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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

***“Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity, and change.”***

- Bene Brown

The Agricultural Training Institute - Regional Training Center Vi carried itself to 2021 with much hope and determination to deliver the best extension services amid the ongoing pandemic. Despite limitations, unpredicted lockdowns, and exposures, ATI Region 6 recalibrated with grit and great reliance on information and new media technologies for consistent connectivity to all types of stakeholders (farmers, fisherfolks, LGUs, and private).

Befriending and maximizing technology and time were the keys for the Center to attain its targets and objectives. Adapting the advantages of social media, information and data management tools, video conferencing platforms, digital media, and other networks are the new normal tools that we undertake to capacitate our clients to achieve synchronous growth.

The ATI staff did not settle for comfort and achieved immense growth from 2020 experiences. Through hybrid efforts and blended strategies, ATI Region 6 was able to achieve thrice the number of trainings and events, served thrice the number of participants, and developed, reproduced, and distributed the same number of knowledge products.

ATI Region 6 only aims to move forward and beyond, in service and commitment to the region's agriculture and fishery industry, and with the guidance of the Almighty God, we embrace change.

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# 2021 Highlights



## Financial Performance

ATI-RTC VI received a total allotment in the amount of Php71,170,828.73 for FY2021. Of the total allotment received, the following were the budget for commodity programs:



## Admin Accomplishment

-  Construction of Audio-Visual and Recording Room at 4H Learning Hub
-  Repair and Refurbish of ATI Roofing and Walls
-  Building of Power House for Generator Set
-  Enhancement of Urban Agriculture Garden at Atong Ugsaran
-  Refurbishment of 4H Learning Hub
-  Renovation of ATI Training Hall's Kitchen and Front Stage
-  Installation of Training, Evaluation, and Reporting Management System (TERMS)

# REGULAR

The Regular Program had a total of 41 activities for the year 2021 with 1,248 participants. Out of the said participants, 202 are Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs); 179 are farmers, and 867 are students/youth, RBO members, SUC personnel, PWDs, IPs, senior citizens, etc.

There were four (4) activities conducted under the Gender and Development (GAD); Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Senior Citizens Programs namely: Marketing Essentials: Training on Packaging Labelling, and Marketing for Selected PWDs of Tangalan, Aklan last June 16-18 with 20 participants; Start and Grow your Business: Training on Business Planning, Marketing, and Recordkeeping for Selected Women of Banga, Aklan last June 23-25, 2021 with 17 participants; Healthy at Home: Lifestyle Tips on Staying Healthy Physically and Mentally During COVID-19 broadcasted through Barangay RU 92.9 - GMA Radyo Kalibo/Lezo ran from September 18-October 9, 2021 that earned 100 participants; and Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!

The 2021 Women's Month Celebration - Kapihan Kaibahan si Juana that was celebrated last March with ATI Staff.



A total of two (2) training for Indigenous People (IPs) entitled Organic Vegetable Production for Indigenous People (IPs) were implemented in the Provinces of Iloilo and Antique in the months of July and September 2021.

On the other hand, the Rural-Based Organization (RBO) organized five (5) activities as follows: Training on Organic Chicken and Vegetable Production in support to Farm Family in Badiangan, Iloilo last April 13-15, 2021; Farm Family Forum with 60 participants in Malinao, Aklan last June 11, 2021; and Adopt a Farm Youth Program that ran in the whole month of July in the same municipality; Organizational Management Enhancement Training for Provincial and Municipal RBO Officers and Members with 20 participants in San Jose, Antique last June 16-18, 2021; and 4H First Virtual Summit with 100 attendees via ZOOM last October 15, 2021.

Under the Climate Change Program, three (3) activities were carried out. They are the Skills Enhancement on Integrated Diversified Organic Farming System and Establishment of Backyard Garden Demonstration Site for 4Ks Communities with 21 participants in Aklan; Transforming Success into Legacy: CRA Success Story Writing Workshop with 21 participants in Passi, Iloilo; and Practical Course on Food and Meat Processing and Product Packaging for CRA Farmers with 26 participants in Sigma, Capiz.

Other activities that were conducted in 2021 include Operational Planning Workshop for Improved Productivity and Service Quality for FY2021 last January 12-22, 2021; Practical Course on Swine Artificial





Insemination (AI) Technology for Hog Raisers with 21 participants last April 7-9, 2021 in Mambusao, Capiz; Climate-Smart Farm Business School (CSFBS) Farmer Level with 30 participants in Passi and Leganes, Iloilo that ran from July to November; Extension and Training Management Course for Negros Occidental (Phase 2) in the first week of July that resulted to 20 participants via ZOOM; Consultation Workshop of the National Extension Agenda and Programs (NEAP) FY2022-2028 in various provinces in the Region on the second of July via ZOOM with 109 attendees; FY2021 1st Semester Management Review (Performance Review cum Management Review) last July 28-29, 2021 in Banga, Aklan; Financial Management Seminar for Sikat Saka Program last October 6, 2021 with 101 participants; Skills Enhancement on Edible Landscaping and Backyard Vegetable Gardening for Parent-Farmers and Establishment of Community-based Backyard Garden Model Site in Dingle, Iloilo last October 7-9, 2021; Training on Ginger Production and Processing for Upland Farmers of Libacao, Aklan with 20 participants last October 28-29, 2021 in Banga, Aklan; Center's Planning Workshop in the first week of November; FY2021 2nd Semester management Review in the first week of December; and the first CPDAS-accredited training of ATI Region 6 entitled Recalibrating Strategies in the New Normal: A Re-Tooling Course for RBO Coordinators towards Sustainable Rural Development that gained 12 participants administered via ZOOM last December 7-10, 2021.

As part of its 34th founding anniversary, Dr. Eden DLR Bautista, Center Director, led the launching of the first-ever Livestock Evacuation Center in the Region and in the ATI network last January 29, 2021, at Barangay Cogon, Sigma, Capiz together with the municipal local government officials and staff of the Municipal Agriculture Office.

Three (3) Farmers' Information and Technology Services (FITS) in Antique specifically in the municipalities of San Jose de Buenavista, Bugasong, and Valderrama were inaugurated. Likewise, five (5) FITS Kiosks in Dingle, Iloilo situated in the following barangays: Tinocuan, Agsalanan, Matangharon, Tulatulaan, and Pandan were established. These kiosks will provide easy access to information and communication technologies for farmers, fisherfolks, and other clients at the barangay level. Additionally, its mother FITS Center (Dingle, Iloilo) was enhanced to solidify its services. Along with it are the FITS Centers in Antique located in the municipalities of Libertad, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (San Jose), Tobias Fornier, Culasi, Barbaza, and Anini-y. Another FITS Center in Aklan placed in Altavas was also included in the enhancement. Before the year ends, the Center held the 3rd Regional Techno Gabay (TGP) Summit attended by 69 FITS Center Staff and Magsasakang Siyentista (MS) that aims to showcase the current implementation of TGP in the Region. It also provided updates about ATI's direction in the implementation of the said program, explored the digital infrastructure towards the new normal, embraced the digital world for FITS Centers, and developed a good sense of camaraderie among FITS staff thru showcasing of their talents.

Aiming to equip farmers with knowledge and skills on how to use basic digital tools including social media, climate, and weather

monitoring applications, and online payment options, the Center rolled out two (2) batches of Digital Farmers Program (DFP) 101. The first run was conducted face-to-face with farmer-youth tandem participants in Sapián, Capiz last June 24, 2021, while the second run was done online with participants from Guimaras last September 23, 2021. The Center served as the pilot region in the Visayas to administer the second level of the said program, which is the DFP 102, commenced last July and ended last September that recorded four (4) batches in total. Moreover, three (3) batches of Digital Agriculture Course (DAC) for Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) that yielded 60 digital trainers were organized.

The Center established a total of 15 Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSA) such as KAPAWA Integrated Farm, CPU-ARUGA Integrated Farming System, Hillside Palayamanan, JVS Integrated Farm, DC Integrated Farm, Midway Trinity Farm, Sugar Valley Farm, Payaw Diversified Crop Services, GLS Agricultural Integrated Farm, A2R3 Ranch Corporation, Amalgamante Farm Management Services, Salamanca Organics Corporation, GDG Binocol's Nature Farm, Granja La Verde Farm, and Barrios Fruits and Vegetables Integrated Farm. Furthermore, six (6) LSAs were enhanced to deliver better training grounds to its clients.

Lastly, there were three (3) Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Materials developed and 25,415 reproduced and distributed to its clients.





# CORN

A total of eight (8) initiatives were implemented under the Corn Program. Reaching one hundred fifty-nine (159) participants, ATI Region 6 provided capacity-building courses to address Fall Army Worm (FAW) Management in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo (1 batch) with twenty (20) participants; Corn-based Farming Systems with after-training support in Barangay Manhanip, Malinao, Aklan, and Tabu, Ilog, Negros Occidental (2 batches) with a total of forty (40) participants; Corn cum Livestock Production in Sigma, Capiz and Barotac Viejo, Iloilo (2 batches) with a total of forty (40) participants; Training on Cassava Production and Value-adding in Negros Occidental (1 batch) with twenty (20) participants; Training of Trainers on Farmer Scientists RDE Training Program FSTP held in ATI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan (1 batch) with nineteen (19) participants, and Corn Consultative Planning Workshop with 20 participants.

The participants included forty-two (42) AEWs, one hundred eight (108) farmers, and nine (9) others.

A total of six thousand two hundred thirty (6, 230) IECs on Corn Technoguide, Feed Formulation, Cassava Recipes, and Technoguide on Cassava Production were reproduced and distributed during the above mentioned activities.







# BINHI NG PAG-ASA PROGRAM (BPP)



The Binhi ng Pag-asa Program was implemented across the Province of Aklan with a total of nineteen (19) training and three hundred eighty-four (384) youth farmers as participants.

The activities included the Launching Program and Skills Training on Leadership and Agriculture Technologies Provincial Level and Municipal Level training with participants coming from the 17 municipalities of Aklan. The online training included a one-day Leadership Training by the Office of Senator Grace Poe which comprised Leadership and Values Formation, National Situationer, SPIN Workshop, Farming and Social Media Modules.

One of the highlights of the training is the completion of SPIN Workshop and the discussion of local problems and concerns of the young farmers' community. The training also encouraged the youth to share and express their talents and skills with the guidance and facilitation of the resource speakers from the Office of Senator Grace Poe. Starter Kits were also provided to all the youth farmers to catalyze their learnings.

The Binhi ng Pag-asa Program: Skills Training on Leadership and Agriculture Technologies for Young Farmers of Aklan complements one of the twelve (12) Key Strategies of the Department of Agriculture which is digital agriculture.

# HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (HVCDP)



A total of twenty (20) initiatives were implemented under the High-Value Crops Development Program. Reaching one four hundred four (404) participants, ATI Region 6 provided capacity-building courses on Allium Crop Development for Extension and Training Implementers of Region 6 (1 batch) at the ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan with twenty (20) participants. The Extension and Training Management Course Phase I: Extension Delivery System Farm Business Financial Management for HVC Implementers (1 batch) was also conducted online with twenty (20) participants.





Furthermore, the Training of Trainers on Integrated Crop Management in Vegetable Production (2 batches) was conducted in Banga, Aklan, and Talisay City, Negros Occidental. Additional training conducted online were the Training on Food Safety in Fruits and Vegetable Processing for AEWs (1 batch) and the Strengthening the Capability of Agricultural Extension System on Communicating Agricultural

Biotechnology in Region 6 (1 batch). Both online sessions had twenty (20) participants, respectively.

Specialized trainings were also organized and these include the Training on High-Value Crop-based Farm Planning, Designing and Establishing; Small-scale Urban and Rural Farms (Phase 1) with eighteen (18) participants; the Training Management Course for Learning Site Cooperators with nineteen

(19) participants; and the Extension and Training Management Course Phase III: Training Management which yielded twenty (20) participants.

Four batches of FFS on Garlic/Onion Production were also implemented across the region which yielded a total of eighty-five (85) participants. An introductory FFS was also rolled out which highlighted the EnFFS for Onion/Garlic Production Technologies and this accommodated twenty-three (23) participants.

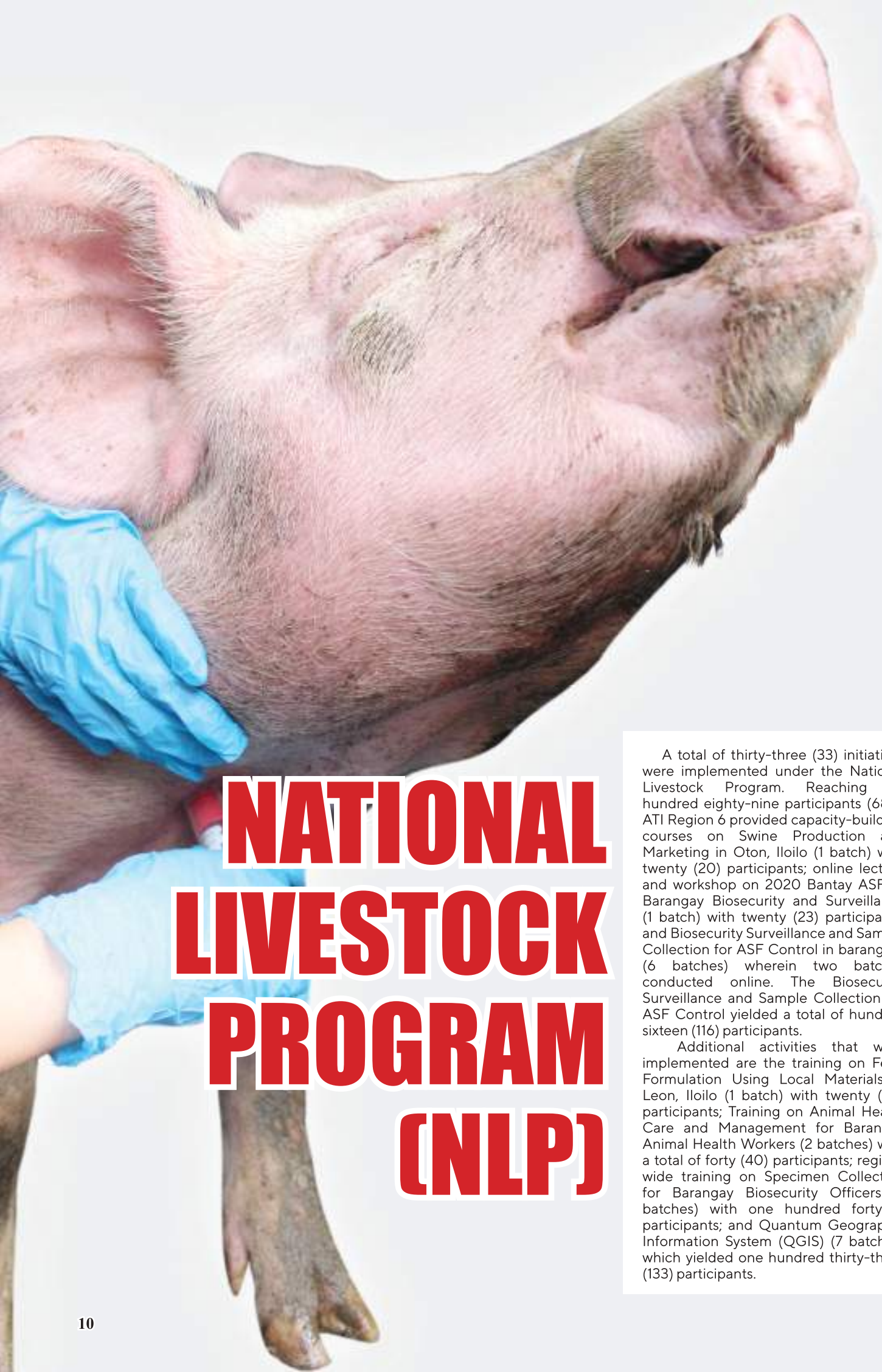
In addition, three batches of the Enhanced Farmers' Field School on Integrated Crop Management in Vegetable Production were also mounted in Passi City, Iloilo, Malay, Aklan, and Sagay City, Negros Occidental with a total of ninety-one (91) participants.

Other activity includes the Consultative Assessment and Planning Workshop within the HCVPD Circle conducted in Tigbauan, Iloilo with a total of twenty (20) participants.

The target participants included one hundred twenty-eight (128) AEWs, one hundred ninety-six (196) farmers, and fifty-three (53) other participants are youth, teachers, and women.

A total of twenty-seven thousand, three hundred fourteen (27,314) IECs on the management of different vegetables and high-value crops and their production guides were reproduced and distributed.





# **NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (NLP)**

A total of thirty-three (33) initiatives were implemented under the National Livestock Program. Reaching six hundred eighty-nine participants (689), ATI Region 6 provided capacity-building courses on Swine Production and Marketing in Oton, Iloilo (1 batch) with twenty (20) participants; online lecture and workshop on 2020 Bantay ASF sa Barangay Biosecurity and Surveillance (1 batch) with twenty (23) participants, and Biosecurity Surveillance and Sample Collection for ASF Control in barangays (6 batches) wherein two batches conducted online. The Biosecurity Surveillance and Sample Collection for ASF Control yielded a total of hundred sixteen (116) participants.

Additional activities that were implemented are the training on Feed Formulation Using Local Materials in Leon, Iloilo (1 batch) with twenty (20) participants; Training on Animal Health Care and Management for Barangay Animal Health Workers (2 batches) with a total of forty (40) participants; region-wide training on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers (7 batches) with one hundred forty-six participants; and Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS) (7 batches) which yielded one hundred thirty-three (133) participants.



The Training on Livestock Emergency Response Program (1 batch) was conducted in Sigma, Capiz, and had nineteen (19) participants. The Basic Meat Inspection Course (BMIC) for Meat Inspectors was also implemented for Local Government Units of Region 6 (1 batch) with twenty (20) participants.

Several radio broadcasts were aired for a month to raise awareness on African Swine Fever, Avian Influenza Awareness, and other poultry and livestock diseases via Barangay RU 92.9 Super Radyo Kalibo with a target of fifty (50) beneficiaries. Moreover, a series of webinars entitled "Stop the Spread! BABay ASF!" were also launched to aid in the prevention of the spread of African Swine Fever in the region and this garnered a total of sixty (60) participants. The webinars were conducted via Zoom.

In addition, Orientations and Deputation of Veterinary Barangay Officers (VETBOs) and Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) were conducted all throughout the region (2 batches) with twenty-eight (28) participants.

The program also accommodated a Field Day for the ATI – managed ATIng Gulayan ng DA Urban Agriculture Program wherein fourteen (14) were enjoined to participate.

The target participants included four hundred forty-three (443) AEWs, one hundred sixty-one (161) farmers, and eighty-five (85) others.

A total of one hundred eleven thousand, four hundred fifty-five (11,455) IECs on Ethnoveterinary practices, Livestock, ASF, and Feednovation were reproduced and distributed during the above mentioned activities.



# ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (OA)



A total of seventeen (17) initiatives were implemented under the Organic Agriculture Program. Reaching seven hundred six (706) participants, ATI Region 6 were able to provide capacity-building courses on Leadership Skills Enhancement of Extension Workers in Support to Organic Agriculture Production conducted at the ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan with fifteen (15) participants; Training on Organic Agriculture Production Focused on Vegetable Production at Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental with twenty (20) participants; and the Training on Organic Vegetable Production with Emphasis on Organic Fertilizer and NFTs Concoctions Production targeted for twenty-five (25) Kapatiran Farmers para sa Progresibong Panlipunan.

Additionally, the Hands-on Training on Organic Agriculture Production and Preparation of Natural Farming System Concoctions was conducted as an extension initiative focused on the marginalized farmers/fisherfolks in Sapian, Capiz with a total of twenty (20) participants. Other extension initiatives focused on the marginalized farmers/fisherfolks include Mushroom Production Technology in San Jose, Antique with twenty-six (26) participants, Hands-on Training on Organic Vegetable and Fertilizer Production in Numancia, Aklan with twenty (20) participants, and Training Course on Organic Poultry and Livestock Production in Ibajay, Aklan with twenty-five (25) participants.





The School-on-the-Air on Organic Vegetable Seed Production and Seed Banking was also implemented from June to December and a total of three hundred twenty-eight (328) participants took part in the proceedings, which included the Assessment and Evaluation and Graduation at the ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan.

In celebration of the 7th Organic Agriculture Month, a seminar was also conducted at ATI RTC 6, Banga, Aklan with fifty-one (51) attendees.



Further trainings included the Appreciation on Installation of Internal Control System for Smallholder Organic Farmers towards Participatory Guarantee System in Tigbauan, Iloilo with nineteen (19) participants; the online Institutionalizing Organic Agriculture Program with focus on Participatory Guarantee System in the Provincial and Local Government Units with fifty (50) participants; and the blended implementation of the Training of Trainers on the Installation of Operations Manual for PGS Core Group with fifteen (15) participants.



Five batches of the Capacity Enhancement on the Operations of Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Wastes (CFBW) were also implemented across Region 6 with a total of seventy-two (72) participants.

The target participants included ninety-six (96) AEWs, two hundred five (205) farmers, and four hundred five (405) others.

A total of four thousand one hundred fifty-nine (4,159) IECs on the management of organic crops, procedures on the formulation of CalPhos, and Organic Vegetable Production was distributed.

# RICE



A total of twenty-two (22) initiatives were implemented under the Rice Program. Reaching eight thousand six hundred eighty-three (8, 683) participants, ATI Region 6 provided capacity-building courses through the Training on Modernized Land Preparation and Crop Establishment Using Selected Rice Farm Machineries for Farmers (3 batches) which were implemented in Banga, Aklan, Janiuay, Iloilo and San Jose, Antique with a total of fifty-five (55) participants.

The season-long activities on the Technical Briefing on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Services in Rice Production with Provision of Starter Kits were also carried through with a total of thirteen (13) sessions, and a total of two hundred fifty-nine (259) participants.

For the celebration of the National Rice Awareness Month, the Rice Program launched a seminar entitled “Be RICEpossibly Healthy” at the ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan and this was participated by twenty (20) guests.

Additional training and activities under the program include Training of Trainers on Rice Crop Manager Advisory Service (RCMAS) Rebuild (1 batch) conducted at San Jose, Antique with twenty (20) participants; Rice Crop Manager (RCM) Briefing and Orientation (2 batches) conducted at Lezo, Aklan, and Bugasong, Antique with a total of forty-four (44) participants;

and the Training on Occupational Safety and Health for Farm Machine Operators (1 batch) at the ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan with thirty (30) participants.

The target participants included twenty-three (23) AEWs, three hundred forty-nine (349) farmers, and fifty-seven (57) others.

A total of three thousand two hundred and ninety (3, 290) IECs on Hydroponics, ICT-Based Resources and Tools on Rice and Agriculture, Palay Check System, and IPM were reproduced and distributed for the above-mentioned activities.





# SCHOOL-ON-THE-AIR ON SMART RICE AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGIES (SOA-SRA)



The School-on-the-Air on Smart Rice Agriculture Technologies under the RCEF program was implemented across the different cities and municipalities of all provinces in Western Visayas. Thirty-seven (37) cities and municipalities rendered three thousand, nine hundred sixty-nine, 969 graduates for Iloilo; eleven (11) municipalities rendered one thousand thirty-four (1, 034) graduates for Antique; nine (9) municipalities rendered four hundred four (404) graduates from Aklan; five (5) municipalities rendered two hundred fifty-five (255) for Guimaras; and twenty-five (25) cities and municipalities rendered one thousand, nine hundred (1,900) graduates for Negros Occidental. A total of nine thousand, sixty-one (9, 061) farmers were reached.



The SOA-SRA for Region 6 launched last March 2021 and was implemented in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and PhilRice. The said program aired in partner radio stations: DYRI RMN Iloilo 774 kHz, DYSI Super Radyo Iloilo 1323 kHz, DYKA Antique 801kHz, DYKR RMN Kalibo 1161 kHz, DYVR RMN Roxas 657 kHz, and DYEZ Aksyon Radyo Bacolod 684 kHz.



# RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (RCEF)



A total of twenty-four (24) activities were implemented under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Program. Reaching two thousand seven hundred twenty (2,720) participants, ATI Region 6 provided capacity-building courses on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Deputized and Designated Seed Inspectors (1 batch) via Zoom and at Jaro, Iloilo City with twenty (20) participants; region-wide Training of Trainers on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds and Farm Mechanization (4 batches) which was implemented as a Blended Learning Course and rendered a total of ninety-seven (97) participants.

Further activities include the Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Potential Seed Growers (1 batch) conducted at Kalibo, Aklan with a total of eighteen (18) participants and a Refresher Course on Seed Production and Certification for Inbred Rice Seed Growers was also mounted at Jaro, Iloilo with twenty (20) participants.

Knowledge sharing and learning activities were also conducted through the Technical Briefing on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Services in Rice Production with Provision of Starter Kits (3 batches) in Makato, Altavas, and New Washington, Aklan with a total of sixty (60) participants.

Comprehensive region-wide information caravans and technical briefings were also mounted through the Community-Based Information Caravan on RCEF with a total of two thousand thirty-three (2,033) actual participants.

In addition, the Training on PalayCheck System for the Hugpong Federal Movement of the Philippines was accommodated by the program, participated by twenty-two (22) farmers from Negros Occidental. A cluster meeting was also conducted for the RCEF Learning Site for Agriculture – Farm Schools Owners with consultation and twenty-five (25) participants gathered for this endeavor at ATI Training Hall in Banga, Aklan.

Finally, the four hundred twenty-five (425) Antiqueño farmers participated in the School-on-the-Air on RCEF which was implemented from September 23 – November 26 and aired in DYKA Antique 801 kHz.

The target participants included thirty (30) AEWs, two thousand hundred seventy-eight (2,178) farmers, and five hundred twelve (512) others.

A total of one (1) IEC material was developed and two thousand eight (2,008) were reproduced and distributed during the above-mentioned activities with topics such as the Farmers Contact Center (FCC), the farmer's guide to RCEF and its extension programs, list of TESDA training and RCEF's guide to farmers to achieve the "Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita" vision.



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