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Tanim ko,
VLOG KO!



ABOUT THE COVER

The pandemic we have experienced this year brought so much changes in us, including the way we extend our services to our clients. But despite the new challenges, hand in hand, we were able to adapt to the new normal in delivering extension services among our stakeholders using different approaches, modalities and strategies. We have surpassed the challenges with flexibility, courage, resilience and dedication and even stepped up to serve you better. We have proven that delivering extension services are beyond transfer of technologies, but more so, connecting to people, helping people and valuing people to uplift their way of living. Amidst this pandemic, ATI MiMaRoPa is still here, committed to serve you and deliver excellent extension services **BEYOND BOUNDARIES!**

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MESSAGE OF THE DIRECTOR

Year 2020 has undoubtedly brought tremendous challenges and massively squeezed the resiliency in us. As the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world, even our country has not escaped unscathed. Thus, several safety measures and travel restrictions were imposed by the government to combat or lessen the influx of cases which in effect, hampered or stopped the activities and/or services from different sectors.

In MiMaRoPa Region, since we are island provinces, it was harder to implement the extension services because of the different travel and health protocols by each LGUs. However, we certainly do believe that in this trying times, agricultural extension services play a critical role at the frontline of the response to the pandemic.

We had to act immediately and revamp how to provide services while adapting to the health protocols and measures imposed by the government. From the approved Work and Financial Plan, ATI MiMaRoPa responsively shifted and realigned its activities to the priority thrusts of the Department of Agriculture "Plant, Plant, Plant Program" or "Ahon Lahat, Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) Laban sa Covid-19" program to benefit farmers, fishers and consumers. For starter, ATI MiMaRoPa staff lived out what they teach as the Center launched ATIng Gulayan sa Sentrong Pasanayan. Each section has its own garden to nurture and maintain.

Moreover, from the usual face to face trainings, we have rolled our services on urban gardening thru "garden on wheels" project where the Center delivered the agricultural inputs such as seeds, seedlings and garden tools right at the household's doorstep. This innovative approach of the Center instilled the concept of "growing your own food" and shorten the food supply chain in securing food availability, accessibility and affordability. Additionally, other trainings were also refocused to seminars with the provision of agricultural starter kits or after-training support.

The Center also strengthened the provision of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials and maximized social media presence by engaging clients to showcase their farming activities through various initiatives such as vlogging, spoken poetry and Let's Hear From Them campaign, among others. More so, distance learning thru the e-Extension program of ATI was intensified as the Center encouraged clients and even staff to take e-learning courses. In addition, different online platforms were used to conduct trainings, transfer technologies and other extension services. We have also been aggressively promoting ATI programs and services thru our social media sites and entertained their queries online.

Pandemic did not also hinder us in partnering and collaborating with different public and private organizations as we eyed productivity growth for our smallholder farmers and other stakeholders especially in the remote areas. To name a few, we have catered the research study of an Egyptian client and set-up an Outbound Cultivation of Natural Green Barley in the Center to see the potential production of green barley in the Philippines. We have also accommodated the request for technical assistance of RGV Group of Companies in showcasing techno-demo farms of palay and corn using Bounty Farm-Micronutrients (BFM). Likewise, the Center has continually partnered with Department of Education and TESDA in honing skills and competence of students as well as gain relevant industry or workplace exposure through the Joint Delivery Voucher Program for Senior High School Technical- Vocational-Livelihood Specializations.

Aside from this, I am happy that despite the pandemic and current situation we are in, ATI MiMaRoPa has once again passed the ISO 9001:2015 TUV-SUD recertification. This only means that ATI MiMaRoPa and the whole network of ATI have continually strived to maintain and improve the set standards to serve you better.

Indeed, year 2020 has caught us struck and fraught. But despite this new challenge, we adapted quickly to a huge amount of change while at the same time continuing to connect, collaborate and innovate for the benefit of our clients. I am extremely proud of our employees and how they surpassed the challenges with flexibility, courage, resilience and dedication considering their health and safety were also at stake. Each day brought on new challenges and everyone stepped up to make it work. We certainly do deliver more than promises!

Looking ahead, we know that the way we serve and operate will be much different. But rest assured that we are steadfast to our values and mission. We are committed to serve. Serve to lead. Lead to Serve. Our hearts are unwavering to give you excellent extension services BEYOND BOUNDARIES!




PAT ANDREW B. BARRIENTOS, M.M., J.D.
ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa Center Director

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1 Thematic

ENHANCING ACCESS TO AFE KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



3 SOA
CONDUCTED



NUMBER OF ENROLEES **1,475**



NUMBER OF GRADUATES **1,603**



56,653
REPRODUCED

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT

DISTRIBUTED
43,582



6 IEC DEVELOPED



1 AGRITALK CONDUCTED

2



ESTABLISHED

FITS CENTER



3

ENHANCED

HIGHLIGHTS

ATI-MIMAROPA'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Delivery of extension services among farmers and other stakeholders is critical especially during pandemic where food security and availability are utmost priority given the situation.

However, with the various measures taken to control the pandemic such as travel restrictions and lockdowns, these services were harder to implement or worst not possible to implement.

With this, ATI MiMaRoPa developed mechanisms to continue to provide extension services while adapting to the protocols and regulations set by the government thru the use of social media platforms. ATI MiMaRoPa's website (<http://ati.da.gov.ph/ati-4b/>) and social media – Facebook page, instagram and twitter (@atimimaropa) were used to strengthen the delivery of extension services in the region.

During the lockdowns/enhanced community quarantine (ECQ), ATI MiMaRoPa thru the Information Services Section (ISS) launched different initiatives in response to the #PlantPlantPlant Program of the Department of Agriculture. Amongst these were:

- **"Kursong Like Mo, Take Mo"** Contest in support to the e-Learning Movement of the Institute which aims to engage more clients to go into agricultural farming and further maximize their time during the ECQ period by taking free online courses on agriculture, fisheries and social technologies. Center's "Kursong Like Mo, Take Mo" Contest engaged more clients in taking e-learning courses. A total of 152 e-course certificates from the region were generated from the said contest.



*Mary Yole Apple Declaro Ruedes – 5
Charity Linatoc - 13
Joe-jet Jalcobia – 7
Mark Angelo Garcia – 49
Racquel Staefany Ante – 31
Mendro Flores -21
Lester Agustin Arellaga – 14
John Paul Delos Reyes – 12*

- The Center also aired **"AgriSerye: AgriKaalaman Tara't ATing Isabuhay"**. The said series of episodes on urban gardening aims to virtually train and inspire more individuals particularly farmers to plant vegetable crops in their backyard.



Mr. Jay-ar B. Madriaga
Agriculturist I - ATI MIMAROPA

- In April 2020, the **"Tanim Ko, Vlog Ko"** Contest kicked off featuring the urban/backyard gardening practices of constituents within MiMaRoPa region. The contest consisted of three (3) batches which aims to encourage the viewers to document and share their farming practices at home and inspire others to do the same in a form of vlog. Winners received seeds, planting tools, Php 100.00 worth of load and promotional materials from the center.



Said documented and shared farming practices of the winners during ECQ were uploaded in ATI-MiMaRoPa's Facebook page which created positive impacts to our beneficiaries.

- ATI MiMaRoPa also captured and documented the inspiring stories and practices of stakeholders covering Learning Sites for Agriculture, School for Practical Agriculture, Extension Service Providers, local farmer technicians, Magsasaka Siyentista, agricultural extension workers, farmers, 4H members and previous OJTs through posting it to the social media accounts of the Center. The **"Let's Hear from Them"** campaign initiative resulted to overwhelming numbers of clients who are voluntarily sending their pictures to be featured in the official social media page of ATI-MiMaRoPa in May 2020. Aside from these, kids of the ATI staff were featured in the said campaign which demonstrated to teach the kids on farming in their early age.



- To hear youths, women, and farmers' outlook on agriculture during COVID-19 pandemic, the Center started its "**Spoken Poetry**" Contest with a theme "*Bigkasang Agrikultura sa Panahon ng Pandemya*". Youths submitted their official entries from the two (2) batches of the contest which were uploaded in the Facebook page of the Center.

WINNERS
 Vlademier Casilla and Yja Mae Cano
 Jaymark Silang De Leon
 Charmaine Hernandez
 Princess Chealsea G. Figueroa



- Likewise, due to health protocol and measures imposed by the government, the AgriTalk which supposedly conducted with a large crowd of agri-enthusiasts, the Center opted to conduct series of AgriTalk thru its Facebook page (atimimaropa). Partnered with the Manila Bulletin, Smart Communications, the series of AgriTalk themed "Usapang Agrikultura, LSA ang Bibida" gathered 1,924 online registered participants. It ran for seven (7) days featuring seven (7) LSAs and their products and services, as follows:



- Organic Concoctions** | Nelson B. Gabutero of Gabutero Organic Farm
- Tocino Processing** | Roger Rada of Rada Eco Farm
- Beekeeping** | Ramona M. Pastor of HN Organic Farm
- Free Range Chicken** | Neri S. Fontanilla of Agri Gold Farm
- Turmeric and Calamansi Processing** | Virginia C. Dela Cruz of VCDL Farm
- Agroecology** | Jonjon B. Sarmiento of Kuatro Marias' Agroecology Farm
- Mushroom Production** | Neri S. Fontanilla of Agri Gold Farm

- To further familiarize the clients to the mandates of ATI as well as its services, the Center thru the ISS launched the **AgriSerye: ATing Frontline Services**. The frontline services such as Techno Gabay Program (TGP), Assessment Center on OA and Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) were discussed and likewise answered the online queries of viewers.



These initiatives boosted ATI MiMaRoPa's social media at its peak as it gathered more than

10,000 followers

It manifested that ATI, in any circumstances, serves beyond boundaries such that agricultural technologies can be transferred, learning can be gained and inspiration can be spread thru the power of social media.

IEC Materials Developed and Distributed

The Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials also served as one of the best methodologies this pandemic to transfer technologies and increase learning of stakeholders in agriculture and fisheries.

For 2020, ATI MiMaRoPa reproduced 56,653 IEC materials and disseminated 43,582 IEC materials to our clientele particularly in trainings, briefings, FITS Centers and passers-by. In addition, bulk of IEC materials were given to beneficiaries of 'garden on wheels' program of the Center.

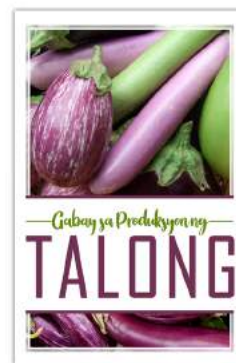
Furthermore, to better understand the technology in the localities, the Center also translated and localized eight (8) IEC materials into Filipino, as follows:



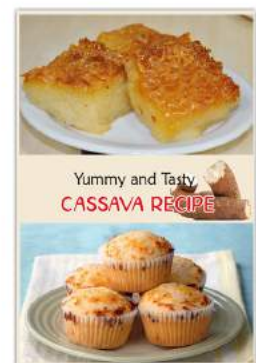
Gabay sa Paghahanda ng Buto at Punlaan



Learning Site for Agriculture



Gabay sa Produksyon ng Talong



Yummy and Tasty Cassava Recipe



Fermented Plant Juice



Fermented Fruit Juice



Carbonized Rice Hull



Gabay sa Produksyon ng Upo

The Center also developed and reproduced corporate desk calendars featuring the benefits and medicinal use of vegetables.



Briefing on e-Extension and e-Learning Movement

Amidst pandemic, one of the alternative mode of learning was thru online learning. The ATI MiMaRoPa further intensified the promotion of e-Learning thru face-to-face and online briefings on e-Extension.

In 2020, the Center conducted a total of 18 briefings. Part of which were done during the two (2) Batches e-Learning Movement Campaign of ATI to its staff wherein each staff took e-Learning courses and invited others to register and enroll in e-Learning courses. Aside from these, the Center also encouraged youths and other agri-enthusiasts from the region to take the e-Learning course particularly the Basic Urban Gardening as prerequisite for the farm inputs and starter kits. For the said undertakings, the Center was able to generate a total of 887 e-certificates.



e-Learning Movement Campaign mass graduation attended by ATI Staff

Techno Gabay Program (TGP)

FITS Establishment and Enhancement

The establishment of FITS Centers supports the strategic goal of ATI on Enhancing Access to Agri-fishery Extension Knowledge Products and Services. Through the FITS Centers, information and knowledge can easily be accessed and exchanged among the farmers/fishers and the experts. For this year, ATI MiMaRoPa was able to establish two (2) FITS Centers in Oriental Mindoro, namely, FITS-Roxas and FITS-Bansud.

Moreover, to improve the services and capabilities of FITS Centers in the delivery of extension service and enhanced access to agri-fishery information, ATI MiMaRoPa enhanced five (5) FITS Centers thru the provision of ICT equipment, as follows:

FITS Center

- LGU-Odiongan, Romblon
- LGU-Mogpog, Marinduque
- LGU-Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
- LGU-Buenavista, Marinduque
- OPAg-Marinduque

Fund Source

- RCM
- RCM
- RCEF
- Regular Fund (ICT Enhancement)
- Regular Fund (ICT Enhancement)

FITS Kiosk

To give faster and easier access and exchange of information and services related to agriculture and fisheries in the community, especially those in the remote areas, ATI MiMaRoPa established five (5) barangay FITS kiosks in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, namely, Brgy. Paetan, Brgy. Tuban, Brgy. Burgos, Brgy. San Agustin and Brgy. Sta. Lucia. These barangay kiosks were given IEC materials and ICT equipment for IEC display and reproduction. Primarily, these kiosks will be directly supervised by FITS-Sablayan.

Additionally, FITS kiosk in Marinduque State College-Torrijos Campus was likewise established. They were also given IEC materials and ICT equipment.

Both FITS Kiosks and Brgy. FITS Kiosks were validated thru virtual approach.



As enablers of technology development, Magsasaka Siyentistas (MSs) are undeniably significant part of TGP who demonstrate and share their expertise, S&T-based and indigenous technologies, innovative and best practices to their co-farmers and other stakeholders. With this, the Center endorsed the seven (7) MS of Palawan to Central Office for renewal, to wit:

NAME	FITS Center	FOCUSED COMMODITY
Edmundo A. Bacosa	Sofronio Española	Livestock (Swine with Fruit Trees)
Victor A. Adviento	Sofronio Española	Organic Vegetables
Edna L. Galang	Sofronio Española	High Value Crops
Herasmo M. Abelong	Quezon	Organic Vegetables
Eduardo G. Jopson, Jr.	Quezon	Livestock (Poultry with Organic Rice and Vegetables)
Olidario R. Envierno	Quezon	Rice-based Farming System
Gil Valdestamon	Brooke's Point	High Value Crops (Fruit Trees)

List of FITS Center Across the Region

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO (7)

FITS-OPAg Occidental Mindoro
 FITS-Magsaysay
 FITS-San Jose
 FITS-Rizal
 FITS-Sablayan
 FITS-Mamburao
 FITS-Abra de Ilog

ORIENTAL MINDORO (6)

FITS-OPAg Oriental Mindoro
 FITS-DA Integrated Laboratory
 FITS-Bongabong
 FITS-Gloria
 FITS-Roxas
 FITS-Bansud

MARINDUQUE (5)

FITS-OPAg Marinduque
 FITS-Boac
 FITS-Mogpog
 FITS-Gasan
 FITS-Buenavista

ROMBLON (5)

FITS-Odiongan
 FITS-Looc
 FITS-Calatrava
 FITS-San Agustin
 FITS-Romblon, Romblon

PALAWAN (12)

FITS DA-PRES
 FITS-Aborlan
 FITS-Narra
 FITS-Brooke's Point
 FITS-Quezon
 FITS-Española
 FITS-Bataraza
 FITS-Roxas
 FITS-Taytay
 FITS-El Nido
 FITS-DA LRC (inactive)
 FITS-WPU (inactive)

SCHOOL-ON-THE-AIR (SOA) PROGRAM

To hasten the information and technology dissemination among farmers and other stakeholders, ATI MIMAROPA conducted three (3) SOAs in the region, as follows:

SOA on Livestock

Dubbed as "*Gabay at Kaalaman sa Pag-aalaga ng Gatasang Baka at Kalabaw*" started its airing on July 7, 2020 covering the municipalities of Gloria, Bansud, Roxas and Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro thru Hot FM 98.9 Radyo Natin Roxas and 99.7 FM Radyo Kaunlaran Bansud every Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:00NN-1:00PM. Said SOA on Dairy Farming was ended on August 26, 2020 and produced a total of 529 graduates.

During its graduation, aside from the usual recognition of outstanding students, eight (8) farmer's associations (FAs), namely, San Aquilino FA, San Jose FA, Uyao FA (Roxas); GLOSAA FA, Papandungang FA (Gloria); and Mindoro Dairy Cooperative (Bansud) were awarded one (1) calf and forage seeds (i.e. *indigofera*, *rensonii*, *flemengia* and *calladrum*) as part of the after-training support of the program.



SOA on Organic Program (OA)

With the theme "*Kaya Ko! Kaya Mo, Tayo na sa Organiko!*", the SOA on OA was facilitated by FITS-OPAg Occidental Mindoro. A total of 339 participants from the municipalities of Magsaysay, San Jose and Rizal, Occidental Mindoro graduated from the program. All of them received started kits consisted of seeds, seedling tray, shovel, sprinkler and carbonized rice hull.

SOA on OA was started on August 17, 2020 and ended on September 7, 2020. It was aired at 101.7 FM Radyo Natin San Jose every Monday to Friday, 12:00 NN to 1:00 PM.



SOA on RCEF

Aiming to inform and educate the farmers on the four (4) program components of RCEF and its benefits, SOA on RCEF entitled "*Panalo ang Nagpapalayan sa RCEF Program*" was aired at ARFM 98.1 Baco from September 1 – 22, 2020, every Mondays to Fridays at 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Said SOA was able to register/enroll 729 students/participants from the municipalities of San Teodoro, Baco, Victoria and Pola. It was culminated on October 22, 2020. During graduation, outstanding students were given one sack of rice seeds, fertilizer and knapsack sprayer.



Unlike the previous culmination which requires participants to attend personally on the indicated venue, this time of pandemic, the graduation of all SOAs were done through live radio broadcast. ATI MiMaRoPa still selected 10 outstanding students per municipality based on their submitted quizzes and exams. These students were given certificates, prizes and awards.

RICE CROP MANAGER (RCM)

RCM Briefing

Two (2) batches of RCM briefing were simultaneously conducted in Quezon, Palawan and Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro on September 28, 2020.

The said activities were designed to orient farmers on the use and relevance of the RCM. The activities in partnership with DA-RFO MIMAROPA were conducted thru radio broadcast and aired at Radyo Natin for Occidental Mindoro and Radyo Bandera for Palawan.

Twenty (20) farmers per area were identified by respective municipal coordinators to be part of the Adopt-a-Barangay for RCM Project of ATI-MIMAROPA and DA-RFO MIMAROPA. They were given working clothes by the Center and complete set of fertilizers and seeds as DA-RFO MIMAROPA counterpart.

RCM Advisory Services Training

ATI MiMaRoPa conducted Training on RCM Advisory Services on September 28-30, 2020 at Vencios Garden Hotel and Restaurant, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

A total of 15 extension workers, ATI-MIMAROPA and DA-RFO MIMAROPA personnel coming from different municipalities of Oriental Mindoro attended the activity.

They were indeed grateful for the training since majority of the participants were newbie extension workers in their respective areas. Particularly, they appreciated the hands-on activities and the actual field and simulation activities which were part of the course content.



Participants and Training Management Team during lecture session on RCM Advisory Services

Digital Farmers Program

ATI MiMaRoPa conducted three (3) batches of Digital Farmers Program 101 for the municipalities of Bulalacao, Mansalay and Roxas in Oriental Mindoro on September 23, 24 and 25, 2020, respectively. The activity aims to capacitate farmers to be more efficient with regard to the use of smart phone and further help them make better farming decisions. Further, it aims to make youth be more engaged in agriculture.

A total of 66 participants (18-Bulalacao; 22-Mansalay; 26-Roxas) attended the three (3) batches of activity.



A son of farmer (participant) teaches his farmer father (also a participant) on how to use smart phone as part of the workshop/ activity of DFP

Documentation of Success Stories

At the heart of agricultural and technological innovation, success stories are great movers to inspire and encourage others to achieve their dreams and be successful in their endeavors. Hence, ATI MiMaRoPa never ceased to document its clients' success to share their stories and best practices.

For 2020, five (5) success stories were documented/localized by the Center thru the ISS, as follows:

Perlito A. Aguilar, Magsasakang Siyentista (MS) of FITS-San Jose entitled "Retiradong Empleyado, Pagsasaka na ang Trabaho"



Localized the story of Nemorio R. Villaflores, MS of FITS-Magsaysay entitled "Tatay Ronie: Isang Inspirasyon at Alamat na Magsasaka"



Beneficiaries of the proposed project of Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology funded by ATI-MiMaRoPa program entitled "A Room of Success for Ageless Farmers"



Jay-Ar Madiaga story (Agriculturist I of ATI MiMaRoPa) entitled "Ang Taong May Gawa: Tagapagsanay ng Organikong Magsasaka"



Randy Eusebio story (LSA cooperater) entitled "Securing Food for the People: Former bodyguard turns into farming"



RCEF Information Campaign

To intensify the promotion of Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Program among the farmers, ATI MiMaRoPa conducted six (6) batches of information caravan. Two (2) of which were conducted at ATI, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro and Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro. However, due to pandemic, the remaining four (4) batches which were initially designed as face-to-face technical briefing were re-strategized into radio programs.

RCEF information caravan was aired at:

- 101.3 FM Radyo Natin – Roxas Palawan, Monday to Friday, 12:00 NN to 1:00 PM;
- 104.5 FM Radyo Natin Brooke's Point, Monday to Friday, 12:00 NN to 1:00 PM;
- The Bay 99.3 FM, Occidental Mindoro, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM; and
- 101.7 FM Radyo Natin San Jose, Monday to Friday, 12:00 to 1:00 PM.



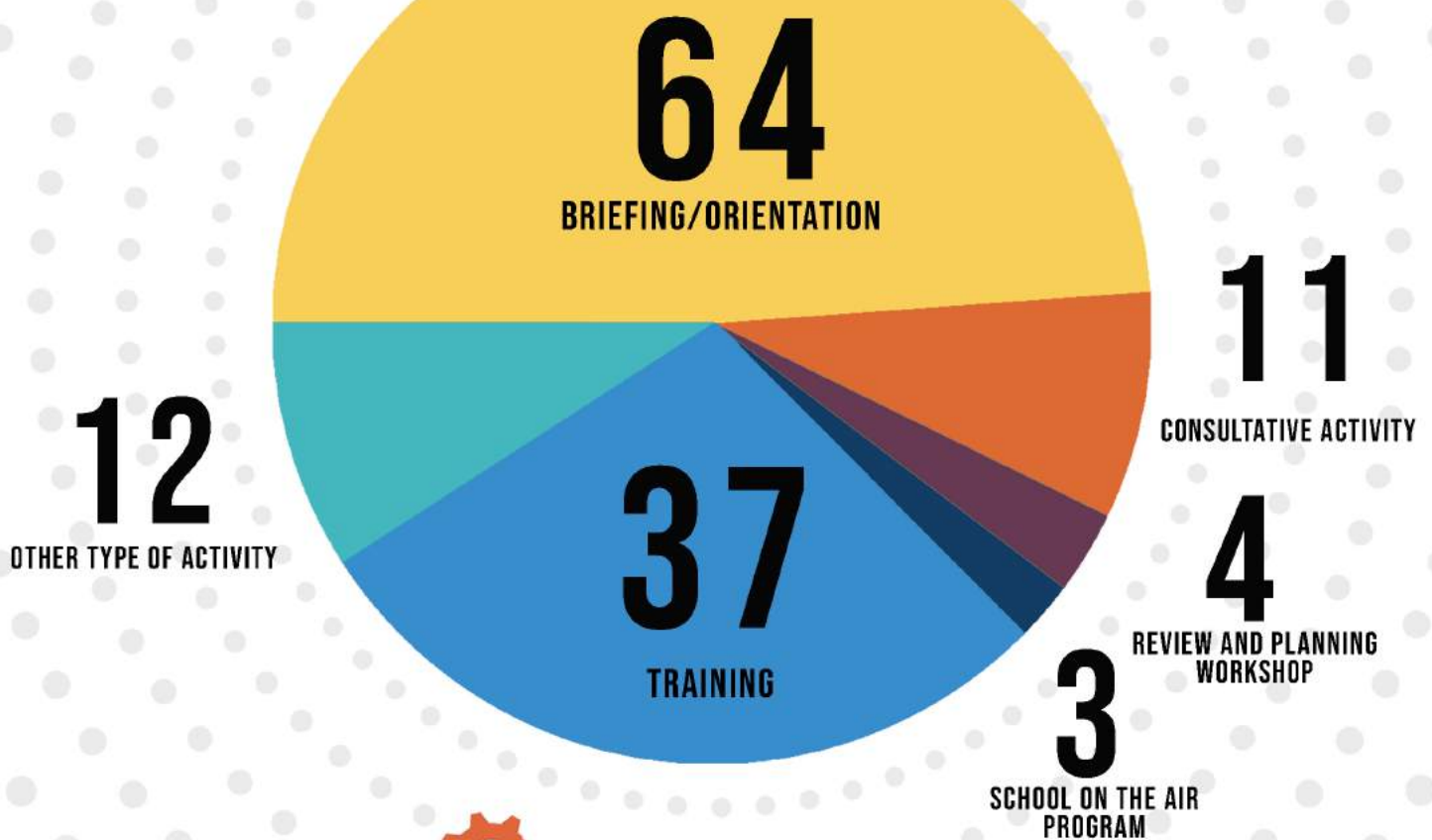
Photos during the live broadcast of the program thru radio and facebook live



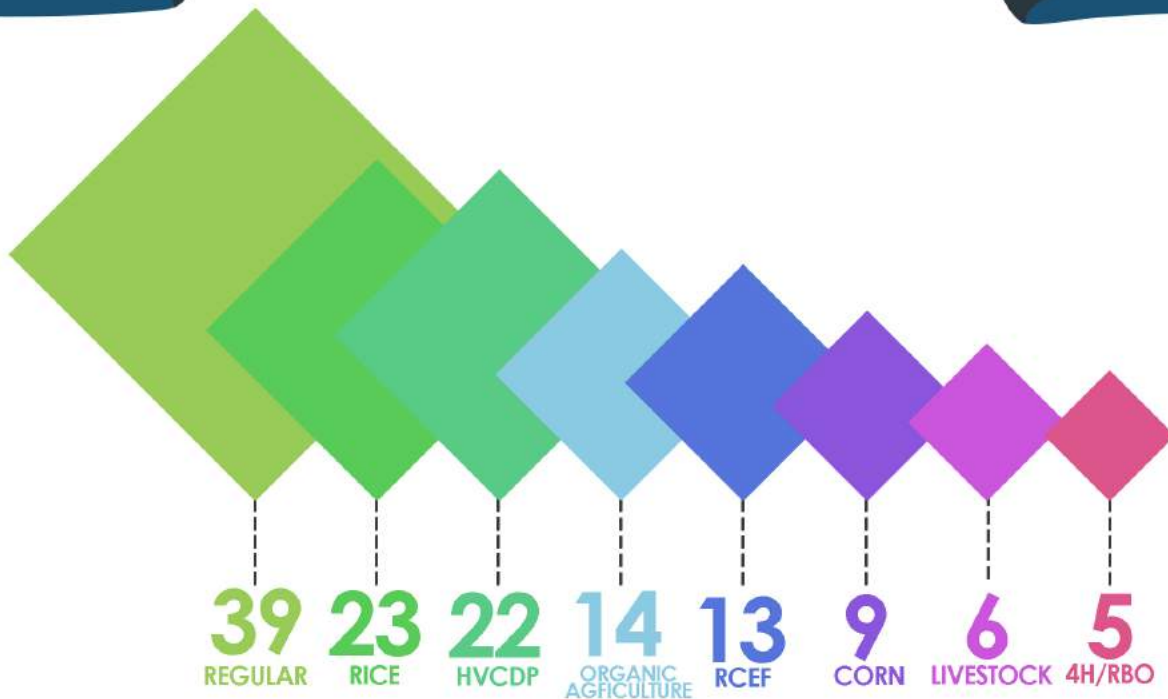
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STRENGTHENING COMPETITIVENESS AND CAPACITIES OF THE AF SECTOR

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED



ACTIVITIES per Program



DISTRIBUTION of Activities per Program

TYPE	4H	CORN	HVCDP	LIVESTOCK	OA	RBO	RCEF	REGULAR	RICE
BRIEFING/ ORIENTATION	2		8	1	10	2	6	18	17
CONGRESS/ CONVENTION									
CONSULTATIVE ACTIVITY		1	1	1	1	1	2	4	
OTHERS			11					1	
REVIEW & PLANNING WS								4	
SOA				1	1		1		
TRAINING		8	2	3	2		4	12	6
TOTAL	2	9	22	6	14	3	13	39	23



DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROGRAM

PROGRAM	AEW	FARMER	OTHERS	TOTAL
4H	4	5	48	57
CORN	17	164	33	214
HVCDP	37	351	151	539
LIVESTOCK	45	713	10	768
OA	6	577	12	595
RBO	11	-	49	60
RCEF	95	1,706	79	1,880
REGULAR	55	494	733	1,282
RICE	18	457	5	480
TOTAL	288	4,467	1,120	5,875



33 - 4H
 126 - CORN
 221 - HVCDP
 306 - LIVESTOCK
 255 - OA
 9 - RBO
 1,019 - RCEF
 570 - REGULAR
 270 - RICE

 **MALE**
2,809



5,875
 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

 **FEMALE**
3,066

24 - 4H
 88 - CORN
 318 - HVCDP
 462 - LIVESTOCK
 340 - OA
 51 - RBO
 861 - RCEF
 712 - REGULAR
 210 - RICE



DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS BY CIVIL STATUS

CIVIL STATUS	NUMBER
MARRIED	4,189
SEPARATED	34
SINGLE	1,360
WIDOW/WIDOWER	289
UNIDENTIFIED	3
TOTAL	5,875

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS by Educational Attainment

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	NUMBER
COLLEGE GRADUATE	1,428
COLLEGE LEVEL	701
ELEMENTARY GRADUATE	798
ELEMENTARY LEVEL	394
HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATE	1,629
HIGHSCHOOL LEVEL	592
POST GRADUATE STUDIES	215
VOCATIONAL	105
NO SCHOOL ATTENDED	13
TOTAL	5,875



TRAININGS VIA WEBINAR

Program	No. of activity/Type of Activity
4H	2/Briefing/Orientation
HVCDP	2/Briefing/Orientation
LIVESTOCK	1/SOA
OA	2 (1 – SOA/1 – Consultative Activity)
RCEF	5 (4 – Briefing/Orientation/1 – SOA)
REGULAR	5 (3- Training/1 – Consultative Activity/1 – Briefing/Orientation)
RICE	1/Training
TOTAL	18

TRAINING/ACTIVITIES WITH AFTER TRAINING SUPPORT

Program	No. of activity/Type of Activity
4H	2/Briefing/Orientation
HVCDP	5/Briefing/Orientation
OA	8 (7 – Briefing/Orientation/1 – Training)
RBO	2/Briefing/Orientation
REGULAR	9/Briefing/Orientation
RICE	16 (14 – Briefing/Orientation/2 – Training)
TOTAL	42





HIGHLIGHTS

Following the precautionary measures and protocols by the Department of Health, the Center continue to serve and render its services under the new normal scheme.



Corn

Season-Long (SL) Training of Trainers (TOT) on Integrated Corn Nutrient

SL-TOT on Integrated Corn Nutrient was initially planned as SL-TOT on Cassava Production with required 10-month duration training (from planting to harvesting). However, due to pandemic and travel restrictions, it was not pursued, thus, realigned to SL-TOT on Corn.

Despite the new normal set-up, the Center still opted to have the face-to-face training, following the stringent precautionary measures (health and safety protocols) on the whole duration of the training. All participants, Training Management Team, Facilitators and Resource Speakers were subjected to mandatory thermal scanning upon entry at the training venue. Also, alcohol, facemask and face shield were also distributed to them.

10-Day Intensive Training

On July 20 – 31, 2020, Season Long Training of Trainers on Corn Production 10-Day intensive was conducted at ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. A total of 23 participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) Cooperators, State Universities and Colleges Representative and Farmer Leader and Local Farmer Technician (LFT) from provinces of Marinduque, Occidental and Oriental Mindoro attended the training.

This training aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude of AEWs, LSA and SPA cooperators, SUC representative and farmer leader through experiential learning approaches that would help them fully understand the ecology of corn crops and offer technological options for its sustainable production.

The 10-day intensive training was mostly theoretical. The topics were discussed by the resource speakers using lecture discussion, small group workshop activities and role play. Also, concepts, principles and practices were presented by the resource speaker coupled with the use of visual aids and actual specimen. Moreover, as part of the new normal, some topics were done via video conference (zoom app).



SL-TOT on Integrated Corn Nutrients

SL-TOT on Integrated Corn Nutrients started on August 12, 2020. Several topics were discussed such as yield computation, rodent management, Technical Writing, Concept of Agricultural Marketing and Market Analysis, Segmentation and Targeting. Likewise, learning journey was also conducted last November 8 – 13, 2020 which was part of the SL-TOT course that aims to expose the participants on the modern and best practices in corn farming, conduct observation of operations and interview with farm managers. During the learning journey, the participants together with the training management team and facilitators, visited the different farms including Organic Certified Farms and ATI certified LSAs in the Provinces of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro.



Further, presentation of the result of their group study (PTD) was also conducted last November 25, 2020. Dr. Nanette M. Rosales (Integrated Laboratories Division Chief, MiMaRoPa Region), Dr. Cristina M. Sagun (Chief, Regional Crop Protection Center) and Mr. Norberto Maur (Chief, Partnership and Accreditation Services) served as panelists during the presentation.

Out of the 23 participants who attended the SL-TOT, 18 participants received certificate of completion while five (5) participants received certificate of participation.

Moreover, a total of 40 farmer-participants also graduated from the component FFS on Corn Integrated Crop Management; 16 farmer-participants from FFS site in Bagong Buhay I, Naujan; 12 farmer-participants from FFS site in Andres Ylagan, Naujan; and 12 farmer-participant in FFS site in Bagong Buhay II, Victoria Oriental Mindoro. The FFS graduates received starter kit or after training support such as 1 bag of urea, 1 bag of complete fertilizer, 1 bag of organic fertilizer, 1 bag certified corn seed (OPV Lagkitan), 1 piece farmalite, and assorted vegetables seeds (tomato, pole sitao, okra and eggplant).





Rice

Technical Briefing

Due to pandemic, budgets for six (6) batches of 5-day training on Rice were re-aligned and refocused to 16 batches of Technical Briefing and Knowledge Sharing Learning of Rice-Based Related Topics with Starter Kit. The topics discussed focused on Palayamanan and PalayCheck System to help address the food availability and security. After the briefings, all participants received 2 sacks (50 kgs each) of urea for their rice field and 3 packs of different kinds of vegetable seeds to be intercropped in their rice. They were also given different kinds of reading materials related to rice and vegetable.

Since mobility is restricted, all activities were conducted at barangay level within Oriental Mindoro province following the stringent health protocols.



HVCDP

Garden on Wheels

The Garden on Wheels (GOW) COVID 19 Project was designed to bring garden closer to the community and instill the concept of "growing your own food" with the provision of starter kits such as vegetable seeds/seedlings, carbonized rice hull, vermicasts, hand trowel and other agri inputs the household/community needed as per result of the conducted validation.

GOW COVID-19 with project area covering the City of Calapan was a joint effort of the ATI MiMaRoPa and Longfield Learning Center, an ATI certified learning site who initiated the successful conduct of the Farm2Table Project in Calapan City thru its Online Palengke.



Mr. Ruben P. Jugno awards the starter kit to the participant

A total of 153 household beneficiaries and 3 community beneficiaries were validated by the team. The said project was piloted in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.



Starter kit distributed under Urban Agriculture



Organic Agriculture

Organic Agriculture

ATI MIMAROPA intensified the implementation of vegetable production to sustain the food availability and affordability in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As targeted on the refocused FY 2020 WFP of Organic Agriculture Program, ATI MiMaRoPa conducted six (6) batches of One-day Seminar on Organic Vegetable Production Technology on the different municipalities of Oriental Mindoro. The said activities were held in:

Bansud- with 19 - participants on August 11, 2020;

Victoria - with 23 participants on August 13, 2020;

Gloria - with 20 participants on August 18, 2020;

Pinamalayan- 20 participants on August 19, 2020;

Pola - with 21 participants on August 25, 2020; and

Puerto Galera- 22 participants on August 27, 2020.

After each seminar, participants were given starter kit which includes assorted vegetable seeds, garden tools, organic compost, and carbonized rice hull (CRH). The kit is expected to aid the participants in establishing their own vegetable garden.

The seminars aim to equip participants with knowledge and practices on Organic Agriculture through the production of food without the use of synthetic inputs, reduction of production costs and ensuring the continuity and sustainability of the project in support to the "Ahon Lahat, Pagkain Sapat Kontra sa COVID-19" and the "Plant, Plant, Plant Program" of the Department of Agriculture.



4-H

Webinar on Vegetable Production Technology with provision of Starter Kit for 4H



Mr. Jay-Ar Madriaga, Agri. II of ATI-MiMaRoPa and Resource Speaker discusses and demonstrates the proper way of pruning the chili plant

Despite COVID-19 threats, learning and connecting of 28 4H officers and members had its way through Seminar on Vegetable Production Technology via Zoom and FB live on September 17, 2020. Basic vegetable production, soil media preparation, selection of good quality seeds, identification of common vegetable insects and organic fertilizer concoctions preparation were discussed for them to grow their own vegetables and produce their own food. After attending this webinar, they received not only certificate of attendance and bush hat with 4H and ATI logos but also starter kit consisting of vegetable seeds, tools, and organic fertilizer.

However, due to poor internet connectivity, some participants were able to join only through FB live. Thus, videos and power point presentations were uploaded in FB group chat so that participants could still view the lectures at their most convenient time.

Regular Program



President of Bangon Bulalacao, Ms. Kareen G. Garcia and the Resource Speaker, Ms. Angelica P. Pelaez award the starter kits to the participant

Two (2) batches of Free-Seminar on Vegetable Production Technology were conducted on September 28 and September 29, 2020 at Sitio Banaba, Barangay Binli, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro and Gatol Elementary School, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro, respectively.

The activity aims to provide the participants essential knowledge and skills in vegetable production technology and provide them with starter kits for backyard gardening. The activity was in partnership with Bangon Bulalacao Program of the municipality.

During the seminar the participants learned the basic principles in vegetable production, knew the importance of growing your own food and produced different kinds of concoctions like Fermented Fruit Juice, Fermented Plant Juice, Indigenous Microorganism, Oriental Herbal Nutrient and Fish Amino Acid. They also learned different kinds of backyard gardening using different materials as part of the zero-waste management and beautification programs.

Moreover, the participants expressed their deep appreciation as ATI MiMaRoPa was able to visit and conduct extension activities despite the remoteness of their areas, much more with the provision of starter kits for the realization of their backyard gardens. They also said that they are planning to propose another training with hands-on activities.

A total of 43 farmer participants attended the activity.

Livestock Program

Series of One-Day Advocacy Seminar which aim to introduce, promote, and sustain the production of swine and poultry animals for livelihood and food production in the region was conducted on August to October, 2020.

Participants who attended the one-day seminar and met the basic requirements received starter kits which includes 12 heads of chicken or duck or depends on the housing capacity prepared by each participant.

A total of 996 heads of Free-Range Chicken composed of Rhode Island Red, Black Australorp and Plymouth Rock were dispersed

The mallard ducks from Nueva Ecija composed of 400 males and 1600 females were also delivered at the center last October 29, 2020 and likewise dispersed to the beneficiaries.



RCEF

ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa targeted two (2) batches of 12-day Intensive Training of Trainers on High Quality Production of Inbred Rice Seed Production and Rice-Based Farm Machinery Operations but accomplished three (3) TOTs as requested by clients/stakeholders on August 3-14,2020, October 12-23,2020 and November 16-27,2020 at ATI-RTC-MiMaRoPa. This was made possible thru the funding support from ATI-Central Office. A total of 88 participants completed the trainings who are expected to implement the Farmer Field School (FFS) on the Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice Seeds and Farm Mechanization through TESDA. Said TOTs were designed to enhance the capability to rice farmers using yield-enhancing and cost reducing rice production technologies.

Moreover, one (1) batch of Refresher Course of Existing Seed Growers was conducted on October 6-8, 2020 at ATI-RTC-MiMaRoPa. This was attended by 17 participants composed of Seed Growers.



Scholarship

EasY Agri Scholarship Program

The scholarship orientation and contract signing was conducted last October 21, 2020 at ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. The EAsY Agri Program aims to encourage capable and deserving youth, particularly the children of smallholder farmers and fishers to pursue studies, professional career in agriculture and/or venture in agripreneurship. A total of 25 participants attended the orientation including the scholars and parents, while scholars from Marinduque attended through FB Live. Ms. Cristina G. Magnaye, Scholarship Program Point Person discussed the duties and responsibilities of scholars in exchange of the benefits and privileges they will receive as recipient of Educational Assistance for the Youth for SY 2020-2025.



Mr. Jun Borja (left), Mr. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos (center) and the EAsy Agri Scholar together with her parent (right) during the contract signing

Moreover, basics on urban agriculture was also discussed by Ms. Manilyn M. Tejada, Project Officer Evaluation I. She explained the details on how to accomplish the household tracker for monitoring the urban garden of the scholars and parents. The scholars were given starter kits composed of IEC materials, organic compost, carbonized rice hull, assorted vegetable seeds, hand trowel, hand sprayer and soft pots to help them establish a sustainable vegetable garden at their backyard and make food available anytime.



Ms. Alma Catibog (left) during the awarding of starter kits

Furthermore, some alumni of 4H scholars of ATI-MiMaRaPa have shared their experiences being 4H scholars to inspire and encourage everyone.

Lastly, the aspiring scholars signed contract of scholarship program with Mr. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos, Center Director and Mr. Jun Borja, Accountant I along with their parents as witnesses.



8 Thematic

EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS IN ADVANCING EXCELLENCE IN AFE

2 RAFEN Meeting



Farmers/4H Members Insured in SSS for a Year 58

1 Regional ESP Council Meeting



1 Internal Audit



Young Filipino Farmer Leaders Training Program in Japan (YFFLTPJ) Batch 2019 Re-entry Assistance/Livelihood Project

The graduate of YFFLTPJ Batch 2019, Mr. Jomar M. Quilit from 4H Club of Camansihan, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro had submitted re-entry plan/livelihood project on Hog Fattening Production amounting to Php 100,000.00. Such re-entry plan was approved and 60% of the financial requirement was funded by the Center. This was awarded by Dir. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos on August 4, 2020 at ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. The remaining 40% will be granted after the first phase of the project has been accomplished.



Mr. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos, left, and Mr. Jomar M. Quilit, right, during the awarding of financial assistance

Regional Extension Service Provider Council Meeting

The consultation meeting was conducted on September 29, 2020 at ATI-RTC-MiMaRoPa, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro through virtual meeting using the google meet platform. It was attended by seven (7) participants consisting of members of Regional ESP accreditation advisory council and ATI staff. The said activity has provided the participants an update on the regional policy guidelines in the accreditation and presentation of new list of members of the council.



Participants during the ESP Meeting using the google meet platform

Provision of Starter Kit for Handicrafts Making

Last August 25, 2020 ATI MiMaRoPa Corn Program distributed corn handicraft starter kits such as different colors of dyes, corn ropes, floral tapes, stick glue, pliers, scissors and tape measures among others to Pinagsabangan Vegetable Growers Association (PGVA). Said starter kits were personally received by Ms. Ginalyn Daguasi, President of the said association. This initiative is in support in the utilization of corn by-products and to provide livelihood assistance among women-farmers and members of PGVA.

According to Ms. Daguasi, the starter kits were very timely since it is harvesting season of corn and the handicraft products made from corn plant parts will be in preparation for the coming All Souls' Day and yuletide season. Ms. Daguasi was one of the participants of ATI-MiMaRoPa during the Handicraft and Skills Training on Corn Plant Parts in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro last 2019.



Ms. Ginalyn Daguasi while receiving the starter kits

Distribution of Forage Seeds

The ATI - MiMaRoPa repacked and distributed different kinds of forage seeds such as Flemengia, Calliandra, Rensonii and Indigo to those interested farmers and other stakeholders as starter for the development of their pasture area. The project aims to provide continuous source of forage for their livestock and poultry production. A total of 10 farmers received assorted forage seeds and promised to share it to others once they successfully grow it.

The activity is an initiative of the National Livestock Program through ATI.

Public-Private Partnership

Provision of Technical Assistance in the Establishment of Rice Techno Demo Farms

As part of the collaborative efforts to increase the rice production in the province of Oriental Mindoro and strengthen the Public-Private Partnership (PPP), RGV Group of Companies sought the assistance and partnered with ATI MiMaRoPa in showcasing techno-demo farms using Bounty Farm-Micronutrients (BFM). On October 12, 2020., Dir. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos, Mr. Jayson N. Erondo and other ATI staff attended the Harvest Festival/Field Day in Bayanan II, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. The harvested rice area is one of the techno-demo sites of the Bounty Farm Micro-Nutrients. During the activity, Mr. Erondo presented the data gathered during the reproductive stage.

Also, he presented the yield/harvest of the demo site with a total of 1,704 kilograms treated with BFM and 1,216 kg for area without BFM in withthe area of 2,500 square meter for each treatment. Also, present in the said activity were Former Governor and Congressman Rodolfo G. Valencia, Vice Mayor Gil Ramirez of Calapan City, Dr. Simeon Chan of Bounty Farm Micronutrients, farmers from City of Calapan, Naujan, Baco and San Teodoro. Moreover, as part of the PPP, ATI MiMaRoPa in partnership with Pil Health Innovation Agritech Research and Scientific Foundation headed by Dr. Simeon Chan conducted comparative study in Corn (OPV and Hybrid) using Bounty Farm MicroNutrients (Foliar Fertilizer). The study aims increase the yield and quality of corn. Said study was conducted at Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro with a total area of 2,000 square meter.

However, 65 days after planting, it was devastated by Typhon Quinta; hence data were not gathered and results were not met.



Regional Training of Trainers on Strengthening the Capability of Agricultural Extension System for Agricultural Biotechnology

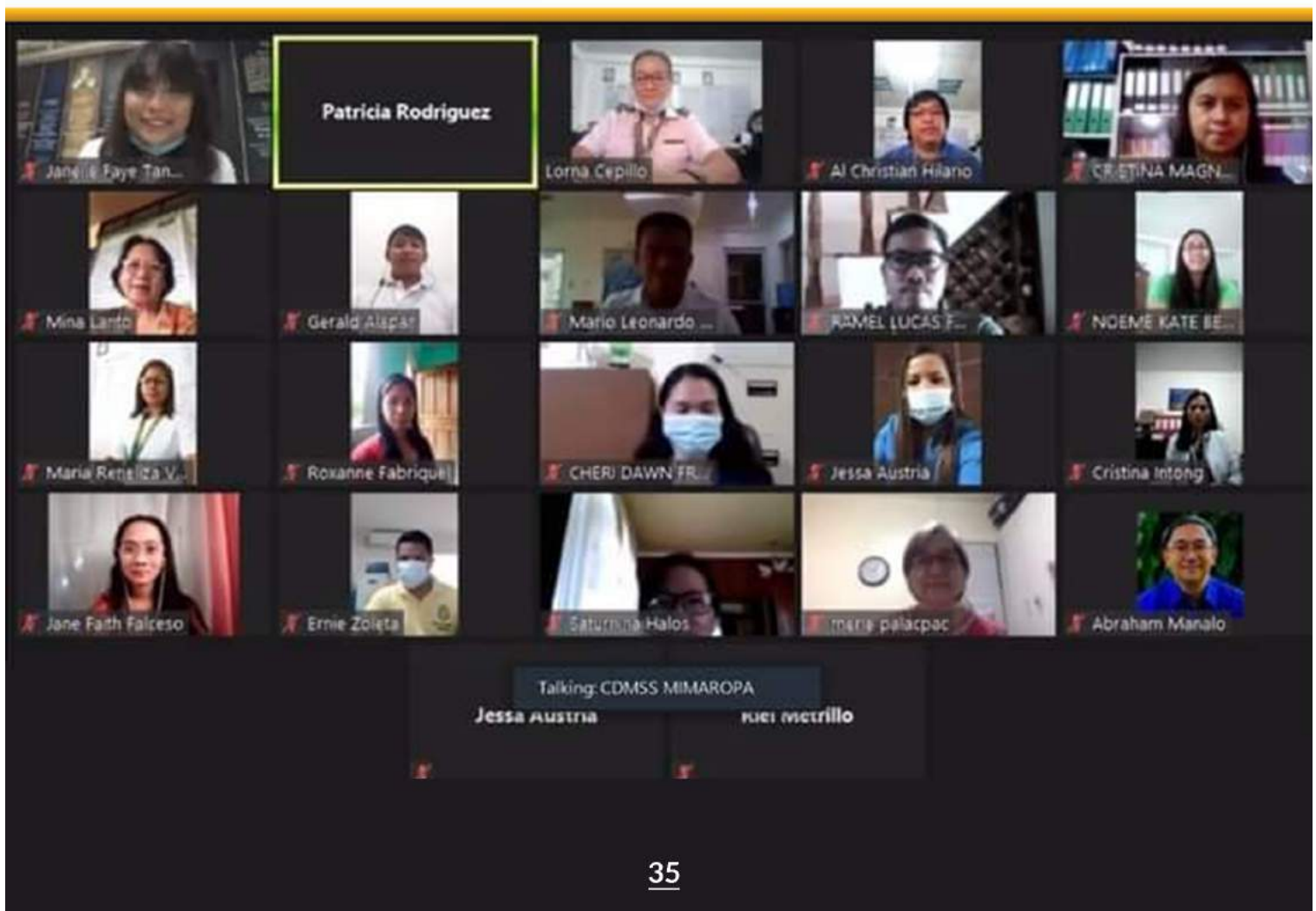
The Center hosted the conduct of the Online Regional Training of Trainers on Strengthening the Capability of Agricultural Extension System for Agricultural Biotechnology via Zoom in partnership with ATI-Central Office and Biotechnology Coalition of the Philippines (BCP) on September 16, 2020.

The training which aims to impart good understanding of agricultural biotechnology and how products of modern biotechnology are regulated to address its issues and concerns were participated by 15 individuals composed of AEWs, farmers and staffs from other DA agencies in MiMaRoPa.

Invited Resource Speakers of this activity were Dr. Saturnina Halos and Ms. Merle B. Palacpac, both have great contributions in the field of biotechnology in the country.

The training served as an avenue in imparting knowledge on agricultural biotechnology, how the government addresses the safety issues related to it and how bio-engineered products are being regulated for public use. Issues and concerns regarding biotechnology particularly on the use of genetically modified crops and animals have also been addressed.

Through this training, participants gained deeper understanding of climate change and how biotechnology helps in slowing its progress. They also appreciated on how it helps address food sufficiency considering decreasing farmlands.





Thematic

SCALING-UP AFE INNOVATIONS

18

Certified

*Learning Site
for Agriculture*

2

Enhanced



279

Certified as
NC II Holder



HIGHLIGHTS

Despite the pandemic and travel restrictions imposed by the government, ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa is true to its mandate to give excellent extension services beyond boundaries as the Center certified a total of 18 LSAs (16 LSA with financial assistance while the two (2) were in form of technical assistance) and enhanced two (2) LSAs. Site inspection and validation of those applicants outside Oriental Mindoro were conducted via virtual approach.

Certified Learning Site for Agriculture

Date Certified	Name of LSA	Cooperator	Location	Program/Commodity
Palawan				
September 25, 2020	Lagaw sa Uma: A Boar Land Farm	Noel M. Callorina	Magbabadil, Aborlan, Palawan	Regular
September 25, 2020	Coron Natural Farms	Antonio B. Linsangan III	Decalachao, Coron, Palawan	Regular
August 14, 2020	Tuklas Integrated Farm	Carmelito B. Condesa Jr.	Tagumpay, Roxas, Palawan	Regular
August 3, 2020	Ortega's Integrated Farming	Patria Gloria I. Ortega	Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan	Regular
August 3, 2020	Canduyog Farm	Erlina D. Lagrosa	Abongan, Taytay, Palawan	Regular
July 7, 2020	Eclof Nature Organic Farm	Primo S. Suza	Estrella Village, Narra, Palawan	Regular
June 11, 2020	Palengke sa Bukid	Cezar Z. Caabay	Tumarbong, Roxas, Palawan	Regular
Occidental Mindoro				
December 2020	Westgate Integrated Farm Corporation	Wilma Isabel R. Bulan	Pinagturilan, Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro	Regular
Romblon				
December 2020	Yap Farm	Neil Severino B. Yap	Tan-agan, San Andres, Romblon	Regular
August 3, 2020	Aspire Agritech Academy Farm	Ricmel S. Falquezza	Mayha, Odiongan, Romblon	Regular
Marinduque				
September 25, 2020	Mt. Elba Agricultural Learning Center	Ma. Tessa A. Llaguno	Pinggán, Gasan, Marinduque	Regular
Oriental Mindoro				
December 2020	Martinville Farms, Inc.	Amel A. Racelis	Agos, Gloria, Oriental Mindoro	Regular
December 7, 2020	Kendeng Farm	Riel A. Metrillo	Ordovilla, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro	Regular
September 25, 2020	Mary Help of Christians School (Mindoro), Inc.	Sr. Ailyn P. Cayanan, FMA	Parang, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro	Regular
August 14, 2020	Hiraya Farm and Resort	Vic Ryan Julius M. Ong	Tambong, Gloria, Oriental Mindoro	Regular
June 11, 2020	Super M School of Science and Technology	Marlon A. Atienza	Mar Francisco, Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro	Regular

Certified LSAs (Technical Assistance only)

Date Established	Name of LSA	Cooperator	Location	Program/Commodity
August 25, 2020	Faith Paradise AgriTourism Farm	Albert R. Mangapit	Pasi, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro	Regular
August 3, 2020	Luntian Bukid Integrated Farm and Learning Institute	Belinda S. Magno	Bintuan, Coron, Palawan	Regular

Now, the Center has already 59 LSAs regionwide showcasing various technologies in agriculture and fisheries.

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

- LSA CORBAN COMMUNITY FARMS, INC
- LSA DANIZON INTEGRATED FARM
- LSA KANWALING GATEWAY FARM
- LSA LOLA'S HEALTHY FARM
- SPA MAMBURAO INTEGRATED FARM (MIF)
- LSA SALGADO INTEGRATED FARM

ORIENTAL MINDORO

- LSA AGRIGOLD FARM
- LSA AJ FARM
- LSA BALI LAND ENTERPRISE INC.
- LSA DJMV ORGANIC FARM
- LSA EL PRADO VERDE FARMS, INC
- SPA ELMER'S GARDEN NATURE FARM
- LSA EUSEBIO'S FARM
- LSA FARMERS EDEN FIELD OF GOALS
- SPA GABUTERO ORGANIC FARM
- LSA HN ORGANIC FARM
- LSA/ SPA JMA FARM
- SPA KUATRO MARIAS' AGRO ECOLOGY FARM
- LSA MALAKATIG HILLS AND VALLEY FARM
- SPA MESA PLACE
- LSA PUERTO GALERA ADVENTURE AND RECREATIONAL ECO PARK
- LSA RADA ECO FARM
- LSA THE SWAN SUSTAINABLE FARMS AND STATIONS
- LSA VENCIO'S GARDEN HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
- LSA VIRGINIA CAMO DE LA CRUZ FARM
- LSA VUS INTEGRATED FARM

MARINDUQUE

- LSA AGREA AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.
- SPA DMDC Farm
- LSA GUEVARRA'S FARM
- LSA ISLAND HARVEST AGRIVENTURE
- LSA LUI'S MORE IN ONE
- LSA SIBUYAO DEMONSTRATION FARM



ROMBLON

- ANDALECIO'S FARM
- MJLM FARM

PALAWAN

- LSA ADVIENTO'S INTEGRATED FARM
- LSA ALOHA HOUSE INC.
- LSA ASEA GREENS FARM
- LSA BONSAI FARM
- LSA/SPA DOS FOUR DOS FARM
- LSA DREAM HARVEST FARM
- LSA DUNGO'S FARMVILLE
- LSA FARMBIHIRA FARM
- ESP FARMTEACH, INC
- LSA JANIVA ORGANIC FARM
- LSA JAVENRI HARVEST FARM
- LSA LAURA VICUNA CENTER
- LSA REGAL PEAK FARM
- LSA TREE OF LIFE NURSERY
- LSA YAMANG BUKID FARM



RCEF

ATI MIMAROPA also certified three (3) LSA and enhanced one (1) LSA under RCEF program.



GREEN GATE FARM, Farm Cooperator: Jessie Sabanal

MARIA PHILIZA FARM, Farm Cooperator: Philip Randy Bunag

MAQCHA Agricultural Learning Center
Farm Cooperator: Richelle G. Chavez



RADA ECO FARM, Farm Cooperator: Roger T. Rada

Establishment of Community Model Farm at 8 Zonal Districts of Municipality of Naujan

The establishment of Community Model Farm at 8 zonal districts at the Municipality of Naujan was a joint project of ATI-MIMAROPA under HVCDP and LGU-Naujan.

This project aims to establish a sustainable community vegetable garden and make food available and affordable among areas in the municipality of Naujan especially in this time of pandemic. The briefing and distribution of starter kits and agricultural inputs of the said project were conducted last August 11-14, 2020.

The sites are located in District I (Brgy. Santiago), District II (Brgy. Bagong Buhay I), District IV (Brgy. Concepcion), District V (Brgy. Barcenaga), District VI (Brgy. Gamao), District VII (Brgy. Panikaan) and District VIII (Brgy. Inarawan).

However, due to Typhoon Quinta, most of the sites were severely damaged.



Established community garden of District VII (Panikian) and District IV (Concepcion)



5 Thematic

STRENGTHENING AFE STAKEHOLDER'S CAPACITY IN CC ADAPTATION & READINESS



1 Training
Conducted

25 Participants

Training on Organic Vegetable Production in Support to Climate Change

ATI MiMaRoPa conducted a three-day Training on Organic Vegetable Production in support to Climate Change. This was held at Alcate Elementary School, Alcate Victoria, Oriental Mindoro.

Said training aims to capacitate farmers in organic vegetable production and promote organic agriculture as one of the climate change mitigation strategies.

During the training, the resource person discussed the effects of climate change, particularly in agriculture sector. She also enumerated some adaptation and mitigation strategies to cope with climate change including the organic farming. Moreover, when it comes to organic vegetable production, the resource person emphasized the new technologies about organic agriculture. The said training was also served as venue for sharing of best practices since most of the participants are vegetable growers in the community.

Highlights of the training were the preparation of different concoctions such as fermented plant juice, fermented fruit juice, fish amino acid and indigenous microorganism. Moreover, the participants requested to have an actual demonstration on how to make a carbonized rice hull (CRH) since most of them are also engaged in rice farming.

According to participants, it was good that the training employed hands-on activities because they realized that the process of making organic concoctions was easy and the materials needed for such can be found in their farms. Aside from the lectures on Climate Change, organic vegetable production, and concoctions, they were able to map and layout their farms and presented their outputs. Additionally, while waiting for the CRH to harvest, the topics about gender and development and Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act were discussed for them to become aware of the rights of women. (This was just a bonus topic and was not included in the design).

At the end of the training, each participant was given starter kits such as vegetable seeds and hand trowel. The organization was also given farm tools such as shovel, pick mattock, pail, sprinkler, rake, seedling tray and blue twine, among others. The organic concoctions that they have prepared (to be harvested after a week) along with the remaining molasses were also endorsed to the organization. The participants said that they will apply what they have learned at home.

KlimaAgrikultura: A Skills Training on the Use of Climate Information in Farming Decision Making

The ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa assisted ATI-Central Office during "KlimAgrikultura: A Skills Training on the Use of Climate Information in Farming Decision Making" held on March 9-12, 2020 at Vencio's Garden Hotel and Restaurant, Brgy. Tawiran, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

The three-day training mainly comprised of lectures and workshops on Crop Climate Calendar and Climate Hazards, PAGASA Products and Risk Matching, Verbal Decision Analysis and Rapid Climate Decision Analysis.

After the last pilot testing, the ATI in partnership with the University of the Philippines- Los Baños (UPLB), Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), and the Department of Science and Technology- Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) will develop a manual to help and guide corn and rice farmers in farming decision making.

A total of 37 participants composed of agricultural extension workers and local farmer technicians from different municipalities in the province attended the training.





Thematic

IMPROVING ENABLING ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF GOVERNANCE

2 Review and Planning Workshop conducted with ATI Staff as participants



7 Consultative Activities conducted



2 Management Review conducted



1 M&E documents developed

2 Learning and development activities conducted



23 Equipment acquired/maintained



1 Facility upgraded



23 Staff sent to local or foreign trainings

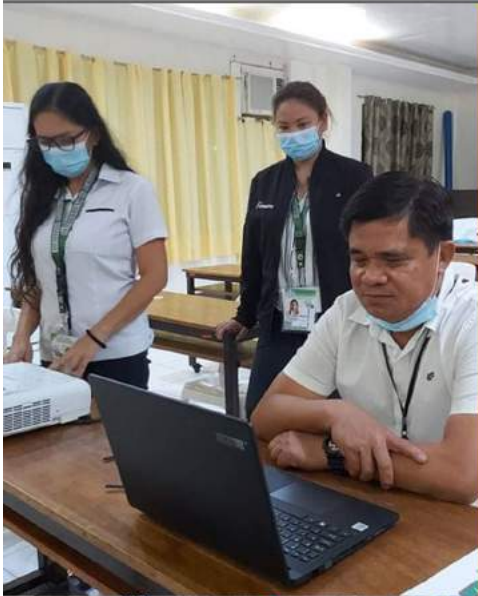
18 Personnel granted with loyalty award



1 ISO 9001-2015 Internal Audit conducted



HIGHLIGHTS



ISO 9001:2015 3rd Surveillance Audit for 2020

We are very pleased to announce that once again ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa has passed the ISO 9001:2015 TUV-SUD PSB Re-certification Audit with only one (1) Opportunity for Improvement (OFI). This only means that our clients have great assurance that ATI MiMaRoPa operates to the highest quality standards while continually strive to maintain and improve these standards to serve you better. Because, YOU, our clients deserve nothing but the best!

The 3rd party audit was conducted online by TUVSUD led by Mr. Xavier Lance Dy on November 16, 2019 at ATI, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.



Prior to the 3rd Party Audit, the Center underwent Internal Quality Audit by resident auditors to ensure preparedness of compliance of the Center.

ATI 33rd Anniversary

On January 27-28, 2020 ATI-RTC MiMaRoPa celebrated the ATI 33rd Anniversary with the theme "Vibrant Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Services towards Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita".

Among the activities highlighted were the Palaro ng Lahi such as tamaang bata, Chinese garter, dragon tail, tiyakad sa bao and luksong tinik; tree planting within the vicinity of the Center; oath taking of the newly appointed staff; and career guidance and e-Learning campaign to students led by Career Development Services Section and Information Services Section, respectively.

Aside from this, a mass was celebrated as regularly done by the Center as part of the thanksgiving for ATI's foundation.



Planting/Growing of vegetables

During lockdown which requires staff to work from home, ATI MiMaRoPa Staff participated by establishing their own home gardens. Different types of vegetables were planted particularly cash crops such as pechay, mustard, upland kangkong, okra, eggplant and tomatoes. Most of the staff utilized the plastic containers, empty bottles (mineral water, softdrinks, etc) in growing their crops particularly those staff who has limited space for cultivation. Also, they adopted the intensive gardening by practicing companion cropping.

ATIing Gulayan sa Sentrong Pasanayan

In support to the Plant Plant Plant Program of the DA, ATI MIMAROPA started the establishment of ATIing Gulayan sa Sentrong Pasanayan.

The staff were divided into nine (9) groups per section/unit and given a specific area in the center to utilize and improve for the program.

Each group showcased the different technologies of urban agriculture in setting up their area. They also transformed their respective areas into edible landscape models.

Community trackers were also distributed to each group to track the activities in their respective areas as well as their harvest and expenses.

However, before the planned Harvest Festival which will be simultaneously done by all Regional Center, the established gardens in the Cente were damaged by Typhoon Quinta and Siony.

LibSpeak 2020: Know Thy LIPS

Some ATI Staff also participated in a webinar conducted by UP dubbed as LibSpeak 2020: Know Thy LIPS.

Highlight of the staff learnings was taken from the topic 'Newsworthy: Is it Fake or Real?' The webinar focused on Detecting Fake News to Avoid Misinformation which the group appreciated much. This helped the group decide better which information needs to be shared and which are not.





Health and Wellness Campaign Against COVID19

Dr. Alfonso B. Barrientos Jr., medical practitioner from Oriental Mindoro Medical Society-Southern Tagalog Chapter, shared health tips during the Staff Development: Health and Wellness Campaign Against COVID19. He further emphasized that in this time of pandemic, everyone should strictly obey the health protocol and always maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Moreover, a mass celebration was held in the morning as a thanksgiving for the good health and bountiful provision among employees amidst the COVID19 pandemic outbreak.



Mental Health Awareness: "A Way Through a Healthy Well-being and Work Environment"

Aiming to provide the participants awareness on mental health and obtain the skills and knowledge to help them understand and better manage their emotions and potential mental health problems, two (2) batches of Mental Health Awareness: "A Way Through a Healthy Well-being and Work Environment" were conducted last September 23-25, 2020 and November 17-19, 2020 at ATI MIMAROPA, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro and El Pueblo Rhizort, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, respectively.



This mental health awareness training provided awareness on the significance of mental health in the workplace as well to their personal lives. Ms. Ferry Irish May H. Santiago, resource person, imparted knowledge and learnings to the participants the practical ways on how to deal with stress and anger, resolve conflicts with co-workers and bosses, interpret non-verbal communication, deal to people with potential health problems, enhance interpersonal relationship within the workplace, and improve productivity at work. Moreover, physical activities during workshop created positive environment to the participants. In addition, participants underwent psychological assessment 15 days after the training using perceived stress scale (PSS) for future interventions of the human resource management and the results will be communicated to participants.



The training was attended by 34 ATI-MIMAROPA personnel.

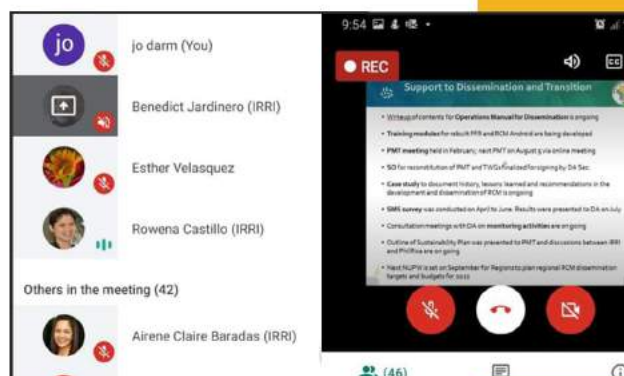
Oath Taking Ceremony

Three (3) newly-appointed personnel formally took their oaths last September 25, 2020 at CAFE Hall, ATI, Barcenaga, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro during the closing program of the Training on Mental Health Awareness. Mr. Richard R. Templo appointed as Administrative Aide VI on January 20, 2020 while Mr. Jay-ar B. Madriaga and Ms. Marilyn G. Gonda were promoted as Agriculturist II and Training Specialist II, respectively on August 24, 2020.



Attendance to Other Agency's Online Seminar

While the entire region was in modified community quarantine and attending face-to-face training was not possible, ATI-MIMAROPA also found its way to continuously learn and enhance their knowledge and skills by attending online seminars conducted by different agencies and organizations.



Result-Based Monitoring and Evaluation

Adhering to the current trend in government which promotes the use of a results-based approach in measuring performance of organizations and institutions and entails the systematic monitoring of ongoing extension interventions and the timely evaluation of the same that focuses on determining whether desired results have been achieved the AT-RTC MIMAROPA conducted a Result-Based Monitoring and Evaluation on September 2020.

A total of 105 Agricultural Extension Workers and farmers in the region trained last 2017 were interviewed through phone calls and face-to-face approach using a prescribed questionnaire from the ATI Central Office. Information gathered during the interview were consolidated and sent to the statistician for analysis and interpretation.

The result of the study will help ATI personnel, especially the ATI management and program implementers, to have better knowledge and understanding of how ATI interventions works and helps come up with better-informed and evidence-based decisions towards continuous organizational improvement and reforms.



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EDNA
Administrative Officer I



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Administrative Officer II



RICHARD
Administrative Aide 4



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Inventory Manager 5



CHRISTIAN
Inventory Officer I



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Communications Officer IV

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MANILYN
M. TEJADA
Project Productive Officer I



MARK JOSEPH
D. BANGS
Development Management Officer I



MELVIN
D. MARIANO
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CRISTINA
D. NUNO, PAE
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CRISTINA
G. MACINATE, MPH/HD
Training Specialist III

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