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*It has been another year of our journey in
providing quality extension services to our clients.
We have proven that extension is more than just the transfer
of information and technology and that extension is how we
touched the lives of many and changed their way of life.
Amidst the storms that we have endured
and the struggles we've overcome,
we still stand as one FAMILY.*

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VISION

Food availability and affordability
for every Filipino Family through
Excellent Extension Services
in agriculture and fisheries

MISSION

Empowerment and building
capacities of agriculture and fisheries
stakeholders for sustainable
development

QUALITY POLICY

“The Agricultural Training Institute
as the orchestrator of the National Extension System
ensures harmonized management of agricultural and
fishery extension delivery systems in empowering
the farmers and fisherfolk for food security,
poverty alleviation and social equity
for sustainable development.”

CORE VALUES



COSTUMER FOCUS
“We give the best”



COMMITMENT
“We serve with
passion”



**RESOURCE
STEWARDSHIP**
“We work with integrity
and teamwork”



**INNOVATION AND
EXCELLENCE**
“We keep raising
the bar”



THEMATIC 1

ENHANCING ACCESS TO AFE KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

*“Serbisyo’y Palawigin: Kaalaman at Kakayahan ng
Bawat Mamayan Pagyamanin”*



4 IEC Materials
Developed



26,550
IEC Materials
*Reproduced and
Disseminated*



28,494
Web Views



16,713
Users

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATION



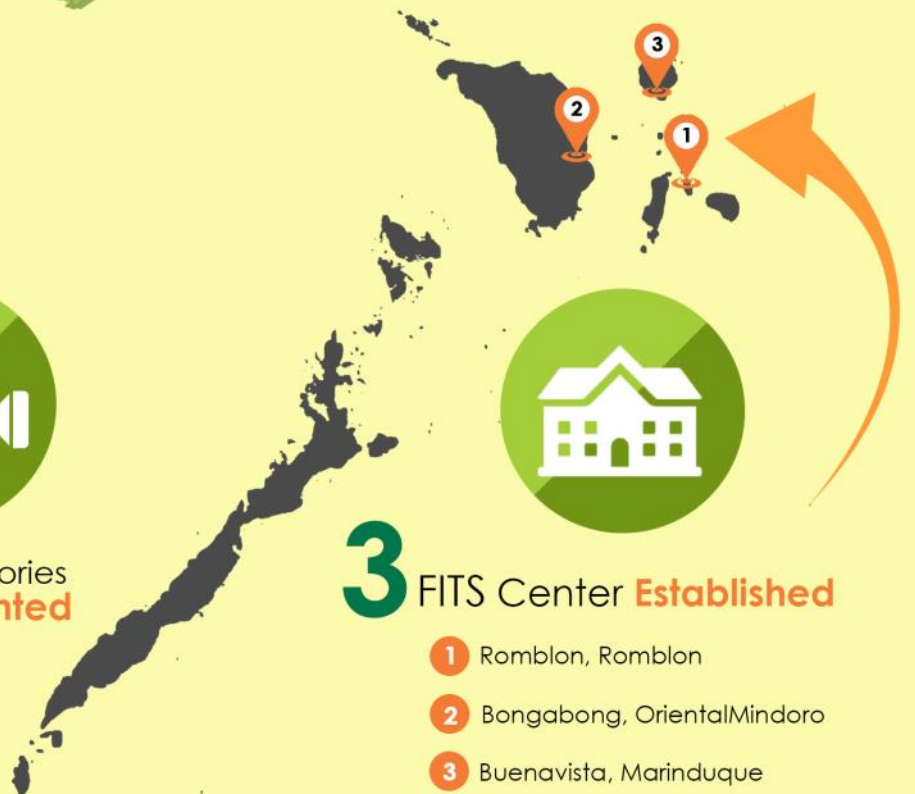
4 SOAs
Conducted



BRIEFINGS
RCM Briefings
Conducted **6** | **245**
Rice Farmers
Attended



4 Success Stories
Documented



3 FITS Center *Established*

- 1** Romblon, Romblon
- 2** Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro
- 3** Buenavista, Marinduque

■ KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION

Over the years, ATI MiMaRoPa has strengthened the transfer of technologies through the development and distribution of Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials. This 2018, we have developed four (4) IEC materials namely, Letsugas, Gabay sa Produksyon ng Okra, Isang Dipang Gulayan and Gabay sa Produksyon ng Dragon Fruit.

Moreover, a total of 26,550 IEC materials were reproduced and disseminated under Regular, HVCDP and Rice Program.

■ BRIEFINGS

Geared towards increasing farmers' income, the Agricultural Training Institute-MiMaRoPa (ATI-MiMaRoPa) conducted six (6) Rice Crop Manager (RCM) briefings for 2018 in Palawan and Occidental Mindoro. A total of 245 rice farmers attended the briefings.

Also, as part of the as part of the RCM project re: sending SMS advisory to farmers, ISS staff/operators were able to call 210 to verify farmer's planting information and their schedules.

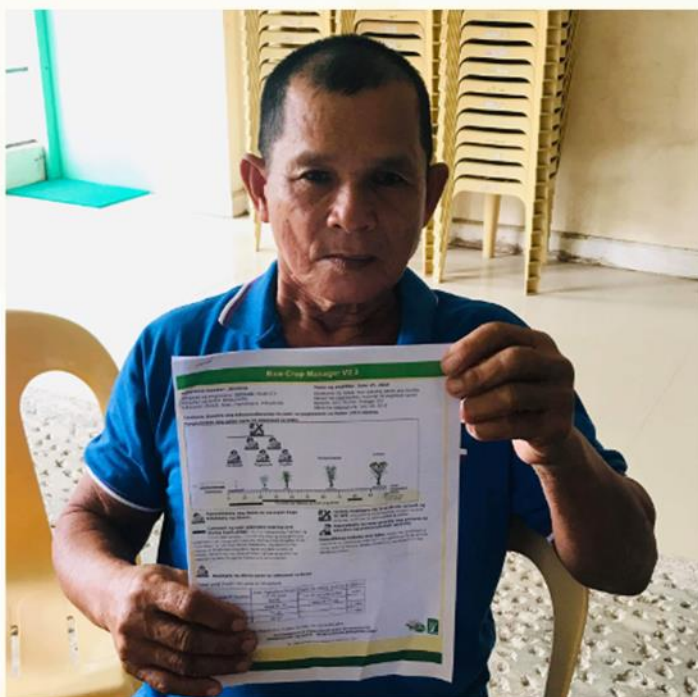
■ WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATION

ATI MiMaRoPa headed by the ISS ensures online visibility to clients.

The Center's website (<http://ati.da.gov.ph/ati-4b>) was able to accumulate 28,494 page views with 16,713 users. In addition, the Center also intensifies its social media presence to reach more clients and disseminate information in a timely manner.

These efforts were recognized during the IS Achievers' Awards 2018 as ATI MiMaRoPa bagged the following awards:

- 3rd Place in Highest Number of Website Pageviews
- 3rd Place in Most Number of Followers in Social Media (Twitter)



■ SCHOOL-ON-THE-AIR (SOA PROGRAM)

For 2018, ISS conducted four (4) SOAs, to wit:

- SOA on HVCDP themed as “Ngiting Tagumpay sa Prutas at Gulay” in the Province of Occidental from April 6 – June 29, 2018 with 589 participants;
- SOA on Livestock (Teleradyo) themed as “Swak na Pamamaraan sa Paghahayupan” in Oriental Mindoro from July 4 – August 31, 2018 with 457 participants;
- SOA on Sustainable Pig Farming themed “KumikitangPagbababuyansa Tamang Tekno-Kaalaman” in the Province of Marinduque from August 31 – November 13, 2018 with 739 participants; and
- SOA on Corn themed “Gintong Butil sa Pagmamaisan” from August 25 – December 6, 2018 with 530 participants.

■ TECHNO-GABAY PROGRAM

The ATI MiMaRoPa established three (3) FITS Center in the region, namely, FITS-Romblon, Romblon; FITS Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro and FITS-Buenavista, Marinduque.

In addition, to maximize the potential of FITS Centers and Magsasakang Siyentista in responding to Climate Information as well as increase the number of farmers who use RCM, the ATI MiMaRoPa enhanced the FITS Centers and trained the Magsasakay Siyentista under the RCM and Climate Information System.

RCM Program

- FITS – Looc
- FITS – Brooke's Point
- FITS – Gasan

Climate Information System

• FITS Centers

- o FITS-Bataraza
- o FITS El Nido
- o FITS-San Agustin
- o FITS-OPAg Oriental Mindoro
- o FITS-Calatrava

• Magsasakang Siyentista

- o Jonie Fernandez (FITS El Nido)
- o Mauricio Zabanal (FITS Aborlan)
- o Jarvis Temple (FITS Aborlan)
- o Ramiro Evangelista (FITS Aborlan)
- o Jesus Rigor (FITS Aborlan)
- o Filomena Janiva (FITS Narra)
- o Claro Madrilejos Jr. (FITS San Agustin)
- o Jessie Sabanal (FITS Roxas)





Moreover, this year's highlight for Techno-Gabay Program was the conduct of TGP Summit 2018 themed "Together We Can Make A Change". FITS, PMA staff and Magsasakang Siyentista in the region were gathered. Aside from Training on Eco-Bricking, breakout sessions for FITS and MS, there was also team building activities to strengthen camaraderie and team work among the TGP stakeholders.

■ SUCCESS STORIES

We have also documented four (4) success stories of our MS, as follows:

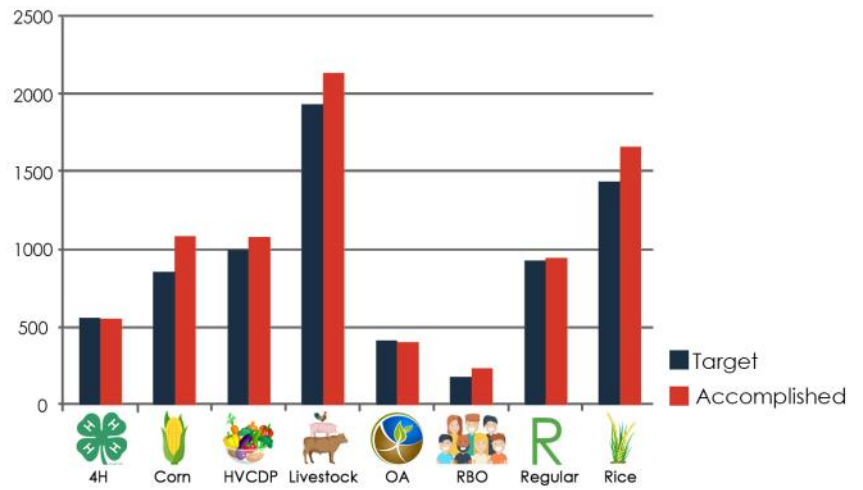
- Farmer Legend
- Pangarap at Tagumpay ng Dating Kasambahay
- Jolly Jill of All Trades
- Francisco Obtinalla: Malayo man, Malapit rin



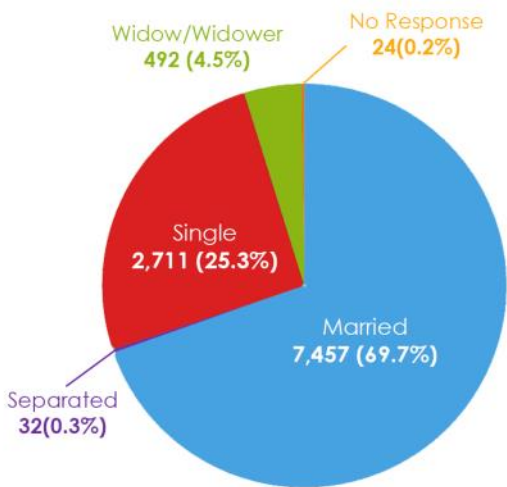
THEMATIC 2

STRENGTHENING COMPETITIVENESS AND CAPACITY OF THE AF SECTOR

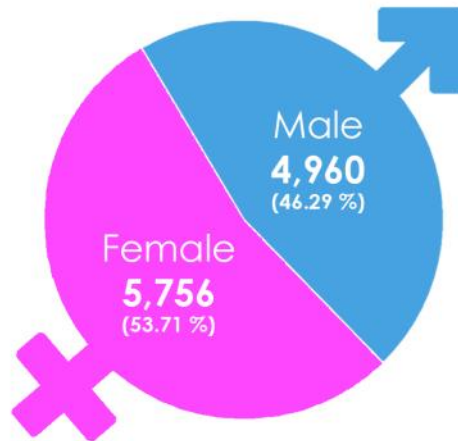
As an apex agency for extension, it is our mandate to capacitate our stakeholders with knowledge, attitude and skills to achieve specific development objectives and goals.



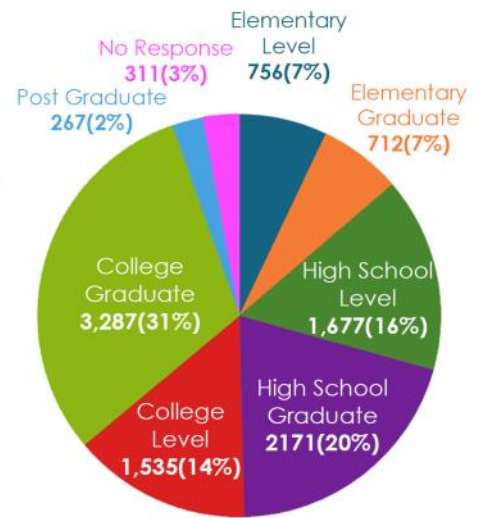
Target Pax and Accomplished by Program



Distribution of Participants by Civil Status



Distribution of Participants by Sex



Distribution of Participants by Educational Attainment



38 Activities
3,507 Participants
Oriental Mindoro

38 Activities
2,959 Participants
Occidental Mindoro

1 Activity
44 Participants
Others

16 Activities
1,273 Participants
Marinduque

27 Activities
928 Participants
Romblon

61 Activities
2,005 Participants
Palawan

Number of Activities and Participants per Province

■ RICE

Rice Awareness Month

As part of the DA's campaign for responsible rice consumption that supports to its goal to attain food security, the Agricultural Training Institute-MiMaRoPa joins the celebration of National Rice Awareness Month (NRAM) last November 9, 2018.

With this year's theme "Quality Rice. Quality Life." the campaign focuses on improving farmers' competitiveness to produce quality rice, while reaching out to all rice eaters to be aware on responsible rice consumption to achieve quality rice.

Simultaneous activities were undertaken such as Slogan-Making, Painting, Quiz Bee Contests embracing its theme.

NRAM is celebrated every November by virtue of Proclamation No. 524 series of 2004 where November was declared as National Rice Awareness month.



■ CORN

Training Course on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Cassava

Capacitating partners from the Local Government Units and cassava growers regarding Good Agricultural Practices for Cassava and Cassava Quality Standards, ATI MiMaRoPa conducted a Training Course on Good Agricultural Practices for Cassava was conducted on October 16-18, 2018 at Eastpoint Hotel by the Sea, Boac, Marinduque.

Highlight of the training was propagating of four (4) varieties of cassava such as Lakan 1, KU 50, Rayong 72 and native variety of cassava which were planted at DMDC Farm, one of the learning sites of ATI in Marinduque. After eight (8) months or next planting season farmer-participants can secure or avail planting materials of cassava at DMDC Farm.

A total of thirty four (34) AEWs and farmer leaders participated in the training.



Farmer Scientist Training Program

For the first time in ATI MiMaRoPa, FSTP Phase I was conducted solely for the Mangyan community, particularly the Tau-Buid Tribe in Sitio Tamisan, Poypoy, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro.

Fifty two (52) Mangyan farmers participated in the FSTP Phase I who actively participated in the lecture and hands-on demonstration. Although, there were some struggles during the start of the activity i.e. culture and belief issues, but through the help of the Municipal Agriculture Office of Calintaan and coordinator from the tribe, the FSTP Phase I was successfully implemented.

Phase II will be launched on May 2019.



■ HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Technology Updates For Graduates Of Season Long - Training Of Trainers (SI-TOT) On Vegetable

Twenty three (23) SL TOT graduates on Vegetable Production gathered last September 5-7, 2018 at ATI, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro to present the status and updates regarding the implementation of Farmer's Field School (FFS) in their respective localities.

During the activity, issues and concerns about the new guidelines of FFS as well as the guidelines for GAP certification were discussed. They also drafted an action plan for their plans to be implemented in their areas. Moreover, participants were also provided with the revised guidelines in the conduct of FFS and other extension modalities under HVCDP.

■ LIVESTOCK

One Day Advocacy

As part of the flagship program of the National Livestock Program to promote, strengthen and sustain the production of poultry animals, particularly chicken and ducks for livelihood and food production in the regions, One-Day Advocacy Campaign on Livestock entitled Back to Basics Scientific and Sustainable Livestock and Poultry Production was conducted last August 7, 2018 at MinSCAT Calapan Campus, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.



The activity was participated by 533 farmers from the different municipalities of Oriental Mindoro. These participants were also the recipient of 10 female and 2 male mallard ducks and a sack of feeds and also same number of chicken which served as their start-up kit for poultry production.

After such time, they were expected to return same breed and number of ducks and chicken they have received.

Training of Trainers on Sustainable Pig Farming

As a way of creating pool of trainers, the Center also conducted Training of Trainers on Sustainable Pig Farming on April 2-12, 2018 at ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

The activity aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of livestock extension workers (LEWs) on the alternative, sustainable and affordable swine raising technology for commercial and backyard swine farmers, and create pool of trainers who will later serve as facilitators of Farmer Fields School on Sustainable Pig Farming.

Parts of the activity were the actual preparation of beddings for the Lababoy: Ang Baboy na Walang Amoy, meat processing and micro-teaching. These activities were observed by the Senior HS students from Doroteo S. Mendoza Memorial National High School who's in their immersion stage in the K-12 program of DepEd.

Before the end of the training, participants committed themselves for the conduct of Farmers Livestock School (FLS) on Sustainable Pig Farming in their respective areas and continually support all the programs of ATI.

Said TOT was attended by 30 participants coming from MiMaRoPa region composed of extension workers, LS cooperators, and livestock growers among others.



■ 4-H

Young Filipino Farmer Training Program to Japan (YFFTPJ) Batch 2017

Looking forward to a new and fruitful learning experience, 4H Club Member Mr. Cedris C. Sorno, YFFTPJ Batch 2018 trainee from Calapan City together with her mother Ms. Araceli C. Sorno attended the Pre-Departure Course (PDOC) graduation ceremony on April 10, 2018 at ATI-Central Office, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Trainees departed on April 12, 2018 to Japan for the training and expected to return full of notable learnings and experiences in the Philippines on February 22, 2019.

Regional Youth Camp

The ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa spearheaded the 4H Regional Youth Camp held on April 18-20, 2018 at Municipal Lagoon, Narra, Palawan. A total of 100 4H members and coordinators as well as ATI and RFO 4H focal persons attended the said activity.

Simultaneous activities/contest for 2 days were held such as Bamboo Plaque Making, Value Added: Processing and Packaging (oyster Mushroom), Dish Gardening, Innovative Farm Tourism lay outing, singing, extemporaneous speech, quiz bee and team building activities. Also, Values Formation towards effective leader was discussed by Atty. Mary Jean D. Feliciano, Municipal Mayor of Narra, Palawan. On the 3rd day, participants visited the two farms in Narra owned by Ms. Felomina Janiva, Magsasakang Syientista and the other one owned by Md. Rolando Dungo, ATI Learning Site applicant.

Also, part of the activity was the outreach program in collaboration with the Municipal Nutrition Office (MNO) of Narra, Palawan on April 17, 2018. During the activity they provided coloring books, crayons and pencils.





■ RBO

2018 Regional Farm Family (RFF) Congress

Strengthening the Rural-Based Organizations (RBOs) across the region and obtain their active participation towards the harmonization and unification of goals for agri-fishery growth and development for a better and efficient implementation of the programs, ATI MiMaRoPa spearheaded the 2018 Farm Family Congress on April 18 – 20, 2018 at Center Point, Nara, Palawan.

Among the highlights of the event were the contests on raw food presentation with plating, search for Ginang RIC at Ginoong FA; and singing contest. There was also a symposium about mushroom production and processing; and health and wellness.

This activity also made a way for the 4H and RBO focal persons to craft and discuss plans and activities for 2019.

A total of 75 RBO participants composed of P4MP, RIC, VLAP, 4H Club, IFYE, JAECAAP, IPs and MS from MIMAROPA region attended the RFFF.



■ REGULAR

Training on Chocolate Making for Differently-Abled Persons

Thirty four (34) members of the PWD community of the province of Occidental Mindoro actively participated the Training Course on Chocolate Making for PWDs held on March 19-21, 2018 at San Jose.

The training became an avenue to connect cacao growers and future processors (PWDs) of Occidental Mindoro. Cacao growers/producers were also invited to further strengthen the cacao and cocoa industry in the province.

The cacao leaders pledged to provide further trainings on cacao production technology and share their knowledge among the PWDs whom are also willing to engage in cacao production.

This training enlightened the participants on the wonders and opportunities in chocolate business and they all were very excited to engage in chocolate livelihood activity o their own community. This training boosts the self-esteem and encouragement of the PWDs in integrating with the mainstream society.



THEMATIC 3

EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS IN
ADVANCING EXCELLENCE IN AFE

■ AGRICULTURE KNOWLEDGE INPUTS TECHNOLOGY SHARING (KITS) JOURNEY



To strengthen and nourish the implementation of Organic Agriculture Act in the Philippines and provide quality extension services beyond boundaries, the Center in collaboration with ATI-RTC Region VIII conducted "Agriculture Knowledge Inputs Technology Sharing (KITS)" last May 24-25, 2018. It was attended by 25 members of OrganikongMagsasaka ng RehiyonOtso (OMRO) who are Learning Site cooperators and organic practitioners.

Activities during the training includes Lakbay-alay in different learning sites to share the knowledge about organic farming. One of these was Kwarto Maria's Agroecology Farm in Narciso, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro which showcases its simple form of permaculture and seeks to integrate human activity with natural surroundings to create highly efficient self-sustaining ecosystems. They also visited Porfirio G. Comia Memorial National Highschool in Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro where participants, teachers and students worked together to convert its allotted area to an edible landscaping that showcases food from farm to table that will be served on school canteen to reduced and later eliminate malnutrition.

This partnership aims to encourage other Schools for Practical Agriculture/Extension to do KITS Journey in the school to further encourage educators and young generations to engage in organic farming.

■ TALINDAK AGRO-VILLAGE & ECO-PARK

The 8.4 hectares project site is located at Farmers Training Center, Sitio Calampinay, Barangay Pasadeña, El Nido, Palawan. This is a public-private partnership program between the Municipality of El Nido, DA ATI-RTC MIMAROPA, and Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. that will serve as a one-stop shop, a honing and polishing program for harnessing the inherent talents and empowering the people of El Nido, creating sustainable employment and wealth while protecting and conserving its fragile environment.

Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) signing on Talindak Agro-Village & Eco-Park cum ATI National Training Center for Diversified Farming & Fishery Extension attended by MAO Virginia Balderas, Vice-Mayor Leonor Corral, Mayor Nieves Rosento, Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. Program Manager Marvi Rebuena-Trudeau w/ Executive Director Edgardo Veron Cruz and Manager Benny Veran, Ms. Tisha Suqui of Shell Philippines Exploration, TESDA Provincial Director Renato Pantaleon, ATI National Director Luz Taposok and other stakeholders.

■ SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DRUG USERS SURRENDEREES

Third Provincial Advisory Council meeting of 2018 spearheaded by Bishop Warlitol.Cajandig and Gov.AlfonsoV.Umali Jr. where ATI MiMaRoPa and TESDA MiMaRoPa were requested for technical guidance and financial assistance for livelihood project of the council benefitting Drug surrenderers of the province.

The ATI MiMaRoPa Assessment Center Management in cooperation with the Provincial Health Office's initiative has an on-going intervention and has given an introduction lectures on Organic Agriculture production for drug users surrenderies in Oriental Mindoro with Batch 1 (36 participants) and Batch 2 (90 participants) specifically in vegetable production, organic chicken, and small ruminants.

■ K-12 IMMERSION PROGRAM

The success of K-12 Immersion Partnership Program with the Department of Education (DepED) has manifested through the number of their enrolees specifically Senior High School students who enrolled in Agriculture and Agriculture-related courses. As a result, various schools in the province learned that ATI-RTC MIMAROPA has been a good avenue for their 10-days immersion program to accommodate their students.

They were given practical learning in the farm-based on theory, practices and actual farming exercises as they experienced the used of fermentation, sustainable farming using IDOFS, companion planting, edible landscaping, utilization of plants as repellent and attractant, production of organic fertilizers and extracts, utilization of farm manures, green manure and vermin composting. In Organic Livestock and Poultry, they learned about the utilization of organic pig production with recommended bedding and the used of fermented food as well as the formulation of feed for farm animals which was shared by some of ATI experts (ATI Pool of Trainers).





THEMATIC 4

FARM TOURISM LEARNING EVENT
AND FARM CAMP TOUR

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Farm Tourism Luncheon Meeting was held last July 15, 2018 at Ballroom I City of Dreams, Manila. The said luncheon meeting was just one of the three components of The Farm Tourism Learning Event and Farm Camp Tour initiated by Center Director Pat Andrew B. Barrientos in collaboration with ATI Central Office, Department of Agriculture International Affairs Division, Office of the Agriculture Attaché in the United States of Americas, Department of Tourism, public and private entities.

Senator Cynthia A. Villar served as the keynote speaker during the meeting being the author of the Farm Tourism Act (RA 10816).

■ LEARNING SITE (ESTABLISHED, MAINTAINED, ENHANCED)

The LSA is a farm practicing applicable agricultural technologies, employing doable farming strategies and operating successfully, thus, worthy of emulation. The farmer-owner/farm family is relatively advanced compared to the majority of the farmers. This farm will be accredited by the ATI as LSA after a thorough evaluation and more importantly, acceptance of responsibility by the farmer-owner/farm family.

This 2018, ATI-MiMaRoPa has established/Certified 10 Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) and one (1) School for Practical Agriculture.

Farm	Cooperator	Location	Program	Commodity	LSA Certificate Effectivity Date
Farmville Integrated Farm	Rolando Dungo	Narra, Palawan	Regular	Integrated Diversified Farming	July 12, 2018
Dream Harvest Farm	Frelyn Grace P. Agbayani	Macarascas, PPC	Regular	Integrated Diversified Farming	July 12, 2018
FarmBihira	Jacques Zarate	Bacungan, PPC	Corn	Integrated Diversified Farming	October 31, 2018
JMA Farm		Banus, Gloria	Livestock	Livestock and Poultry	July 12, 2018
Island Harvest Agriventures	Lenlie Lecaros	Marinduque	Regular	Integrated Diversified Farming	October 31, 2018

Corban Community Farm, Inc.	Claudette Lacena	Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro	Organic	Integrated Diversified Farm	October 1, 2018
El Prado Verde Farm, Inc.	Dr. Augelito Luna Goco	Sapul, Calapan City	Livestock	Livestock Based Farming	October 1, 2018
Agrigold Farm	Neri S. Fontanilla	Pinagsabangan I, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro	Organic	Integrated Diversified Farming	October 31, 2018
Rada Eco Farm	Roger T. Rada	Mansalay	Livestock	Livestock-based Integrated Farming	October 1, 2018
Regal Peak	Cynthia Salazar	Bacungan, PPC	Organic	Integrated Diversified Farming	September 24, 2018
HN Organic Farm	Ramona Pastor	Orcunoma, Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro	Livestock	Integrated Diversified Farming	July 12, 2018
Sibuyao Demonstration Farm	Provincial Government of Marinduque	Sibuyao, Torrijos, Marinduque	Organic	Integrated Farming	December 3, 2018

■ ASSESSMENT CENTER

The ATI RTC MiMaRoPa-TESDA Assessment Center for Organic Agriculture Production has provided services to different clients such as students and teachers of different schools, farmers, Extension workers, and other agri-enthusiast. On its 2nd year of being an assessment center for OA, ATI has served 538 clients for 2018 and 491 of which passed the NC II assessment.

No. of Assessment Conducted: **13**

Total No. of Assesse/Candidate: **539**

No. of Passers: **492 (91.28 %)**

Date of Assessment: **Assessment services started on January 13, 2018 until December 12, 2018**



THEMATIC 5

STRENGTHENING AFE STAKEHOLDERS'
CAPACITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE



■ CLIMATE SMART FARM BUSINESS SCHOOL (CSFBS)

In support to the strengthening the capacity in Climate Change Resilience of our stakeholders, ATI has conducted different Climate Change related activities for 2018. Among these activities was Climate Smart Farm Business School which was conducted in 5 areas of the region under Rice and Regular Program. 2 batches were given to Palawan, 1 in Nag-ibaCalapan City which is still on going until 2019, 1 Calatrava, Romblon and another batch in Puting Tubig, Calapan City. CSFBS is a very unique season-long extension modality that tackles Climate resilient farming technologies and the Business side of Farming.





THEMATIC 6

IMPROVING ENABLING ENVIRONMENT
AND QUALITY OF GOVERNANCE

■ BACK TO BASICS: TRAINING ON BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Last April 4-6, 2018, ATI MIMAROPA conducted Back to Basics: Training on Basic Communication Skills at ATI, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. It was participated by 25 ATI staff and personnel from other DA agencies.

Said training aims to refresh and capacitate government employee with necessary communication skills for the operational functions in their respective offices.

Through this training, the participants are expected to upscale their social aspects in delivering excellence and accountability in extension services.

The Center also conducted a Soft Skills Training on Personality Development, Leadership and Stress Management last December 19-21, 2018 attended by 57 ATI staff at ATI MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

This training was carried out to provide a fun-filled learning activities to ATI employees.

With personality development training, they were taught on transitioning in having a positive attitude which includes face to face communication, basics of high impact dressing, communicating with confidence. When comes to Leadership topics, intensive discussion on overcoming roadblocks to effective leadership were imparted associated with communicating with the team to resolve conflicts. On the last day of training became very exciting since the topic discussed was Stress and Anger Management wherein it mostly taught them to be well motivated and be empowered while maintaining a lot of discipline in the workplace. Through this activity, different personal realizations were assessed by the employees and converting opportunities for improvement in the center. Moreover, the team building activities created a big impact to the participants as they became inspired, built camaraderie among co-employees, empowered leadership and open mindedness with enthusiasm.

Everyone vowed to make a difference in maintaining good working relationship and be able to apply all the learnings in this workshop.



■ 2018 PHILEASTNET POLICY SYMPOSIUM: "STRENGTHENING THE HARMONIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

ATI MiMaRoPa hosted the 2018 PhilEASTNet Policy Symposium on October 1-5, 2018 at The Heritage Hotel, Pasay City.

The symposium generally is designed to update and engage the extension and advisory services (EAS) professionals and practitioners in the discourse of the current issues and initiatives affecting their theory and practice in the country. Specifically, the symposium aims to increase awareness and understanding of participants about the expanding Philippine EAS; Present the initiatives and approaches of different actors in the provision of EAS to specific client systems; Explore strategic alliances among EAS providers; and Come up with policy recommendations to strengthen the harmonization initiatives of diverse EAS providers in the Philippines.

The symposium was attended by a total of 275 participants, composed of extension professionals and practitioners who are mostly members of PhilEASNet from all over the country and from the following agencies or sectors and breakdown of participation National government agencies, Local Government units, Academe Private sector.

■ ATI MIMAROPA NEW DORMITORY AND OTHER FACILITIES

Geared towards providing excellent extension services beyond Boundaries, the Center is proud to offer its fully established dormitory facilities which was already operational since December 2018. Along with this endeavor is the ongoing concreting of road pavements and storm drainage system within the ATI MiMaRoPa Grounds. The area is set to be fully accomplished in February 2019. With the said establishment and project, the Center is expected to serve more clients in the utmost of its capacities.

• Construction of New Dormitory

- Date started: **June 15, 2017**
- Date Accomplished: **May 23, 2018**



(Before and after)

• Construction of Road Pavement and Storm Drainage System

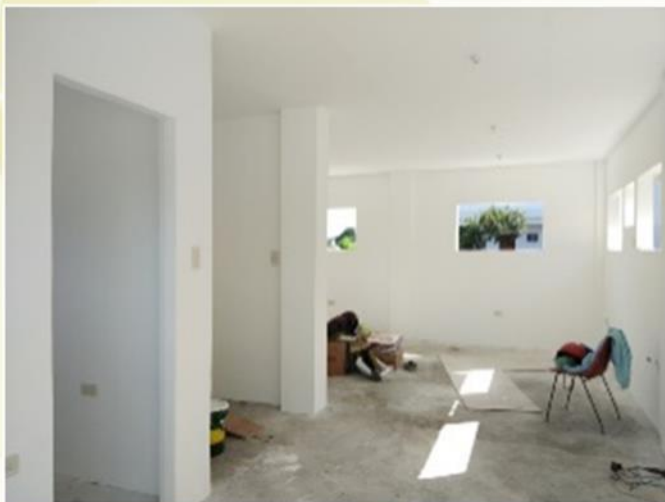
- Date Started: **July 14, 2018**
- Date Accomplished: **on- going(86% accomplished)**



(Before and after)

• Construction of Meat Processing Hub

- Date Started: **September 24, 2018**
- Date Accomplished: **on- going (90% accomplished)**



■ LIVESTOCK MEAT PROCESSING HUB

As we continue to provide innovative ways to deliver extension services, ATI MiMaRoPa established the Livestock Meat Processing Hub. With a total area of 48 sqm., this facility stands on a fully concrete structure that is fully air-conditioned. This fully furnished hub is equipped with Cool Room, Stainless Steel Sink and Counters, Isolation Room, Toilets and a Loading/Unloading area. The Center has allotted a total of P647,000.00 project cost.

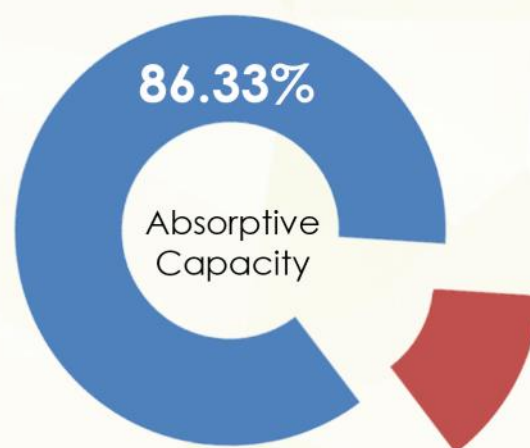
■ OTHER FACILITY REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

- Repair and improvement of water pipelines in CAFE hall and old water source
- Construction of wooden modular cubicle for supply section
- Podiums and office tables
- Assemble wooden single and twin beds for new dormitory
- Office cabinets and shelves
- Extension of roof in PASS and Records room
- Repair and repainting of ceiling and wall in cafeteria, guest rooms and old dormitory
- Repair and repainting of ceiling and wall in Finance office
- Improvement of Motorpool Area
- Repair of roof leaks of offices and buildings
- Regular grass cutting of office grounds

■ OTHERS

Utilization Rate based on Financial Plan

Program	Utilization Rate
PS	111.44%
Capital Outlay	99.96%
Regular/4H/RBO	114.01%
YFP	103.14%
Rice	114.64%
Livestock	100.82%
Corn	155.64%
HVCDP	112.07%
OA	119.56%



Recognitions

- Carmen National High School, San Agustin Romblon, for the Garden in the School program
- Department of Education, School Division of Calapan City Engagement and support for the Senior High School Work Immersion Program of Managpi, National High School
- United States Agency International Development (USAID), Path Foundation Philippines, Inc. for its support towards conserving marine biodiversity in the Verde Island Passage through the SEAnergy Project.
- Department of Education, School Division of Calapan City Engagement and support for Division Education Summit cum Recognition of Stakeholders
- Department of Education, Division of Oriental Mindoro, DorMeHi Senior High School Department, Work Immersion Partner SY 2017-2018, 2018- 2019

Awards

Domingo Yu Chu National High School, Senior High Department
Stakeholder's Award, Immersion Program

Agricultural Training Institute, Diliman Quezon City
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