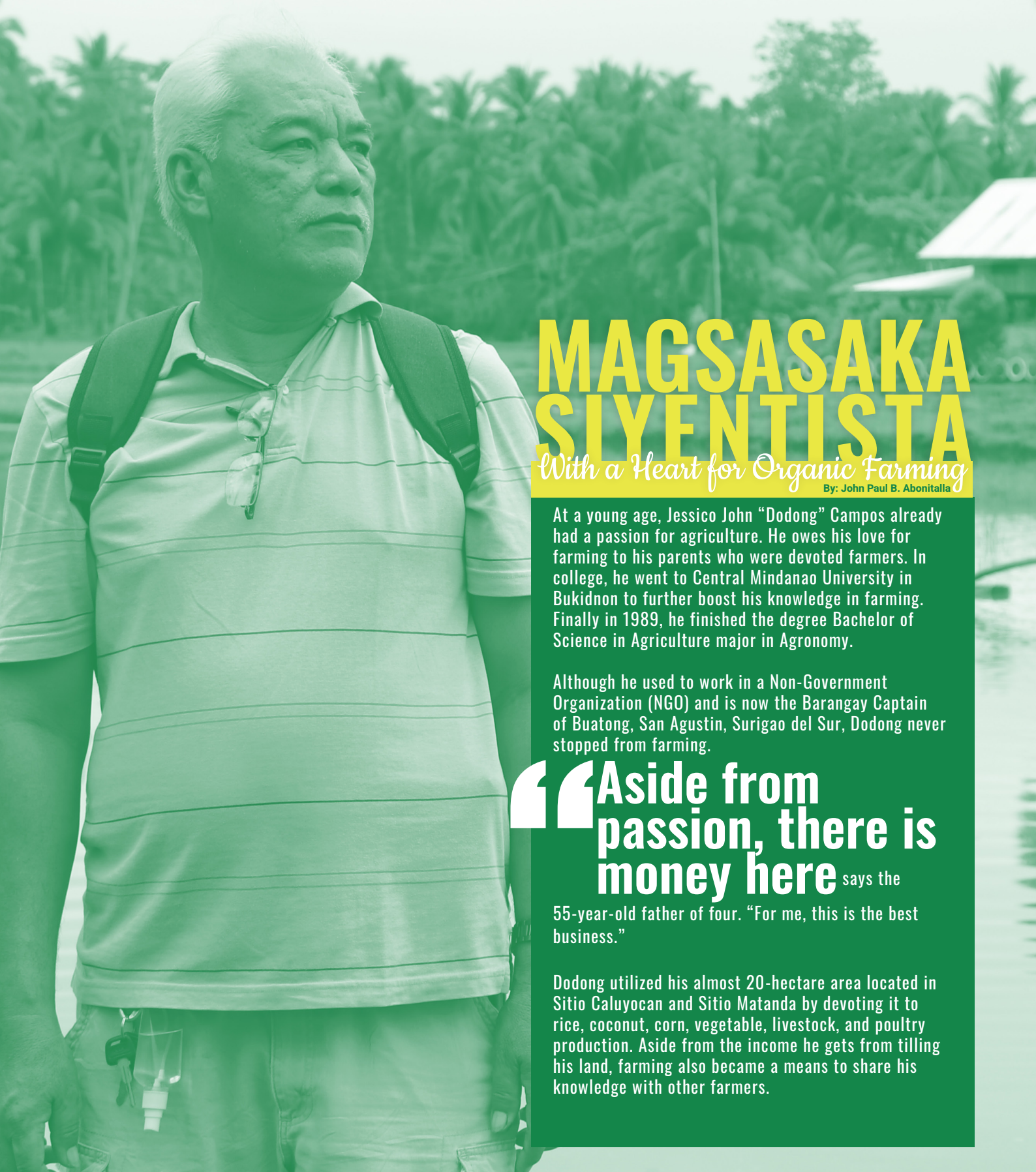




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With a Heart for Organic Farming

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At a young age, Jessico John “Dodong” Campos already had a passion for agriculture. He owes his love for farming to his parents who were devoted farmers. In college, he went to Central Mindanao University in Bukidnon to further boost his knowledge in farming. Finally in 1989, he finished the degree Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agronomy.

Although he used to work in a Non-Government Organization (NGO) and is now the Barangay Captain of Buatong, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur, Dodong never stopped from farming.

“Aside from passion, there is money here” says the

55-year-old father of four. “For me, this is the best business.”

Dodong utilized his almost 20-hectare area located in Sitio Caluyocan and Sitio Matanda by devoting it to rice, coconut, corn, vegetable, livestock, and poultry production. Aside from the income he gets from tilling his land, farming also became a means to share his knowledge with other farmers.



Timgas

The word Timgas is a Cebuano term which means white and smooth in texture usually in reference to the grains of a high-quality rice. As an adjective, it is synonymous to ageless, enduring, eternal, firm, and everlasting.

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Fulfilling his dream, the organic way

Way back in 1992, Dodong and his wife Genalyn got married. A year after that, he applied to become a seed grower. After realizing that he should not only focus on one commodity, he decided to engage in livestock and poultry production. He also planted more vegetables as an additional source of income.

Apart from being a seed grower, Dodong also engaged in Nature Farming Technology System (NFTS) in 2004. He attended several farmers' forums to widen his knowledge and improve the quality of his chemical-free produce.

In 2012, he participated the training on Organic Agriculture (OA) and organic fertilizer production conducted by the Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center (RTC) 13. This is in addition to other training activities he attended such as value chain analysis in OA and organic rice production, to name a few.

With all the knowledge he gained from the seminars, Dodong then established his Science & Technology-based Farm (STBF). The STBF is a technology-transfer strategy developed by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) to bring science-based solutions to farmers to improve their productivity and income. Through this modality, specific gaps in the practices of an MS will be identified, assessed, and improved. As a STBF cooperator,



Dodong uses decomposed farm wastes and kitchen leftovers for vermicomposting to keep him from buying expensive fertilizers in the market. He prepares his own organic concoctions like Fermented Plant Juice (FPJ) and Fermented Fruit Juice (FFJ) and applies them to his organic rice and vegetable farm.

When asked why organic farming, Dodong answered, “because it’s a healthier option.” He added that “Eating food applied with synthetic chemicals is like eating all the chemicals applied to it.”

His MS journey

The SanAg FITS Center was officially launched on August 24, 2008 under the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD). With Dodong's exceptional skills and contribution to agriculture in San Agustin, he was nominated as *Magsasakang Siyentista* (MS) in 2008. However, there was no official proclamation of him as MS from PCAARRD.

The SanAg FITS Center's continued to implement various activities under the Techno-Gabay Program (TGP). In fact, it used part of Dodong's rice area as a demo farm for the implementation of TGP-related projects.

In 2012, when the FITS Center was turned over to ATI, Dodong was again reconsidered as MS nominee. In 2013, the Regional Technical Working Committee (RTWC) of ATI RTX XIII interviewed and evaluated Dodong as MS nominee. Finally in 2014, Dodong was officially proclaimed as MS of SanAg FITS Center.

With his dedication, Dodong was awarded as one of the top ten outstanding MS in the Caraga region during the 4th Regional TGP Summit in 2018. Moreover, he was awarded 5th outstanding MS during the first MS Summit in November 2021 held at Alameda Farm, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur.





Aside from advocating NFTS and applying it in his farm, Dodong is also a rice seed producer since 1993.

His farm has been used in the conduct of a rice varietal trial by Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) Agusan. When it comes to income, Dodong can strongly attest that there is money in agriculture.

On February 28, 2022, Dodong's farm called asW the J and N Diversified Nature Farm was certified as Learning Site for Agriculture under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF)- Extension Program.

As Dodong always said that farming is the fulfillment of his dream, he also vows to be more equipped and to improve his farming practices in the future so he can share more to his fellow farmers.



Digital Farming Program 101

The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 is conducted the Digital Farmers Program (DFP) 101 in Cagwait, Surigao del Sur (February 21-22), and in Esperanza, Agusan del Sur (February 24-25). This training was participated in by farmers with youths as their partner in the use of gadgets and ICT equipment.

This is the 3rd batch conducted this year and 11th since last year. It aimed at encouraging farmers to utilize smartphones and access the internet to obtain relevant information and more linkages. This is made possible through the introduction of various agricultural applications and social media to further advance farm production and income.



Cagwait

Twenty (20) participants from Cagwait, Surigao del Sur joined the training on Digital Farmers Program 101 on February 21-22, 2022. This comprised ten (10) farmers and (10) youths.

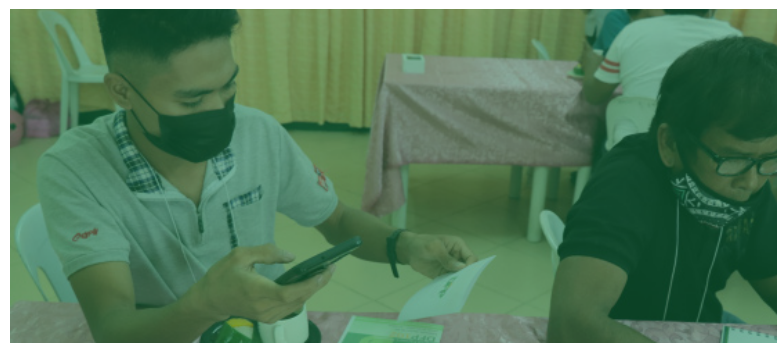
During the program, Municipal Agriculturist Gilbert Bautista encouraged everyone particularly farmers to learn and familiarize their smartphones and discover its uses which can help them in their farming activities. He also motivated the youth to assist their parents in accessing the internet as well as discovering and utilizing various agricultural applications that are now available online.

Within the two day training, farmers were able to familiarize the parts, functions and benefits of their smartphones. They learned to access the internet at the same time performed tasks and functions. They were also able to identify social media apps and agri apps that can help them in their farming practices. They also learned internet safety basics and enumerated tips on how they can protect themselves from possible scams. On the other hand, the youth were able to assist the farmers in using digital tools and technologies.

Esperanza

A total of twenty-two (22) participants joined in the said DFP 101 training. These comprised eleven (11) farmers and eleven (11) youths. The youth assisted their partner farmer who are also their parents or immediate family members. On the other hand, farmers showed their willingness to learn the parts and functions of smartphones by listening eagerly to the instructions during the hands-on activity.

The said training is in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Esperanza, Agusan del Sur through the Municipal Agriculture Office represented by Agriculturist II Ismael Saguran.



Digital Farming Program 102



The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 conducted a Digital Farmers Program 102 in Tandag City (March 8-9, 2022); Cagwait, Surigao del Sur (March 10-11); and Esperanza, Agusan del Sur (March 14-15, 2022).

The DFP 102 is the second course in the three-level program that aims to encourage farmers to utilize technologies in farming. It focuses on in-depth applications on agriculture and e-commerce as well as usage of social media and smartphones in boosting their farming productivity.

Tandag City

During the opening program, City Agriculturist Von C. Falcon encouraged participants to actively involve in every activity specifically in familiarizing and utilizing agricultural applications available in the internet. He thanked ATI-RTC 13 for spearheading the said training for the farmers and youth.

Moreover, topics on Advanced Agri Apps and Advanced Social Media Marketing was discussed right after the preliminaries in the morning. The said lessons were delivered by Ressel Angelie Fetalsana, Information Officer II and John Paul Abonitalla, Technical Staff of both from the Information Services Section.

Cagwait, Surigao del Sur

Municipal Agriculture Office of Cagwait headed by Municipal Agriculturist Gilbert Bautista on the importance of smartphones in exploring the digital world especially in posting agricultural products online using various applications available in the internet.

“On behalf of the Local Government Unit of Cagwait, I really thanked the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 for conducting the training for farmers for them to be updated on the latest technology when it comes to farming.” Bautista stated. According to him, participants should continue to learn and level up in the coming DFP 103 soon.

Esperanza, Agusan del Sur

With twenty-two (22) participants comprising farmers and youths, the DFP 102 is in coordination with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Esperanza, Agusan del Sur headed by Municipal Agriculturist (MA) Jose Zaldy Manug. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 for conducting such one-of-a-kind training. “I really appreciate this training since it enhances the knowledge of our farmers to be abreast in digital world with the assistance of their youth partners,” MA Manug stated during the opening program.

The DFP 102 training will help the participants gain knowledge in social media marketing plans, dream boards, posters, PayMaya accounts and a lot more. This is in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs). The training is also in partnership with Smart Communications, Inc.



ATI-Caraga trained LSA Cooperators on Digital Agriculture

BRGY. LOS ANGELES, Butuan City-The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 completed the Training of Trainers (TOT) on Digital Agriculture Course (DAC) under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) on February 14-16, 2022.

The said training was participated by the staff and cooperators from the Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) farms in Region 13. There were fifteen (15) LSA staff and Cooperators and five (5) ATI-Caraga staff attended the TOT.

Participants were able to learn the components of the Digital Agriculture Course which cover the lessons from the Digital Farmers Program (DFP) 101 and 102. They were able to learn the basic and advanced agriculture applications, introduction and advanced social media marketing, e-commerce platforms and digital transactions.

As trainers, LSA staff were taught on the basics of smartphone and how to discuss those topics to the farmers and youth when they conduct training on DFP 101 and 102 in the future. Protocols on internet safety as well as accessing the internet were also discussed during the training.

Ginalyn V. Arbutante, Information Officer II and Fil Victor A. Babanto, Information Officer III served as Resource Persons during the three day training. Simulation session was done during the last day of the training. This is to know whether the trained participants are ready for the field wherein they will train the farmers and youths on the benefits of the Digital Farmers Program.

LSA Cooperators were able to formulate their re-entry plans. It was also agreed that each participant will send a microteaching video five days after the training. The said video will cover the topics on the Digital Farmers Program 101 and 102.

The Training of Trainers on Digital Agriculture Course for RCEF was spearheaded by the staff of the Information Services Section (ISS) of the ATI-RTC 13. This was funded by the Information Services Division of ATI under the RCEF program. Ginalyn V. Arbutante served as Project Officer.



ON FIELD: Participants capture agricultural products applying the tips in getting good photos and posting it in their Facebook pages as output during the Training of Trainers on Digital Agriculture Course under Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund on February 14-16, 2022.



OIC Center Director Fil Victor A. Babanto, together with the staff from Butuan City Agriculture Office and ATI, turned over ICT equipment to Robrosa's Strawberry and Herbs Farm FITS Kiosk. The farm is located in Anticala, Butuan City.

FITS Kiosks in Butuan receive ICT equipment

BUTUAN CITY – Five Farmers' Information Technology Services (FITS) Kiosks received ICT equipment such as laptops and printers from the Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center 13 (ATI-Caraga) on February 10-11, 2022.

These FITS Kiosks are located in the Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) namely Robrosa's Strawberry and Herbs Farm (Brgy. Anticala), Jabez Farm (Brgy. Nongnong), Guias Integrated Farm (Brgy. Nongnong), EM Nature Farm (Brgy. Dulag), and Billonid Farm (Brgy. Tungao).

As FITS Kiosks, these farms can now give reading materials to visiting farmers to further their knowledge on agriculture. The turn-over of ICT equipment was spearheaded by OIC Center Director Fil Victor A. Babanto and witnessed by staff from the Information Services Section (ISS) of ATI-Caraga and Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) from the City Agriculture Office of Butuan.

Techno Gabay Program kicks-off in Tagana-an, SDN

TAGANA-AN, Surigao del Norte - The Techno Gabay Program (TGP) was launched in Tagana-an, Surigao del Norte on February 18, 2022. The activity was attended by officials from the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the town namely Vice Mayor Cesar Alsong Diaz (who represented Municipal Mayor Cesar Batoy Diaz), Sangguniang Bayan Member Conrado Astronomo (Chair, Committee on Agriculture), and Municipal Agriculturist Myra Messaiah Estobo.

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) being the lead implementer of TGP was represented by OIC Center Director of ATI-RTC 13, Fil Victor A. Babanto.

Tagana-an's Partner Member Agency (PMA) in the implementation of TGP is the Surigao State College of Technology (SSCT). During the launch, SSCT representative Jerry Acero (Associate Professor) was in attendance to expressed his support to the TGP in Tagana-an.

Also present to witness the event were local farmers and fishers as well as staff from the LGU and ATI.

The TGP is a program that provides a framework for a more effective and sustainable strategy for bringing the needed information and technologies to the farmers and fisherfolk in the countryside.



ATI-Caraga celebrates National Women's Month



Staff of ATI-RTC 13 bustle up early for the Zumba dance on March 1, 2022 to mark the start of the National Women's Month Celebration.

BRGY. LOS ANGELES, Butuan City- The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 joined as one in the celebration of the National Women's Month (NWM) in March.

The said celebration was kicked-off with a zumba dance participated by all ATI-Caraga staff on March 1, 2022. OIC Center Director Fil Victor A. Babanto gave his message during the opening program emphasizing the role and importance of women in the country.

Moreover, the Institute also supports the program by wearing shades of purple on all the Tuesdays of March to signify support to women empowerment and gender equality.

This year's celebration of the NWM focuses on the sub-theme

“Agenda ng Kababaihan, Tungo sa Kaunlaran”.

This is to inform and engage women as pioneers and beneficiaries of government programs and services as well as promote citizen-centric governance and make “change” a conscious effort to know, understand, and provide what all citizens need. Inspire and empower women and girls to be agents of change in promoting gender equality and empowerment of all women.

This will be a sincere celebration of women exercising their rights, making their voices heard at the same time benefitting from and trailblazing changes. A power of Filipino women to stand and take concrete actions.

Los Angeles Women's Assoc. receives extension support

LOS ANGELES, Butuan City – In response to the request of the Brgy. Women's Association, the Agricultural Training Institute –

Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) XIII provided various vegetable seeds and farm tools and materials that the group could use to promote backyard gardening as a source of food in times of crises.

The seeds include okra, sweet pepper, squash, cucumber, eggplant, pechay, ampalaya, lettuce, pole sitao, radish, tomato, and upland kangkong. Also, the following are the garden tools that were given: dull bolo, hand shovel, hand sprayer, hand rake, seedling tray, 5-liter sprinkler, and pruning shears.

Association President, Mrs. Eleniza A. Anos, received the mentioned extension support under the High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) and Organic Agriculture (OA) Program.

ATI-13 underscores mental health care among elderlies

BRGY. PAREJA, Butuan City - Two years in social isolation and economic downturn due to the Covid-19 pandemic has placed a toll on mental health especially among the most vulnerable sectors in the society – the senior citizens. Because of this, the Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center 13 (ATI-Caraga) conducted the **Training on Mental Health and Wellness for the Senior Citizens (Batch 1)** at the MSC Center for the Poor, Pareja Subdivision, Butuan City from March 9-11, 2022.

A total of twenty-five (25) senior citizens from Butuan City attended the training. During the first day, Father Rolie Ritchie Gomez, Director of the MSC Center for the Poor, was the speaker on the topic “The Crisis of Our Time”. In his discussion, he mentioned the environmental factors that may directly and indirectly become a stressor of an individual. But these stressors, according to him, were triggered by the people themselves. He ended by reminding the participants that taking care of the environment is taking care of the people we love, ourselves, and the world that we live in.

Following Fr. Gomez was Novalil H. Tubo, Social Welfare Officer III from CSWD-Cabadbaran City, who was the speaker on Mental Health. In her introduction, she said that most people have the wrong perception of mental health. As the center of overall health, the brain is vulnerable to stress. Although stress is normal and inevitable as she said, it can lead to mental health issues if not handled well.

She also discussed the normal coping mechanisms that a person should do during these stressful periods.

On the second day, Tubo discussed on self-awareness. In her discussion, she emphasized that knowing one’s self is an essential factor to keep mental health and well-being in good condition. Recognizing and understanding one’s moods, emotions, and drives, as well as their effects on others is a key check element in keeping mental health in balance. In addition, she said that practicing emotional intelligence should be considered. In this way, one will be able to overcome challenges and defuse conflict.

On the third day, the participants went on a field tour at the Butuan City Integrated Diversified Farm.

During the closing program, Fil Victor A. Babanto, OIC-Center Director thanked the participants for their time in attending the training. He was delighted to see that the elders were actively participating especially in the Zumba fitness activity. He encouraged everyone to seek support during the hardships in life. He also encouraged them to share what they have learned during the seminar.

In response to the participants’ impressions, Paula Mae A. Creencia, Project Officer, thanked the participants for their positive feedback. She thanked the speakers for the informative discussion and the remarkable, fun-learning activities that were introduced. (with report from Paula Mae Creencia)

File photo of senior citizens participating in a training sponsored by ATI-RTC 13.



AEWs equip on rice production anew

LOS ANGELES, Butuan City- More than forty (40) Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) in Region 13 took a refresher course in managing rice pests and diseases in two weeks' time. Said training was participated by the AEWs from the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Agusan del Sur. They were divided into two batches that ran from March 7-11, 2022 for Batch 1 and March 14-18, 2022 for Batch 2.

It aimed at refreshing the knowledge of AEWs on rice pests and diseases management for them to continually assist the rice farmers in their respective locality. They were taught on facilitating reports on Rice Pests and Diseases Monitoring and Surveillance set by the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Topics discussed include transformational leadership, One DA Agenda, rice industry situation in Caraga region, as well as rice pests and diseases infestation updates. Main topics rolled on the identification of rice insect pests and diseases along with its management.

Moreover, the training methodologies included lectures, participatory discussion, workshops, field activity and actual demonstration.

Collection of rice insect pests and diseases specimen in the field as well as its presentation and making of re-entry plans were among the participants' outputs.

The said training was conducted by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 through the Career Development and Management Services Section (CDMSS). It was held at Golden Tara Hall, ATI-RTC 13, Los Angeles, Butuan City with Violeta T. Laguna, Training Specialist III as Project Officer. This was funded under the Rice Program of the DA-ATI.





The participants during their hands-on practical activity on March 10, 2022.

Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) upskilling in Surigao Sur & Agusan Sur

Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur – In pursuit against African Swine Fever (ASF), the Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) XIII conducted the Training on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) on March 8-11, 2022 in SDS, and March 15-18,21-22,24-25 in ADS.



The activity produced a total of 123 graduates which aim'd to equip the participants with the right and updated knowledge and skills on collecting specimens for laboratory testing. Partakers were able to apply appropriate handling and restraining technique, prepare supplies, materials, tools in the collection and transport of specimens, perform a collection of different specimens, and were able to demonstrate their gained knowledge through an actual practical activity on blood collection.

Topics included were the discussion of Bantay ASF sa Barangay (BABay) Project, Guidelines in Swine movement and biosecurity audit, biosafety and biosecurity for field responders, and sample collection and handling.

“**This training is very relevant not just to us but for the community we live in. It gives us knowledge on how to keep our livestock safe and avoid diseases especially the spread of ASF,**”

Ernani A. Seriosa
Barangay Catmonon, Esperanza, Agusan del Sur.

The training is a complement to the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) control program in ensuring business continuity and assistance in the repopulation of swine farms in support to the National Livestock Program (NLP).

There will be 14 batches that ATI-RTC XIII will conduct for this year under the Partnership and Accreditation Services Section with Florita G. Lozada, Agriculturist II as project officer.

AEWs get updates on Lowland Vegetable Prod'n



LOS ANGELES, Butuan City- To capacitate agricultural extension workers (AEWs) with the updated information and technologies in the agriculture sector, and for them to be more reliable in assisting farmers in modifying their farming decisions and practices, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center XIII conducted the Training of Trainers (TOT) on lowland Vegetable Production on March 21-24, 2022 at ATI RTC XIII Training Center, Los Angeles, Butuan City.



The four-day training, with 26 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units, was attended by 23 AEWs, who are newly designated as High Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP) Coordinators from the provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur.

The first topic was about the vegetable industry situation and its priority agenda and directions in the region discussed by Romer Amante, Technical staff from Department of Agriculture – Caraga Region.

Crisshelo Cabillo, from CSU, imparted his knowledge on crop requirements of lowland vegetable during the TOT on Lowland Vegetable Production on March 21-24, 2022.

Crisshelo M. Cabillo helped the participants understand the crop requirements of lowland vegetables, seed selection, treatments, and seedling production, crop establishment, water management, and the harvesting and post-harvest handling and storage of the products. They also got additional knowledge and updates on soils nutrient and management from the lectures of Reuben James C. Rollion.

Moreover, Joanne Langres delivered a thorough discussion on the major diseases in vegetables caused by bacteria, viruses, nematodes, and fungi. The participants were able to understand the importance of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) likewise, the principles and components of Integrated Weed Management. Ms. Langres, together with Mr. Cabillo and Mr. Rollion, were the resource persons from Caraga State University (CSU).

Aside from the lectures and workshops, the participants also visited Guias Integrated Diversified Farm, one of the Learning Sites of the ATI venturing vegetable production located at Brgy. Nongnong, Butuan City.

Mary Jane A. Gonzaga, project officer of the said training and HVCDP point person, presented the synthesis showing the activities of the four-day training during the closing program.

ATI to conduct results-based monitoring and evaluation study in Region 13



BUTUAN CITY- The Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center (ATI-RTC) 13 is set to conduct a study on the Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) in Region 13 from the month of February to August, 2022.

It aims to determine the results of various training and extension services as interventions delivered by ATI-RTC 13 along with its policies, programs, and projects. There will be 359 respondents to be selected randomly from the five (5) provinces of the region. Farmers and Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) that were trained by ATI in 2019 will serve as the respondents.

Data will be gathered by the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (PMEU) of ATI-RTC 13 headed by Planning Officer II Nena Lomuntad. Series of interview and survey will be conducted by the said Unit with Project Evaluation Officer I Teovelita Rodriguez and Technical Staff Carrelle Linugao. The group will be visiting the provinces of Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, and Province of Dinagat Islands this year.

The expected overall outputs of the said activity will be the filled-out questionnaires and packaged RBME results.

The information to be gathered from the Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) RBME system will serve as basis for the ATI management in coming up with better and evidence-based decisions towards continuous organizational improvement and reforms.



PAFES eyes 4 more provinces in Caraga

LOS ANGELES, Butuan City – The Provincial Agricultural and Fisheries Extension Systems (PAFES) is expected to expand to four more provinces in the Caraga region this year after it was piloted in Agusan del Norte in the 2021. This was revealed during the PAFES emergency meeting held on January 31, 2022 via Google Meet.

Among the agenda discussed was the presentation of PAFES Regional Accomplishment, FY 2022 Regional Plan, Proposed PAFES Implementation and Institutionalization, F2G2 & PAFES Integration, and other matters.

In the implementation phase, DA will lead in identifying activities and will closely coordinate with ATI for the administrative concerns and budgetary requirements since Php 89.3 million is expected to be downloaded to ATI for the preparatory activities and training programs under PAFES. The DA Regional Field Offices will furnish ATI Regional Training Centers with the necessary documents as the latter's basis for the procurement of goods and services.

The PAFES is third of the 18 Key Strategies of the Department of Agriculture (DA). The purpose of which is to strengthen the collaboration between DA, local government units, academe, and private sector to bring extension services to the grassroots level. With PAFES, the province serves as an extension hub that synchronizes agricultural plans and programs as well as orchestrates the activities of the various stakeholders. DA will co-plan, co-invest, co-implement, and co-monitor priority projects in the provinces, particularly as they embark on commodity specializations to maximize comparative advantage.

The remaining provinces in the region where PAFES will be implemented include Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, and the Province of Dinagat Islands (PDI).


THE e-EXTENSION PROGRAM


Department Order No. 03 series of 2007 designates the Agricultural Training Institute as lead agency for the provision of e-Extension services in collaboration with the various agencies, bureaus and organizational units of the DA. This is to integrate and harmonize ICT-based extension delivery system for agriculture and fisheries.



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