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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**“All things are difficult
before they are easy.”**

- Thomas Fuller

This year has been a year of transition and recalibration as ATI Region 6 continues to serve our farmers and fisherfolks across Western Visayas.

Dr. Eden DLR Bautista, ATI Region 6 Center Director, spent the first half of this year ensuring that the center was in its utmost strength before her departure. We will be forever grateful for her leadership and wisdom, and her service will be honored across all our future endeavors as an institute. We are her legacy.

And as part of that legacy, ATI emphasized enduring and recovering from the challenges brought about by the pandemic and emphasized innovation when it comes to agricultural extension strategies beyond the new normal.

With several implementations of nouveau programs like the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and the Provincial Agri-Fishery Extension System (PAFES), and the strengthening of existing efforts across the commodities of rice, corn, livestock, organic agriculture, and high-value crops, ATI carried on with revived spirit to empower and help professionalize farmers and fisherfolks towards food security and regional productivity.



MARY ANN A. RAMOS
Officer-in-Charge



2022 Highlights of Accomplishments

TOTAL TRAINING
AND ACTIVITIES: **230**



TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS: **11,949**



AEWS: **1,878**



OTHERS:
FARMER, RBO, YOUTH, ETC. **10,071**

Total accomplishments by commodity

Regular:
35



Organic
Agriculture:
6



Corn: **11**



Rice:
108

Livestock:
27



CFIDP:
8



RCEF:
13



HVCDP:
3



BPP:
19





REGULAR PROGRAM

For the year 2022, ATI's Regular Program was able to cater 1031 participants from thirty-six (36) different activities. This number consists of 384 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 647 others.

One of the various training programs organized under the to Regular Program is the Extension and Training Management Course (ETMC) for Extension Specialists . This initiative has several phases, spanning from to August. Participating provinces include Aklan, Capiz, and Iloilo. The said training was conducted at the ATI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan.

Another initiative undertaken by ATI under the Regular Program is the conduct of the Refresher Course on Extension and Training Management held last April 18-20, 2022. This activity was also conducted at the ATI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga attended by participants from the entire region.

A workshop on Module and Development was also carried out by ATI Region VI from March 28-31 at Boracay Tropics Resort Hotel, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan. It was attended by the ATI staff, Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and State University and College (SUC) educators and professors.

Also under the Regular Program is the Technical Guidance

Session/Orientation for the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) Strategic Planning Workshop for FY 2023-2028. This activity was conducted online via Zoom on September 26, 2022 and streamed from the ATI Board Room, Banga, Aklan. In addition, ATI RTC VI also carried out the Capability Enhancement on Basic Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) for Local Government Units (LGUs) AFE Stakeholders on December 28-29, 2022. This initiative was done online via Zoom, streamed from the ATI Board Room. The target participants are all from the province of Aklan.

Other activities include the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) Strategic Planning Workshop for FY 2023-2028 that ran from October 3-7, 2022. This activity was conducted at the ATI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan.

Following the effective review and improvement of the Quality Management System and ensuring its alignment with the organization's strategic direction, ATI RTC VI also successfully carried out the FY 2022 1st Semester Management Review cum Performance Review and FY 2022 2nd Semester Management Review Cum Performance Review. The former was conducted on July 14-15, 2022 at Bullo Hillside Integrated Farm, Calizo, Balete, Aklan, while the latter took place on November 28-29, 2022 at ATI Training Hall, Balete, Aklan. Moreover, the Planning Workshop for FY 2023 was also accomplished on October 10-11, 2022 at the ATI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan.

From October 24 to 28, 2022, as part of its Learning and Development initiative, ATI RTC VI led the Learning by Experience: The ATI RTC VI Way in various Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) in the province of Negros Occidental.



Participants coming from provinces from the entire region also took part in the Training on Leadership Skills and Organizational Management, accommodating three (3) batches held on April (batch 1), and May (batch 2 and 3). The first batch was conducted in Eon Centennial Hotel, Iloilo City while the second and third batch were carried out at the ATI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan.

ATI RTC VI was also at the forefront of Client-based and GAD-related training initiatives. The Center organized a Client-based training focusing on Participatory Rural Appraisal for EPHAP Implementing Agencies in Region 6 held on September 28-30, 2022, attended by participants from the entire region. The said activity took place at the 4-H Learning Hub, ATI RTC VI, Banga, Aklan. GAD-related training initiatives regarding Training on Vegetable Gardening cum Gender Role Awareness were also realized for participants from the provinces of Aklan and Iloilo in September 2022. The activity was conducted at the ASU Review Center, Banga, Aklan. Moreover, two training programs focused on Chicken Egg Production Cum Gender Role Awareness (GAD-Related Training & Client-Based Training) were also accomplished in October for participants in Calatrava, Negros Occidental and Pavia, Iloilo. The first one was conducted at Palau Beach Resort, Calatrava, Negros Occidental accommodating participants from the same municipality. The second training program took place at TSKI, Pavia, Iloilo,

accommodating participants from the said municipality, and also from other municipalities from the entire region.

Other activities undertaken by ATI RTC VI under the Regular Program include the 4-H Regional Youth Camp held last August 16-17, 2022 at the ATI Training Hall, Banga with participants coming from the entire Western Visayas; and the Digital Farmers Program (DFP) 102 Training for two (2) batches held in April. The first batch of participants were all from Sapián, Capiz, while the second batch was from Jordan, Guimaras. The training took place in their respective municipalities.

TO produce a coffee table book about LS, ATI RTC VI also arranged a writeshop entitled Learning from the Ground: Writeshop on Knowledge Management of ATI-RTC VI LS Cooperators. The said activity was held at the ATI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan. Also in connection with the upkeep of the Learning Sites was the conduct of the Annual Assessment for Learning Site Cooperators held last November 30, 2022 at TSKI Institute Integrated Farm School, Mali-ao, Pavia, Iloilo.

Lastly, Quarterly Meetings for LS Cooperators were also successfully carried out by ATI RTC VI in April, July, and November. For the year 2022, the quarterly meetings were held in the provinces of Aklan and Iloilo.

The Regular Program developed, produced and distributed a total of 1, 413 Information, Education and Communication materials.





CORN PROGRAM

Eleven (11) initiatives under the Corn Program were successfully implemented during the year. These eleven activities are consistent with the target number set by ATI-RTC VI. The attendees for each of the eleven (11) activities add up to a total of 248 participants. Out of the said number, 186 are Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 62 others.

ATI-Region VI has conducted various training and workshops under its Corn Program. One of which is the Training of Trainers on Cassava Production Technologies. In April, May, and June, ATI was able to conduct this training for three (3) batches. This initiative was able to train participants from the provinces of Aklan, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental.

For July, August, and September, ATI administered a series of Training of Trainers on Corn Production Technologies for three to (3) batches in Aklan and Iloilo. Participants of the said training were from the provinces of Aklan, Iloilo, and Negros

Occidental. Another initiative is the Training of Trainers-Refresher Course on Cassava Production Technologies, catering three (3) batches from the provinces of Aklan, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental. These training sessions were held in their respective provinces.

ATI- Region VI also organized the AgriTalk on Balanced Fertilization Strategy in Corn held last October 7, 2022 at the ATI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan. Participants from the province of Aklan were invited to take part in this initiative. In addition, on September 8-9, 2023, a Corn Consultative, Assessment & Planning Workshop was also conducted by ATI RTC VI in the province of Aklan.

The Corn Program developed, produced and distributed a total of 5, 000 Information, Education and Communication materials.





BINHI NG PAG-ASA PROGRAM

The Binhi ng Pag-asa Program was successfully implemented by ATI RTC VI across the province of Aklan accommodating a total of 485 youth participants. A total of nineteen (19) initiatives were implemented for the year 2022.

Provincial Training and City and Municipality Training initiatives were carried out under the Binhi ng Pag-asa Program. For the provincial training, ATI has conducted the Skills Training on Leadership and Agriculture Technologies for Young Farmers of Iloilo in July and August 2022. ATI RTC VI was able to conduct this training for two (2) batches.

On the other hand, the Skills Training on Leadership and Agriculture Technologies for Young Farmers of Iloilo during the year, spanning from of August to October 2023 part of its city and municipality training initiative. ATI RTC VI was able to carry out this training for seventeen (17) batches of participants.



HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Under ATI's High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), a total of eleven (11) initiatives were accomplished, accommodating a total of 310 participants. The said number consists of 90 (ninety) Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 220 others.

A Season-Long Training of Trainers in Integrated Crops Management in Vegetable Production spanning from March to August was carried out by ATI-RTC VI in Negros Occidental. Also part of the HVCDP is the Training of Trainers on Coffee Production and Processing held on November 22-25, 2022 in the province of Aklan. Participants from Aklan and Iloilo were upskilled in coffee production and processing through this initiative.





ATI Region VI also organized another AgriTalk entitled Forum on New and Alternative High-Value Crops (AgriTalk 2022: Climate Change Mitigation through Vanilla and Adlai Production) on July 25, 2022. The AgriTalk was held in Kalibo, and was also streamed live online via official social media accounts.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, ATI Region VI has also spearheaded capacity building and provision of starter kits for the Nursery Establishment for 2 batches from Aklan and Capiz. This was conducted last September 2022.

The HVCDP produced one Success Story entitled, OBOGA: Beneath the Layers.





NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

For the year 2022, a total of twenty-seven (27) activities have been implemented under the National Livestock Program. During the said year, ATI RTC VI was able to cater to 507 participants. These participants include 336 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 171 others.

One of the various initiatives undertaken by ATI RTC VI for the National Livestock Program is the Refresher Course on Livestock Management and Practices for two (2) batches in Aklan and Iloilo. The first batch was conducted on February 22-24, while the second batch was held on August 17-19. Participants from the provinces of Aklan, Capiz, and Iloilo were able to take part in this initiative.

ATI RTC VI also organized a Bantay ASF sa Barangay Biosecurity and Surveillance Lecture for four (4) batches during March and April. Participants from the provinces of Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo, and Antique were able to join the said activity.





Another initiative carried out by ATI RTC VI was the BABay ASF: Training on Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS) (4 batches) held in March and July, accommodating participants from the provinces of Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental.

In addition, a Training for Data Encoders (Philaimis) was organized by ATI RTC VI in April, and attended by participants from the entire Western Visayas. The training was conducted in two (2) batches held in the provinces of Antique and Aklan.

ATI RTC VI has also conducted the BABay ASF: Training on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers in March. The participants for this undertaking came from the entire region.

Furthermore, another training entitled Walang Aray sa AI: Swine Artificial Insemination Training was conducted in August at the ATI Training Hall, accommodating participants from different provinces in the entire Western Visayas.

Other training and programs under the National Livestock Program include Feednovation: A Showcase of Alternative Feedstuff held in September at the ATI Training Hall with participants from the whole region. ATI RTC VI also conducted the Training on Animal Health Care and Management held in September 2022 in the province of Antique.



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM





ATI's Organic Agriculture Program was able to reach 641 participants for its six (6) initiatives. The said number consists of 47 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and 594 others.

The School-on-the-Air on Waste Management focused on Organic Fertilizer Production through Vermicomposting was launched by ATI RTC VI. This aired in April- July 2022 through ATI RTC VI's partner radio station, RMN DYKR Kalibo.

Furthermore, a Training of Trainers on the Installation of Operations Manual for PGS Core Group and AEWs for two (2) batches was carried out by ATI RTC VI for two (2) batches with participants from the provinces of Aklan and Negros Occidental in May.

ATI RTC VI also organized the Training of OA Production Technologies (Hands On Training on Organic Vegetable and Fertilizer Production) for its target participants from the province of Aklan. The activity was conducted in September 2022 in Malinao, Aklan.

Other training and programs under the Organic Agriculture Program during the year 2022 include the Hands-on Training on Natural Farming System on Swine And Vegetable Production held in July at San Jose, Antique.

In addition, the Organic Agriculture Program Information Caravan was also successfully carried out by ATI RTC VI for participants from the province of Antique. The information caravan was conducted in November at the ATI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan.

The Organic Agriculture Program produced one Success Story entitled, GOING BACK TO THE BASICS: The Fatima Ebanen Success Story.





Under ATI's Rice Program, a total of one hundred eight (108) initiatives have been implemented for the year 2022. Listing a notable increase in the number of activities this year, the Rice Program was able to cater to 7958 participants. The said number consists of 764 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 7194 others.

Various training programs and courses under the Rice Program were successfully conducted by ATI RTC VI during the year. One of which is the conduct of the Refresher Course on Updated PalayCheck System and ICT Services in Rice Production for Municipal Rice Coordinators during August, September, and October. From August 22 to 26, the Refresher Course for the provinces of Aklan and Capiz was carried out at Bee Bee Lodge, Old Buswang, Kalibo, Aklan. For participants from the provinces of Iloilo and Guimaras, the Refresher Course was held on September 19-23 at WVSU PTEMPC, Pototan, Iloilo. Additionally, participants from the provinces of Antique and Iloilo also took part in this course conducted by ATI RTC VI at Bee Bee Lodge, Old Buswang Kalibo, Aklan last September 26-30, 2022.

In October 2022, ATI RTC VI also implemented a Refresher Course for Local Farmer Technicians (LFTs). The course was specifically designed to address Modernized Harvest and Post-Harvest Management. This initiative was conducted at the ATI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan on October 12-14, catering to participants from the province of Negros Occidental.

Also under the Rice Program was the conduct of the Digital Farmers Program 101 and 102 Training of Trainers. This initiative was able to accommodate two (2) batches. The first batch was conducted from September 14-16 at Bee Bee Lodge, Old Buswang, Kalibo, while the second one was conducted from September 21-23 at the ASU Conference Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan.

Furthermore, the Center has also organized the Training of Trainers on Rice Crop Manager Advisory Service v.4.0. During March and May, two (2) batches of participants were able to attend the said activity. The first batch was conducted on March 14-17, 2022 at the ASU Conference Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan, while the second batch took place on May 17-19 at MO2 Westtown Hotel, Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

A series of Rice Crop Manager (RCM) Briefings were also successfully implemented during the year. The Rice Crop Manager Briefing and Orientation activities were conducted in March and April. Participants from the municipality of Sapián in Capiz took part in the RCM Briefing on April 6, 2022 at Brgy. Poblacion, Sapián, Capiz. On the other hand, another RCM Briefing took place on April 18, 2022 at the Social Hall, Poblacion, Dao, Capiz.

The Center also organized another RCM Briefing to reach participants from the municipality of Malinao in the province of Aklan. The said activity was conducted on March 22, 2022 at Brgy. Malandayon, Malinao, Aklan. Another RCM Briefing was conducted on March 24, 2022 for participants in Hamtic, Antique. The said activity was carried out on March 24, 2022.

ATI RTC VI also participated in the celebration of the National Rice Awareness Month on November 3, 2022 at the ATI RTC VI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan. In addition, the Center has also led the 2022 Rice Program Consultation and Planning Workshop on March 16-17 at the ATI RTC VI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan.

During the year, the Center was also able to carry through the Operational Planning Workshop for Improved Productivity and Service Quality for FY 2022 on February 16-24 at the ATI RTC VI Training Hall, Banga, Aklan. This activity is a capacity building initiative for ATI staff.

The School-on-the-Air on Smart Rice Agriculture (SOA-SRA) under the Rice Program was implemented across the different cities and municipalities of all the provinces in Region 6. Over 6,000 participants were reached through this initiative.

A string of Initial Engagements and Orientations on the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) were also conducted across August and September. The Coordination Meeting with the DA- RFO 6 PAFES Team was conducted online via Zoom on August 5, while all other 4 batches of the Initial Engagement and Briefing of the PLGU were carried out in September.

Also under the Rice Program was the conduct of the PAFES ManCom Meetings for Aklan and Antique. The meeting for Aklan

was implemented on October 14, while the one for Antique was conducted online on October 25. The Initial Engagement and Orientation on Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) took place on October 25.

The Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Establishment of the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System in the Province of Antique was conducted on December 27, 2022.

Activities under the Rice Program also include the series of Institutionalization of PAFES in the provinces of Capiz and Antique. This initiative was able to cater the three (3) batches of participants for Antique throughout the month of October, and four (4) batches for Capiz during November.

Other activities under this program also include the conduct of the Organization and Management Set-up for the PAFES / Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center for Guimaras per commodity from November 10-15, 2022.

The Firming Up of Agriculture and Fisheries (A&F) Development Plan of the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) was also carried out through the Rice Program on September 23, 2022 at Casa Real, Capitol Grounds, Iloilo City. For the province of Capiz, the Firming up of Agriculture and Fisheries Development Plan for three (3) commodities was carried out on December 7, 9, and 12 at the Gerry Roxas Foundation Training and Convention Center.

In addition to the said activities, the Mapping out of Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program (CPAFEP) (CPAFEP Planning Workshop) in the provinces of Antique and Capiz was also implemented during the year. The planning workshops for the province of Antique were done in four (4) batches. The four (4) batches of participants attended the said activities on December 1, 2, 6, and 7 respectively at Parvana Inn, Sibalom, Antique. On the other hand, the planning workshop for the province of Capiz was conducted on November 28-29 at Gerry Roxas Foundation Training and Convention Center.

ATI RTC VI has also led a Training on Resource Person Development Course from August 15-19, 2022 at 4-H Club Hub, ATI-RTC VI, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan, and a Training on Farm Business Management conducted on September 5-9, 2022 also at the 4-H Club Hub, ATI-RTC VI, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan.

Moreover, the Rice Program has also enabled ATI RTC VI to spearhead the Digital Farmers Program Training of Trainers for FITS and MS conducted from October 19 to 21, 2022 at the Ati-atihan Festival Hotel, Kalibo, Aklan.

More training activities under this program consist of Training on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Business Continuity Plan and Training Workshop on Business Plan Preparation conducted on September 26-30, and October 17-21 respectively at the ATI RTC Training Hall, Banga, Aklan. In addition to the said activities, the Training of Trainers on Institutional Development of SWISA was also conducted by ATI RTC VI through the Rice Program on March 21-25 in Miag-ao, Iloilo. ATI-CO and BSWM served as the lead facilitators for this initiative.

Finally, the DA-F2C2 Visayas Cluster Summit 2022 with the theme: "F2C2: A Strategy for Sustained Rural Development" was carried out by ATI RTC from September 5-9 at the ATI RTC VI Training Hall, ASU Compound, Banga, Aklan.

The Rice Program developed, produced and distributed a total of 11, 351 Information, Education and Communication materials.



RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (RCEF)



For the year 2022, the RCEF program of ATI RTC VI was able to reach 379 participants. The said number consists of forty-five (45) Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), and 334 others. During the year, the Center was able to implement thirteen (13) activities.

Various training programs and courses were successfully conducted by ATI RTC VI during the year. One of which was the conduct of the Training Course on Inbred Rice Production and Certification for Seed Growers in April. Participants of the said training were from all provinces across the region. This activity was held in Iloilo City.

Another Training of Trainers on Production of High Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization was organized by ATI RTC VI for participants from the provinces of Aklan, Iloilo, Antique, and Capiz. This initiative was able to train five (5) batches, and was held in Aklan, Iloilo, and Antique from the months of

March to September.

Also under the RCEF Program of ATI RTC VI was the conduct of the Training Course on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Deputized and Designated Seed Inspectors in June 2022 in the province of Iloilo, catering to participants from the entire Western Visayas. ATI RTC VI also launched a Digital Agriculture Course in June in the province of Iloilo in June, with target participants from the same province.

Finally, across a period of five (5) months (June-October), the RCEF Information Caravans for the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental were rolled out.

The RCEF developed, produced and distributed a total of 4, 007 Information, Education and Communication materials.












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