



Agricultural Training Institute Region VII

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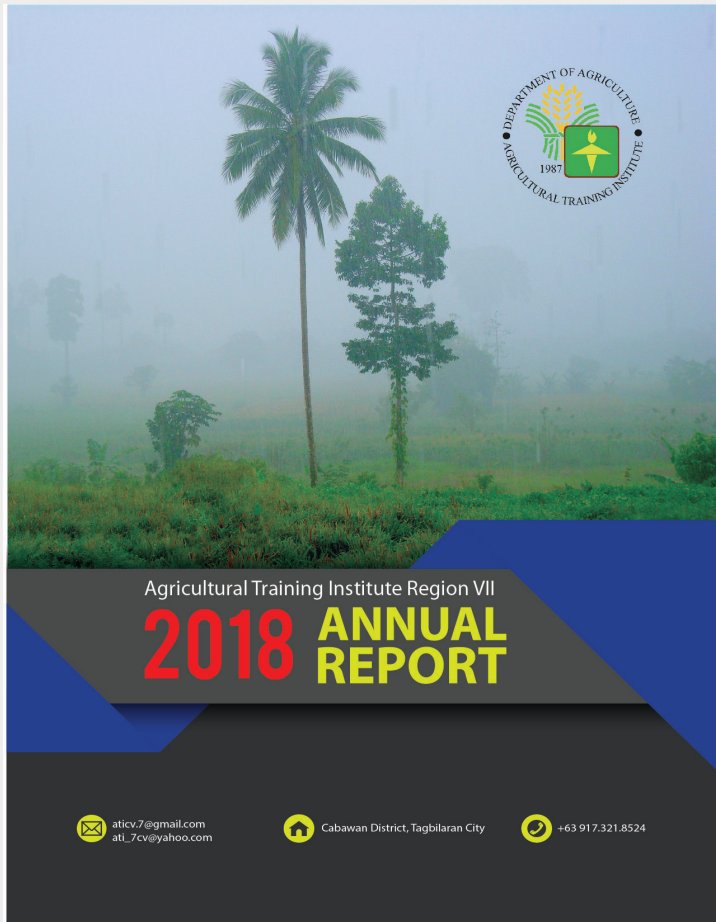
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ABOUT THE COVER

(n): Resiliency

the capacity to recover from difficulties

2018 has been a challenging year for ATI-7. Despite the deliverables, the center maintains the quality service towards our clientele. (Road to ISO 9001:2015)

Para sa Bayan.

Instilling the spirit of resiliency, we keep raising the bar and motivated even more.



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MESSAGE

from the ATI Center Director



CY 2018 was “business as usual”.

Guided by ATI Six (6) Thematic Programs and our core values, namely **Customer Focus** “*We Give the Best*”, **Commitment** “*We Serve with Passion*”, **Innovations & Excellence** “*We Keep Raising the Bar*”, and **Resource Stewardship** “*We work with Integrity and Teamwork*”.

Being a unique region covering all island provinces – Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental and Siquijor. Our staff travelled the seaways, highways, coastal and upland barangays to deliver our commitment to our clientele - *farmers, fishers, coop members and officers, rural based organizations, extension workers and service providers and other would be entrepreneurs.*

They are the reasons for our service. Again our great appreciation to our partners-academe, State Universities & Colleges (SUCs), government and private agencies and local government units to make our targets a **REALITY**.

CAROLYN MAY O. DAQUIO, Ph.D



The Six (6) Thematic Programs

The ATI in Central Visayas had achieved our Agriculture and Fishery Extension training and other services in 2018 thru the 42 staff complement together with the strong collaborations among partners.

These achievements were defined according to its thematic platforms/ programs.

THEMATIC 1

Enhancing Access to Agriculture Fishery Extension Knowledge Products and Services



e-Extension Program

The Agricultural Training Institute in Central Visayas was consistently awarded by the Information Services Division in Central Office as **MILESTONE AWARDEE** for the e-learning Course on Urban Gardening with the Highest Number of Enrollees and Graduates.

The center had other two (2) online courses developed, the **Yummy Yam: Online Course on Ubi Production** and **Mokusaku: Wood Vinegar Production** which also made waves in the e-learning community.

This year, 16 e-extension briefings were conducted in the region to 266 clients composed of agricultural extension workers, immersion students and walk-in clients.

Assisted 25 online learners regarding retrieval of username and passwords.

Information Campaign and Dissemination

The center produced and uploaded 47 articles to the center's website and to its official Facebook page.

Developed 4 Success Stories in print of Rice Farmer, Froilan Bersano; Extension Service Provider, the Saint Peter Academy of Alegria Foundation, Inc. (SPAIFI); Organic Farmer Advocate, Jessie Ogahayon and Vermicomposting Farmer, Ritchie Neil Anghag.

There are 16 press releases in local media both print and online and produced 1 blog entry to the center's Side Notes Blog.

Subscribed 2 print medium, Agriculture Magazine of the Manila Bulletin Publishing and the local tabloid in Bohol, The Bohol Chronicle.

Conducted and participated in 4 Agri fairs and exhibits in the region, such as: Ubi Festival; Sandugo; First Livestock Expo and 15th National Organic Agriculture Congress (NOAC).

Promotion of various media through print advertisement and radio guesting with live casting over FB.

Knowledge Products Development/ Dissemination



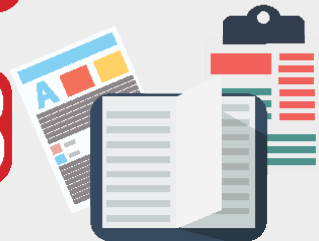
Four (4) Quarter Issues of KAUGMARAN, the center's official publication was developed, produced and disseminated.

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

Printed and reproduced

6,260 copies of various IEC materials and distributed

5,618 copies.



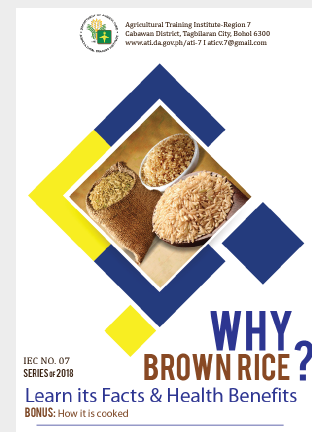
ATI-7 Advocacy Materials

Four (4) Advocacy materials developed: Key Chain, Eco Bag and two (2) types of fan – board and foldable



Developed IEC Materials

Developed 5 brochures (Paghimo sa Vermi Composting; Why Brown Rice? Learn its Facts and Health Benefits; 4H Briefer; Adjusted ATI7 Briefer and Giya sa Pagpamuhi og Kanding)



24

Farmers Information Technology Services (FITS)

FITS Centers enhanced with complete set of ICT equipment

12

Magsasaka Siyentista (MS)

MS project proposal for farm enhancement has been approved for funding

207

Library Services

The functional library of ATI-7 served 207 clients composed of its personnel, Agricultural Extension Workers and walk-in clients from schools and other agencies. Hired librarian for the Library Cataloguing- Dewey decimal classification

236

Farm Business Advisory Services

Clients served.

7,766

RCM

RCM recommendations generated by RCM-enhanced FITS Centers in Central Visayas from January 2018 to October 2018

Rice Crop Manager (RCM)

Attended the RCM Advisory Services Training of Trainers Batch 2 conducted by International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) . Four (4) RCM Briefings conducted to 216 farmers.

Featured in DYAR 765 Sunshine Radio:

KAPARTNER NG BAYAN Hosted by: Jimrey Biosa with Partner's from Agricultural Training Institute Region 7 - Mr. Jun Oliver, Farmcaster/Information Officer II



409 Views

Dyar 765 Sonshine Radio - Cebu was live.
July 19, 2018

KAPARTNER NG BAYAN Hosted by: Jimrey Biosa with Partner's from Agricultural Training Institute Region 7 - Mr. Jun Oliver, Farmcaster/Information Officer II
#kapartnerngbayan #ati7 #dyar76cebu #sonshineradio #smnineews

School-on-the-Air

Three (3) SOA conducted in Bohol, Siquijor and Negros Oriental (Eskwelahan sa Hayopan and on Corn Production/Magazine Type which cut across all commodities such as Rice, HVCDP, Livestock and Organic).

A total of 2,160 composed of farmers (1,510), AEWs (610) and other stakeholders (40) participated the activity.



THEMATIC 2

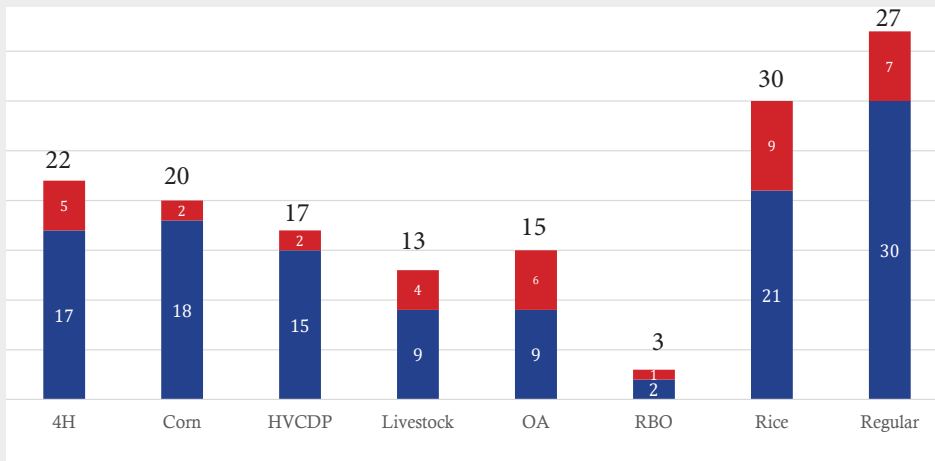
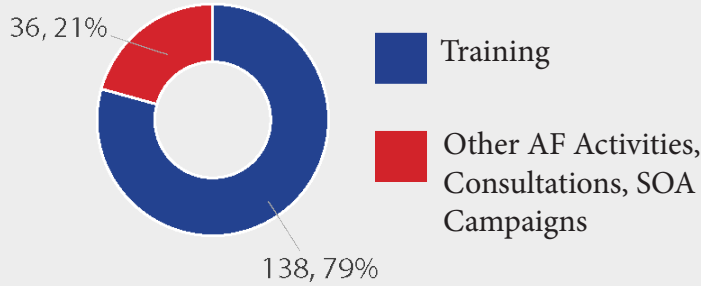
Strengthening Competitiveness and capacities of the Agriculture and Fishery Sector



ATI-7 has successfully accomplished **90%** of its target. A total of **138 trainings** and **36** other AF activities conducted serving **7, 910 stakeholders** composed of farmers, AEWs, LGUs/NGAs/ NGOs, RBOs (4-H, P4MP, MS, RIC,VLAP), SUCs, Youth, others (PWDs, Senior Citizens).

*17 on going training until January 2019;
8 FFS (HVCDP), 1 SLTOT, 1 Agridoc, 4 CSFBS, 3FBS

TRAININGS & OTHER AF ACTIVITIES

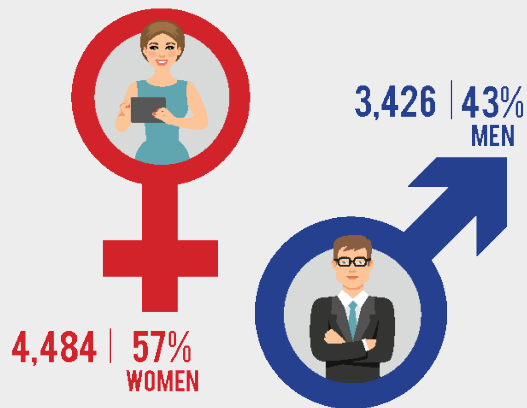


Highest number (30) of trainings and other AF Activities conducted were under the Rice Program followed by the Regular (27) and 4-H Youth (22) respectively.

Aside from trainings, the different types of activities conducted by the center include briefings or orientations, congress, Campaigns, Farm Business School, review and planning workshops, among many others.

PARTICIPANTS TRAINED

7,910



“ A Peso a Day is Ok: A Financial Literacy Training” 366 small farmers, fishers undergo financial literacy



In support to the easy access on financing programs of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center VII (ATI 7) in collaboration with Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) conducted “ A Peso a Day is Ok: A Financial Literacy Training” to the provinces of Bohol and Negros Oriental.

The training was jointly launched with the “TIENDA” program last August 16-17, 2018 in Tagbilaran City, this province which was attended by DA Sec. Emmanuel Piñol, some executives and representatives from different offices both private and government.

Sec. Piñol in his message reiterated that our small farmers and fishers (SFFs) need financial literacy training because the situation now is very different from the

past. He said that SFFs should think farming is a business that needs to earn profits not just a source of food for consumption. Now that DA is widely promoting the Production Loan Easy Access (PLEA) program, he thought that the SFF should undergo the training to learn the right way of managing their finances to help them and their businesses grow respectively.

Meanwhile, in Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Bohol, a series of six (6) batches was conducted from August 16-September 21, 2018 which was attended by 211. Likewise, in Negros Oriental, three (3) batches were done in the city/municipalities of Valencia (August 23-24), Bais City (August 28-29) and Mabinay (August 30-31) which trained a total of 125 SFFs.

Extension Initiatives Focused on Marginalized Groups

Touching the Lives of our Rural Women through Gender-Based Training

March 6-8, 2018 at Sta. Catalina, Sagbayan, Bohol



The activity was aimed at soliciting active participation of our rural women in value-adding business and marketing activities. Substantial inputs, productive workshops, and experiential sharing were included in the activity with Ms. Estrella T. Espinosa, GAD Advocate, and Ms. Ma. Teresa A. Bernido, from OPA-Bohol as the resource persons.

Sta. Catalina Women's Association Kaunlaran (SWAK) of Sagbayan, Bohol sent 30 of its members to attend the training with two participants from the Municipal Agriculturist's Office. The participants have crafted the action plan for their organization and business as their output. Having their plans made implies that the training has a positive impact on their lives as rural women. *"Dako kaayo akong pasalamat nga nakaapil ko ani nga seminar kay nakat-on ko nga mangandoy ugdako. Nasuta nako nga aduna pa sad diay koy bili sulod sa among panimalay,"* participant Marjoree Gutierrez said during her impression.

The SWAK also received after training support from ATI-RTC 7 specifically cooking supplies and materials as their start-up livelihood kit for their turmeric processing.

4-H Garden in the School: A Supplemental Intervention to the School-based Gulayan sa Paaralan Program of the DepEd

Promote food security in Schools and Communities through self-help food production activities and values among learners and appreciation of agriculture as a life support system.

Kung Preggy si Mommy: A Pregnant Women Congress with Emphasis on Early Child Care

March 21-23, 2018 at Corella, Bohol



Enhancing Capabilities of Persons with Disabilities

April 17-19, 2018 at Larena, Siquijor



Glamourizing Farming thru Urban Youth

Successfully conducted 10 batches of glamourizing farming through urban agriculture in Metro Cebu with a total of 308 participants or 99% of its target (310).



4-H Sensing Journey to IP Community



to the community. Providing 4-H Youth an interactive exchange of experiences, insights & lessons on cultural sensitivity.

During the focus group discussion (FGD), participants together with Chieftain Rostom Bornea, some Tribal Elders, Youth leaders and members were able to identify the needs of the community.

Eleven 4-H Youth Regional Officers and 4-H Coordinator successfully completed the five-day Sensing Journey to IP Community in Canggehob, Mabinay, Negros Oriental on September 4-6, 2018.

The activity aimed to increase the level of awareness of the youth to the tradition and culture of IP community for a better involvement and services

Identified needs for agricultural services includes; Training on Local Feed Formulation; Provision of farm tools (eg.sprinkler, seedling tray, shovel, etc), vegetable seeds & fruit seedlings for the 4-H Communal Garden

THEMATIC 3

Expanding Partnership in Advancing Excellence in Extension Delivery



Representatives from the 3 Learning Sites are flanked with ATI-7 personnel and guests from partner agencies in the awarding of Certificates during the 15th NOAC last November 13-15, 2018 at Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City

The 3 LS awardees were the Charis Health & Wellness Garden, Basak, Lapu - Lapu City; Armson Polytechnic Institute, Bagacay, Barili, and the First Consolidated Cooperative Along Tanon Seaboard (FCCT) Integrated Demo Farm of Tuburan town.

Alturas Group of Companies – Corporate Social Responsibility

ATI's technical assistance-Plant a Million Trees Project (next 5 years 2018-2022) with 12,000 employees.

-Monthly Free Seminar venue (ICM Activity Center)

Other partner Universities include;

USC (University of San Carlos)
HNU (Holy Name University)
CNU (Cebu Normal University)
CVAARDEC (Central Visayas Agriculture, Aquatic and Research, Resources Development Consortium)

RAFI (Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc.)

ATI-7 Conducted 4-H Youth Encampment for Cebu Province in partnership with RAFI KAC, Balamban



ATI-7 Sponsors 1st Livestock Expo

October 9, 2018 at Bohol Cultural Center, this City.



With the theme, “Masaganang Paghahayupan sa Teknolohiyang Maaasahan”, the expo was conducted alongside two other events: the 4th National Carabao Conference and the 4th Bohol Milk festival. It was an opportunity to share and impart new and modern



technologies which purvey effective ways of enhancing livestock production, creating linkages, and generating job opportunities.

Senator Cynthia Villar graced the event. In her speech, the Senator praised Bohol for its initiatives in livestock and calling the island a dairy capital of the Philippines. She cited the example of her experience on rural women in Ubay, Bohol milking carabao’s and sold the milk in the rural womens’ cooperative operating under the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) known as Dairy Box that process and distribute to local stores, malls and some tourist spots in the province. Such initiatives should be a model to be followed by every town in the Philippines, she said.

Participated the event were the Local Government Units - Barangay Livestock Aides in the Province of Bohol, selected Students and Teachers from the National Highschool of Manga, San Isidro and Dr. Cecilio Putong, and livestock producer/farmers and LGU representatives coming from the different regions.

DepEd Tagbilaran awards ATI-7 as active partner agency



Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio, ATI-7 Center Director received a certificate from DepEd Tagbilaran City as an active partner-agency in ensuring food sufficiency and security in the Province of Bohol. The said award was given during the 15th Founding Anniversary of DepEd Tagbilaran City Division on March 15, 2018 at Bohol Cultural Center, Tagbilaran City.

18th Ubi Festival in Bohol



In its 18th year, ATI is still very supportive in bringing in their services to the people and the community in general, thus, they had participated the three-day Ubi Festival last February 20-22, 2018 at the Plaza Rizal, Tagbilaran City with this year's theme: "Ubi, Hamiling Lagutmon Ikapasigarbo sa mga Turista sa Tanang Panahon" through setting-up a booth where they distributed various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials among clients, onlookers and passersby alike and at the same time provided farm business advisories.

Sandugo Agri Fair 2018



Walk-in clients grab IEC materials at ATI-7's booth during the Sandugo AgriFair 2018 at Bohol APC Grounds, Tagbilaran City last July 17-21, 2018

Participated various consultations, workshops and meetings with partner-stakeholders

PAA Meeting – January 6, 2018 at Cebu City
Regional Agriculture Agencies pushes the realization of the CPD accredited agencies. As the training arm in agriculture ATI were always called to attend such activity. To represent the center was Jun Alguin Oliver.

DA Secretary Emmanuel Piñol's visit
PCC Ubay Stock Farm, Ubay, Bohol
January 26, 2018

DA Secretary Emmanuel Piñol's visited Ubay, Bohol for a day which was also the towns' fiesta celebration. His visit was an ocular of Ubay Stock Farm and dialogue with dairy farmers/stakeholders on the proposed expansion of Dairy Development Initiatives in Bohol province. The DA secretary also took time for a meeting with all the DA family in the region including ATI-7.

Regional Management Council Meeting
January 23, 2018 at Cebu Business Hotel
ATI-7 Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquio attended this activity that was called by the DA Regional Executive Director. The meeting tackled to parallel all agriculture activities in the region and strategies for 2018 targets. Issues and concerns were also pointed out for solution.

Project Development and Management
Workshop - June 18, 2018
at Northwinds Hotel, Cebu City
Merrian Piquero Soliva, MPS II, resource speaker, ATI-RTC 7. This activity was initiated by Department of Agriculture-Special Area for Agricultural Development (DA-SAAD).

DOLE Migrants Workers Day 2018 Info Caravan
June 8, 2018 at SM, Cebu City
Attended by Jun Alguin B. Oliver, Info II. This activity focused on the information-sharing with the different member national agencies in Region 7. ATI-7 representative Jun Oliver discussed on the center's activities particularly on the Organic Farming which can be done in the urban areas through organic containerized gardening technology. Seeds were also given to the members of the group.

DOLE-NRCO-7, ATI-7 conducts Byaheng Agripreneur



The participants of the Byaheng Agripreneur with (L-R standing) ATI-7 Information Officer II, Doris Isabel J. Racho; Regional NRCO 7 Coordinator, Mr. Dexter Paro and ATI7 Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio during the Byaheng Agripreneur last November 7-8, 2018

Participation to the 6th National Congress & 2018 Philippine Agriculturists' Summit July 22-26, 2018 at Waterfront Hotel, Cebu



Dr. Carolyn May Daquio as one of the elected officers of PAA Central Visayas with DA Secretary Manny Piñol.

BISU Core Group Meeting- July 5, 2018

Panda Tea Garden Suites, Tagbilaran City.

The Provincial Agriculturist lead by Dr. Larry M. Pamugas chaired the conduct of the activity. Attendees were Head of Office and Representatives in every agency like DENR, TESDA, BISU Campus Directors, Agricultural Promotion Center, Phil. Carabao Center and others. It was highlighted the support to BISU the promotion of the Center of Excellence, BISU must pass the requirement of being level 3 accredited by AACUP of the programs being applied.

Training-Workshop on Reintegration Counselling sponsored by OWWA, National Reintegration Center for OFWs - NRCO and IOM - November 15-16, 2018 at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino, Lahug, Cebu City

Farmers' Day 2018 with the theme: "Agri-Turismo: Taytayan sa Kalambuan Mo" November 14-16, 2018 Plaza Sugbu, Cebu City Hall

THEMATIC 4

Scaling-Up AFE Innovations



List of ATI-7 certified Learning Sites for 2018

LS-2018-02-018

Valid until: February 28, 2023

LAMAC MULTI PURPOSE INTEGRATED FARM SCHOOL AND INTEGRATED ORGANIC FARM

Lamac Pinamungahan, Cebu

Cooperator: Ma. Elena Limoco

LS-2018-03-019

Valid until: March 5, 2023

EGAY'S FARM INTEGRATED ORGANIC FARM

Bingag, Daus, Bohol

Cooperator: Marilou M. Escalona

LS-2018-07-067

Valid until: July 12, 2023

ACTION FOR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION AND WELLNESS CENTER INTEGRATED DIVERSIFIED FARM

Bongdo, Borbon, Cebu

Cooperator: Silvino B. Maranga

LS-2018-09-109

Valid until: Sept. 4, 2023

CHARIS WELLNESS GARDEN INTEGRATED DIVERSIFIED ORGANIC FARM

108 Venus Drive, Basak, Lapulapu City,

Cooperator: Cebu Maria Norisa A. Kho

LS-2018-09-110

Valid until: Sept. 4, 2023

ARMSON POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE INC. INTEGRATED DIVERSIFIED FARM

Bagakay, Barili, Cebu

Cooperator: Armi L. Garcia

LS-2018-09-146

Valid until: Sept. 4, 2023

FCCT INTEGRATED ORGANIC DEMO FARM

Pob. Brgy. 06, Tuburan, Cebu

Cooperator: Clavil P. Avis

LS-2018-10-183

Valid until: Oct. 31, 2023

DAO FARMVILLE INTEGRATED DIVERSIFIED FARM

Dao Elem. School, Tagb. City

Cooperator: Concepcion I. Gallentes

LS-2018-11-191

Valid until: Nov. 20, 2023

RESERVA'S BALUT DUCK FARM

Cahayag, Tubigon, Bohol

Cooperator: Jaime Reserva

LS-2018-11-192

Valid until: Nov. 20, 2023

BUSAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INTEGRATED DIVERSIFIED FARM

Busao, Maribojoc, Bohol

Cooperator: Editha A. Bala

THEMATIC 5

Strengthening Agriculture Fishery Extension Stakeholder's Capacity in Climate Change Adaptation and Readiness



CRA Expansion Site

The CRA Expansion Site was identified based on the vulnerability map of region 7 which in turn guided on the interventions to the beneficiaries.

The expansion site for CRA is at Buacao, Clarin and Macaas, Tubigon in Bohol province respectively.

The identified intervention for these expansion sites is Organic Swine Production.

Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA)

The Project of the Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) livelihood Pilot 1 in Tultogan, Calape, Bohol culminated with a Community-Based Participatory Value Chain Analysis: Planning of Market-Oriented CRA Project Enterprises where beneficiaries come up with a value chain mapping which outputs include value chain maps and action plan. The learnings include roll-over funds of the beneficiaries will be deposited to the bank account of Tultogan Organic Practitioners Association (TOPA) and the inputs for feed formulation of the second cycle of the swine raisers will be procured.

CRA's Pilot 1 Lesson's Learned are as follows:

- 1) Climate Risk Reduction Network (CRRN) revised the tool with local terminologies and provided additional inputs on Climate Resilient Technology Adaptation for Fisheries;
- 2) Training on Social Preparation/Capability Enhancement is a must to farmer-beneficiaries prior to technology trainings;
- 3) A temporary facility for the equipment and inputs should be provided while the barangay local government unit project is still in the process of defending/discussing it to the barangay council; and
- 4) The Local Government Unit will proceed procuring the fishing materials based on the budget allocation while other paraphernalias will be solicited to other agencies such that of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and others.

Climate Smart Farm Business School (CSFBS)

The region conducted 1 Training of Trainers for Climate Smart Farm Business School with 30 participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers.

Five (5) Season-Long on CSFBS conducted with 150 farmer/participants.

Ocean Month

The center joined the Bohol Coastal Resource Management Task Force Motorcade and Kick-off Program with Rural-based Organization members i.e. Rural Improvement Club, 4-H and P4MP (Farmers)

International Coastal Clean-up

Joined the annual celebration of International Coastal Clean Up with 15 employees of ATI-7 participating.

THEMATIC 6

Improving Enabling Environment and Quality Governance



Road to ISO Certification

One of the nine (9) remaining centers to be ISO Certified, the center conducted Management Review and Readiness Orientation and Workshop.

Special Audit was conducted by TUV-SUD Auditors for ISO Certification with 6 Minor Non Conformities (MiN) and 6 Opportunities for Improvement (OFI) findings.



ATI-7 in its quest to serve with excellence in agriculture, fishery and extension and to harmonize all activities, Mid-Year and Annual Strategic Planning were conducted in the center.



Construction of 4-H Hub

In order to cater all the training and skills need of the 4-Hers, ATI-7 constructed a Hub intended for such purpose in the amount pegged at 4M Pesos.

Fire and Earthquake Drills

Two (2) activities intended for fire drill to orient personnel about the do's and don'ts during the event of fire and the proper execution of fire equipment, evacuation, rescue and other safety protocols which was given by the Bureau of Fire Protection-Tagbilaran City.



Earthquake drill and first aid orientation and exercise was also conducted by the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRM)-Tagbilaran City where basic bandaging and life support.



Evaluation Studies

Assessment of ATI Learning Site Towards Agri-tourism Development in Central Visayas

The assessment would like to find out how effective these learning sites have been and its social implications in terms of involvement of stakeholders and beneficiaries or the trainees. It would also like to find out the economic implications and the contributions of these learning sites.

General Objective:

This study is to assess the implications of the establishment of ATI learning sites for the period 2012-2016.

Specific Objectives:

More specifically it would like to find out the following:

1. how effective the learning sites as extension service and the level of effectiveness
2. status of the learning sites
3. social implication of the implementation of the learning sites

Conclusion

With the data gathered through this assessment, it can be concluded that the implementation of the learning sites is an effective extension service of the ATI. This assessment is a good tool to find out the status of the learning sites and can greatly help identifying mechanisms and strategies to further improve the extension service to make it more empowering on the part of the cooperators and on a bigger picture an extensive promotion of organic farming. The conduct of this assessment though will need so much improvement

The evaluation study was awarded second best paper during the Central Visayas Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resource Research and Development Consortium (CVARRDEC), a National Research and Development Symposium on November 20-21, 2018 at Bohol Island State University – Main Campus, Tagbilaran City.

Result Evaluation Study of Adopt-a-School Program

This study generally would like to find out how the Adopt a Farm Youth/4-H Training program, through the capability building component has contributed to the development of the OSY 4-Hers.

The study aims to:

1. determine the socio-demographic and economic characteristics of the OSY 4-Hers
2. assess their present status after their participation to the training program in terms of entrepreneurial, social and technical skills
3. identify the factors that hinder or facilitate their success in applying what they have learned in the said training and in engaging farming as their enterprise
4. determine the relationship between the KASH acquired through the AFY training and present status of the OSY
5. ascertain that AFY has contributed to the change in the perception of the youth/OSY to love and engage in agriculture and related career

Conclusion

As a capability-building strategy towards the development of out-of-school youth 4-Hers who are engaged in agri-fishery based livelihood projects, Adopt a Farm Youth is highly effective as revealed in this assessment. The AFY has enormously empowered the OSY, who, prior to this training, were just at home doing household chores and through the training have acquired new skills in agriculture and have developed interest in agriculture. Apparently, the training has changed their perception of agriculture as they are now practicing the agricultural technology they have learned.



AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

ISS 2018 Achievers' Awards:

- *1st place /Milestone Award: e-Learning Course with Highest Number of Enrollees and Graduates for Basic Urban Gardening
- *3rd place: Best in Local Media Presence
- *3rd place: Best Newsletter (Kaugmaran)

Evaluation Study: Benefits of Establishing Learning Sites Towards Agri- Tourism Development

*Second Best Paper during the Central Visayas Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resource Research and Development \Consortium (CVARRDEC), a National Research and Development Symposium on November 20-21, 2018 at Bohol Island State University – Main Campus, Tagbilaran City.

Pasidungog Award

Awarded by DepEd Regional Office VII for significantly contributed to the successful implementation of the Programs and Projects of the DepED. Given on December 14, 2018 at DepEd Ecotech, Cebu City



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