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is Master Teacher I of Eastern Cogon
Elementary School located at Upper Calceta
Street, Tagbilaran City, Bohol - a multi-
awarded Gulayan sa Paaralan Implementer

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Central Visayas bags 1st runner up during the 67th 4H National Convention

by MA. PAMELA N. RESPECIA



4H contingent from Central Visayas triumphantly posed for their winning as First Runner-Up during the 67th 4H National Convention held at Hotel Linda, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur last May 28-31, 2019

ILOCOS SUR - 4-H Central Visayas bagged the Overall 1st Runner Up award during the 67th Farm Youth (4-H) National Convention held on May 28-31, 2019 at Hotel Linda, Vigan City, this province.

Anchoring on the theme, BIDA 4-H: Bringing Innovation and Development in Agriculture through 4-H Clubs wherein more than four hundred participating delegates from the different regions nationwide joined the three-day event.

The overall ranking concluded Region XII as this year's overall champion. Meanwhile, regions joining the top 5 include Region 9 as 2nd runner up,

Region 10 as 3rd runner up and Region 4-B as 4th runner respectively.

Special awards were also given to the two 4-H Youth as 1st Runner Up for the Promotional Video Making (major) - Hedwig Jay Lequin; and 2nd Runner Up for the On-the-Spot Canvass Painting (minor) - Trixie Fate Brabante.

Regional winners who did their best and were able to showcase their talents and skills during their respective project contests were given certificates during the closing program. The following 4-H Youth from Region 7 participated; John Jobert Ates for Quiz Bee; Anna Marie Ortega for the Himig Handog Singing Contest; Debbie Mae Mapili for Terrarium

Gardening Contest; Chilyn Aton for Spoken Poetry Contest and Zeicyl Gabuya for the Cacao-based Processing & Packaging major contest. The annual 4-H Youth Convention serves as an avenue for interactive platform of youth members to exchange ideas, concepts, projects as well to create opportunities for them to showcase their talents, skills and competencies related to agriculture; and strengthen their commitment and widen networking among members/participants through various activities and ceremonies prepared.

Mr. Ricmel Falqueza, National 4-H President announced that CARAGA Region will be host next year's 68th 4-H National Convention.

Eskaya discover strawberry growing the natural way

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The Indigenous People (Eskaya) of Taytay, Duero, Bohol together with the Resource Speaker, Mr. Gemiel Hermita discussed the theoretical inputs derived from the training during their actual visit at the strawberry farm to concretely learn and absorb such

BOHOL – Thirty members of the Eskaya Indigenous People of Taytay, Duero, this province successfully completed the three-day Training on Naturally Grown Strawberry Production: Capability Enhancement last May 6-8, 2019 as spearheaded by Project Officer, Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7 with support staff, Quennie Lou Vistal.

The training aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude (KSA) of the participants on the natural way of growing or producing strawberry. They also recognized the importance and nutritional value of strawberry; described the cultural management in the production of strawberry; demonstrated the various cultural management of natural way of strawberry production.

The sole-resource person of the training is a youth-farmer and strawberry grower who at the same time the owner of Gemiel Secret Garden in Cebu Province and the current Regional President of the 4-H Club in Central Visayas.

Ms. Mirason Verula, High Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP) Coordinator of the Local Government Unit of Duero facilitated the activity.



Mr. Gemiel Hermita, 4H Regional President in Central Visayas is a strawberry grower and he is the Resource Speaker during the training

AEWs/IOs Trained on Farmcasting

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



Mr. Benjie B. Melanio of NORDC was the Resource Speaker during the briefing

RCM briefing in Sibulan

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA

NEGROS ORIENTAL – Forty-one farmers from the municipality of Sibulan, this province was briefed on the importance and functionality of the Rice Crop Manager (RCM) last June 21, 2019 at the Multi-Purpose Hall in Sibulan spearheaded by Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay, Media Production Specialist II of ATI-7 as the Project Officer.

Mr. Benjie B. Melanio, Provincial RCM Team Leader of Negros Oriental Research and Development Center (NORDC), was the resource speaker. RCM maximizes the advances in information and communications technology (ICT) to provide professional extension and advisory services to farmers through an application using their smartphones or computer with internet connection.

By using the RCM application, the farmers will be able to generate comprehensive and specific fertilization recommendation on nutrient, pest, weed or water management, depending on the farmer's specific variety used; their yield from the previous season; and the site-specific conditions of the field.

The program's target end results include increase in farmer's income and yield and be able to reach more farmers with extension services.

Cebu City - Twenty-two (22) Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and Information Officers (IOs) from Region VII participated the Farmcasting/Broadcasting Training at Golden Valley Hotel this city on May 28-30, 2019.

The agriculture industry holds a lot of information on new technologies that should be disseminated to the farmers.

The Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Training Institute maximizes the use of information and communication technology that would bridge to the farmers, fishers and other stakeholders. One of these is the use of radio as a means of information dissemination.

Radio is considered as a powerful communication tool as its transmission reaches wide audience. It has been our experience that radio proves to be a medium for agricultural extension to

broaden its reach to the farmers through the relevant information using the broadcasting facilities.

Thus, the training on Farmcasting/Broadcasting with the objective of enhancing knowledge and skills of participants on the basics of Rural Broadcasting.

Participants were taught on the history of broadcasting, voice/microphone and interview techniques, and media laws and ethics.

The activity also includes workshops and expository visit at dyMR and dyRD radio stations were some participants had a live interview.

Atty. Piedad "Bingo" Gonzalez, Annabelle Lagrosas, and Jean Antiporta served as speakers during the 3-day training, while Doris Isabel Racho acted as project officer assisted by Rhea Khristine Bongcac.



The participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers and Information Officers from Region 7 during the three-day Training on Farmcasting/Broadcasting at Golden Valley Hotel, Cebu City last May 28-30, 2019

“Radio is the most intimate and socially personal medium in the world.”
~Harry von Zell~

Mangrove Planting caps 3-day training on Climate Change

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



The participants during their mangrove planting activity at Tultogan, Calape, Bohol as an offshoot of the 3-day Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation last June 4-6, 2019

BOHOL – The Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) of the Agricultural Training Institute is now on its phase 2 with the municipalities of Tubigon and Clarin this province as the next site with Tultogan, Calape as CRA-1.

Last June 4-6, 2019, ATI-7 held the Save the Environment and Make a Difference: A Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation at Calape Cultural Center, Calape with the aim of helping to combat the ill-effects of Climate Change by attending to its causes and reducing vulnerability to its consequences.

Twenty-seven participants composed of farmers, agricultural extension workers and environmental advocates successfully joined the activity. They were able to recognize the role of the local community towards Climate Change impacts, causes and its measures; the importance of Environmental Conservation; experienced field visit to Climate Resilient Agriculture (CRA) Pilot projects; joined in the advocacy of environmental-friendly practices to avoid the increase of pollutant emissions and reduce vulnerability to the consequences of climate change.

Capping the activity was the mangrove planting at Barangay Tultogan in Calape. Apart from this, the participants also crafted an Action Plan for their community.

Facilitating the activity was Joemelyn A. Sumagang, Training Specialist I of ATI-7 who is also the Project Officer and resource

speaker while Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay assisted in the said activity.

With her were Marcial Ugay; Myrna Mercado; Deborah Osquiza; Ruthie Pacala; Tiara Lourdes Bulilan and Andrew Pilongo as resource speakers.

Climate Resiliency TOT on FBS

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

BOHOL – Thirty-five Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) in Central Visayas successfully completed the 10-day Training of Trainers on Climate Resiliency Farm Business School last April 1-10, 2019 at ATI-RTC 7 Training Complex, Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City this province. Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang, Development Management Officer II of ATI7 is the project officer of the activity.

The main objective of this TOT is to enhance the AEWs' knowledge, skills and attitude in rice farming and marketing techniques to help farmers increase profitability and preserve the environment.

Moreover, the AEWs were also capacitated in the assessment of the vulnerability and agro-environmental risks to small-scale farmer businesses; identified opportunities for resilience-building in business planning and development and integrate climate resiliency practices in the FBS approach.

The output of the training was an action plan for implementing climate-resiliency FBS at farmer's level and a project proposal.

The pool of trainers were Artemia A. Gotardo, Engr. Oscar C. Tabada, Engr. Julian E. Torillo, Jr., Engr. Dennis B. Jomoc, Engr. Erwin G. Ludevese, Rocky D. Tidon, Nehemiah L. Caballong, Edwin Dican III, Angelina L. Bondad, Merlita De la Cruz, Bienvenido D. Acabal, Jr., Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquico and Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang.



Thirty-five agricultural extension workers from Central Visayas successfully completed the 10-day Trainers Training on Climate Resiliency FBS held at Tagbilaran City last April 1-10, 2019



Mr. Elnard S. Ympal, multi-awardee farmer of Candura, San Juan, Siquijor welcome the participants during their site visit at his farm as an avenue for benchmarking

Siquijor LFT undergo TOT on CRFBS

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

SIQUIJOR – The Refresher Course Batch 3 for the Training of Trainers for Local Farmer Technicians (LFTs) was held last June 3-7, 2019 at Ocean View Farm and Cottages in Olang, Maria, this province.

Twenty-nine LFTs and 3 Agricultural Extension Workers from Siquijor finished the course with the objective of enhancing their capabilities in marketing techniques that can help farmers increase profitability.

Also, guide them in the implementation of the Climate Resilient Farm Business School (CRFBS) farmer level.

Moreover, these participants performed the market survey and bench marking to successful entrepreneurs; digested the basic concept of farm profitability; farm planning/farm record keeping and cost and return analysis; develop a Business

Plan with workable action plan and understand the Tools and Techniques used in Participatory Rural Appraisal.

Retired government employee from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist in the province of Negros Oriental in the person of Angelina L. Bondad was the resource person while Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang was the project officer.



ATI-7 personnel spearheaded by Center Director, Dr. Carolyn May O. Daquio actively participated the one-day Program to Institutionalized Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) at Panda Tea Suites, this city on April 11, 2019

CSC-Bohol briefs ATI-7 on PRIME-HRM

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO

TAGBILARAN CITY - The Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) in its drive towards providing excellent services to its clientele recently concluded a one (1) day seminar on Program to Institutionalized Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) at Panda Tea Suites, this city on April 11, 2019. It also aims for the ATI-7 staff to be empowered, motivated, highly engaged, productive and excellence public service delivery being citizen-centric.

PRIME-HRM is a mechanism designed to elevate public sector human resource management (competencies, systems, and practices) to a level of excellence that fosters good governance. It also entails greater engagement not just of the HRM Officer but also of the officials and the rank and file employees of the agency. The seminar was participated by the ATI-7 personnel headed by its Center Director Carolyn May O. Daquio, PhD, while Civil Service Commission (CSC) Bohol Director Elizabeth B. Mateo, acted as the resource- facilitator of the event.

The CSC in support of the government's commitment to provide efficient and effective public service delivery has implemented the PRIME-HRM. Dir. Mateo discussed the PRIME-HRM core HRM areas which includes Recruitment, Selection and Placement (RSP), Performance Management (PM), Learning and Development (L&D), and Rewards and Recognition (R&R). She also discussed the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.



Farming and Teaching *equals passion*

TEACHER NILO CEMPRON'S *Success Story*

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

“My childhood farming experience has driven me to love agriculture. Subsequently, the learnings from the seminars that I have attended has encouraged me to share my accumulated knowledge to my pupils, parents, co-teachers and the community within the school vicinity,” Sir Nilo disclosed.

A numerous award on his cap as Gulayan sa Paaralan implementer from 2009 up to present, Teacher Nilo Simbajon Cempron is passionate in applying his formal and acquired learnings in agriculture in order to develop the school-based learning site.

Nilo has been married to Robina Pellazar for 18 years, and presently have two children. He has been teaching for 20 years and is currently a Master Teacher 1 at Eastern Cogon Elementary School, Upper Calceta Street, Cogon District, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Challenge accepted

Most Master Teachers from other schools are assigned in

Grade 1, but Teacher Nilo differs from the rest. The school administration saw his potentials, thus, instructed him to handle agriculture subjects to both Grades 5 and 6 pupils, at the same time implement the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program. With that, Teacher Nilo feels privileged about the job since farming has always been close to his heart.

Eastern Cogon Elementary School is situated in an urban area and stood in a rocky place. Without any training intervention at first, Teacher Nilo developed the area by abundantly planting ampalaya, tomato, squash, stringbeans, eggplant, okra, lettuce, pepper (locally known as siling espada), patola, bellpepper, ubi, pipino, singkamas, raddish and spring onions.

Cover Story

With the support of the school principal Mrs. Marilyn M. Goti-ay and the assistance of his co-teachers, especially in the garden management like: watering, weeding, and maintenance of plants, the urban garden in the school thrived.

As to the funding that constantly supports the implementation, he got some from the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA), a little pie from the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the school and cash assistance to sustain the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program from local LGU-Cogon, City of Tagbilaran.

The aforementioned scenarios encouraged Teacher Nilo to endeavour and innovate activities because his acceptance means he accepted the challenge with pure passion and dedication.

Road to Partnership

In 2012, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7) based in Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City invited Technological Livelihood Education (TLE) teachers of the Department of Education in Bohol and elementary teachers handling agriculture-related subjects for a three-day Training on Organic Agriculture.

Teacher Nilo was delighted to participate in the said training because the activity was the kick-start of their partnership.

That partnership blossomed because he was able to join insightful journeys to successful farms outside the province,





attended several seminars and trainings, and earned both his National Certificate (NCII) on Organic Agriculture and a financial assistance for the development of the Learning Site.

Learning Site

Through the Department of Education (DepEd) and various Division Memoranda stating about the implementation, strengthening, and sustaining of the Gulayan sa Paaralan in both public elementary and secondary schools nationwide and its integration of the Solid Waste Management and Tree Planting under the National Greening Program, Teacher Nilo enthusiastically adopted the program by implementing it gradually.

With Nilo's effort and the support of his school, Eastern Cogon Elementary was one of the many areas identified by ATI-RTC 7 to become one of its learning sites.

Through the concerted effort between the parents and teachers as well as the pupils of the school, Teacher Nilo transformed the once rocky area into a very productive place where lush green vegetables were grown, naturally grown livestock and the solid waste were responsively managed through vermi composting.

Among the best practices of Sir Nilo includes the usage of

nature farming systems concoctions such as: Indigenous Micro Organism, Fermented Fruit Juice, Fermented Plant Juice, and Vermi Composting.

Gains and Achievements

Among the learning site's gains is the urban production of moringa (malunggay), where local buyers come into the school to buy its leaves for selling in the market.

More so, parents are very happy because their children learned the value of growing food in the school and their backyard. A little amount from their produce enable the children to appreciate the worth of money, since seventy percent (70%) of the harvest's earning is for the pupils; the remaining thirty percent (30%) goes to the school.

Teacher Nilo narrated that the Learning Site of their school reaped awards such as (1) Best Implementer on Revitalized Tree Planting and Greening Program (RTGP) in the Region in the year 2009-2011; (2) Consistent First Placer on the Implementation of Gulayan sa Paaralan as the Modelong Gulayan sa Paaralan Project from 2013-2014 and 2016-2017 in the Division, District and Provincial Level; (3) Consistent First Placer on the Implementation of Gulayan sa Paaralan as the Modelong Gulayan sa Paaralan from 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 for the Division and District Level; (4) Second Placer as Teacher Implementer in the Division Level for the Bohol Public School Teachers



Multi-Purpose Cooperative Division (BPSTEMPC) Wide Malunggay Planting Contest in 2010-2011; (5) Awarded as Best Implementer of Urbanized Area School Gardening in 2014-2015 in the Division and District Level; (6) in 2015-2016 they got the Best Implementer on Gulayan sa Paaralan (Elementary Level) – Division and District; (7) 1st Place winner during the 2018-2019 Search for the Best Implementer of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (Elementary Category) Division and District Level; (8) Awarded as one (1) of the GPP Coordinators in Region VII imbued with intense dedication, diversified, effective and successful implementation of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) of the Department of Education in the regional level.

Moreover, Eastern Cogon Elementary was awarded as Best Implementer on Food Security Program under Elementary Level in the Division of Bohol from 2014 up to present.

Aside from the aforementioned accolade, the learning site able to support the feeding program of the school especially those children who are undernourished from kinder to Grade 6.

Brewing Plans

The partnership between Eastern Cogon and ATI-RTC 7 provided a beneficial ripple effect to the institution's overall development. The Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center (BAPC), another prominent agricultural institution, saw the profound agricultural development and the continuing



passion of the school after its partnership with ATI-RTC 7. The much needed manifestations that led to BAPC's decision to provide a shredder machine for vermicomposting, which is worth PHP 250,000.00. However, the acquisition of the machine required Eastern Cogon to counterpart PHP 42,000.00. The amount is way beyond the school's financial capabilities, hence a need for financial assistance from the City Government of Tagbilaran's Special Education Fund (SEF). Eastern Cogon's agricultural achievements could not be denied even from the government's vantage point, thus, the request for financial assistance was granted.

Teacher Nilo's plan includes the proposal of making the learning site into a Farm Tourism so that visitors will see and experience what the place has to offer.

These plans are indeed on brew because for Teacher Nilo, farming and teaching is inseparable for it reflects his passion in serving the government.

Rice hybridization briefing continues in the region

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD

CENTRAL VISAYAS - With the quest of rice hybridization in the Philippines, the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-7) based in Cabawan District, Tagbilaran City, Bohol continue to conduct briefings to the island provinces in the region with the objective of having an increased yield.

Engr. Jonathan O. Sumagang, Development Management Officer II/Rice Focal Person of ATI-7 spearheaded the two (2) briefings held at Santa Fe, Danao, Bohol last June 14, 2019 with 53 farmers while in June 25, 2019 at the Farmers' Information Technology Services (FITS) Center in Villareal, Bayawan City, Negros Oriental with 47 farmers and at Dobbob, Valencia, Negros Oriental on June 26, 2019 with 48 farmers.

Among the topics discussed include the advantages of hybrid rice production; application of the recommended cultural management in tandem with PalayCheck System; and answers questions pertaining to this program.

The pool of trainers was Felix N. Tubiano of the Bohol-Agricultural Promotion Center (B-APC); Benjie M. Melanio, Jr.; Jorge Odiaman and Edgardo Bahinting of the Negros Oriental Research and Development Center (NORDC) and Janbert Aranza and Enrico Quitoy, Agricultural Extension Workers of LGU-Valencia.

Ms. Julie Ann Buhion, ATI-7 Technical Staff supported the training with the partnership from the Municipal Agriculture Office of the Local Government Unit of Bayawan City.



Mr. Benjie M. Melanio, Jr. of Negros Oriental Research and Development Center (NORDC) was the resource person last June 25, 2019 at FITS Center in Villareal Bayawan City.



Mr. Felix N. Tubiano of the Bohol-Agricultural Promotion Center (B-APC) is the resource person during the Hybrid Rice Briefing at Sta. Fe, Danao, Bohol last June 14, 2019

RCM Advisory Services mainstream in Central Visayas

by REYNADEZ M. LIM-CURAYAG



The AEWs during the hands-on workshop on the usability of the RCM App

TAGBILARAN CITY - Rice Crop Manager (RCM) is an application contributing to the implementation of appropriate modern precision farming by providing farmers with personalized crop and nutrient management recommendations matching their location-specific rice-growing conditions. Adjacent farmers with different rice-growing conditions receive different recommendations. These recommendations intended to increase rice production of farmer's field both irrigated and rainfed. Research from its first phase confirmed that farmers who followed the RCM recommendation could increase their yield and net income.

Last April 23-26, 2019 at Panda Tea Garden and Suites, Dao District, this city, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Region

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RCM Advisory Services...

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VII together with the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office VII (DA-RFO7) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) facilitated the RCM Advisory Services Training of Trainers. Twenty-three Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs) from the different provinces of Central Visayas participated in the said training.

Highlights of the training include discussions on the updates of the application, a workshop on the step-by-step operation of RCM Advisory Services and a field simulation at Brgy. Bahaybahay, Sikatuna, Bohol.

During the simulation, participants interviewed the farmers, registered & measured their fields using GPS and generated RCM recommendations. They even explained the recommendations to the farmers for easy understanding and strongly advised to follow them.

ATI7-CTU airs Farm Program

by JUN ALGUIN B. OLIVER



The School-on-the-Air (SOA) graduates composed of farmers from the province of Cebu convened at the covered court of CTU-Barili for their graduation activity last May 16, 2019

CEBU - Aiming to deliver necessary information to our farmers and livestock raisers of Barili, this province, the Agricultural Training Institute-7 through the Cebu Technological University aired a one-month School-on-the-Air (SOA) Program at the CTU-Barili based dyME 97.5 khz Radyo Kahimsog.

The SOA Program was aired in the local dialect as part of the center's extension services lasted from March 11 to April 15, 2019 with 478 farmers who graduated from the radio program last May 16, 2019.

Among the topics discussed were crops and livestock production coupled with organic farming technologies anchored by Jun Oliver, ATI-7 Farm Caster.

ATI -7 Gabs Food Safety

by DORIS ISABEL J. RACHO



Walk-in clients who actively participated during the free seminar on food safety held at Island City Mall, Tagbilaran City last April 24, 2019

TAGBILARAN CITY - The Agricultural Training Institute – VII (ATI-7) in partnership with Alay Marcela Foundation and Department of Science and Technology (DOST) recently concluded a free seminar on Food Safety dubbed as 'Safe Food Saves Lives' at Island City Mall Activity Center, Tagbilaran City on April 24, 2019.

ATI, being the training arm of the Department of Agriculture has been implementing trainings on Food Safety. For 2019, the free seminar was the 3rd batch since 2 regionwide trainings were previously conducted in Cebu City for selected Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs) and Rural Improvement Club food processors of Region VII. This is in consonance with Republic Act 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013 which is to "strengthen the food safety regulatory system in the country to protect consumer health and facilitate market access of local foods and food products, and for other purpose."

A total of 93 attendees from the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education; AEWs; OFW returnees; Food Processors and Handlers; Senior Highschool Students and Agriculture Enthusiast in the province of Bohol participated the event while Ms. Ethyle T. Iyog – head of Microbiology Laboratory of DOST-7 acted as Resource Person.

Ms. Iyog discussed the basic food safety, its benefits and negative impacts if not practiced; good manufacturing practices, and hygiene. According to her, food safety is a right and privilege of every citizen.

Meanwhile, Aiza Guarin one of the participants on her impression said: "Thank you ATI-7 for the opportunity, the training is so informative and very useful especially to the food handlers. Now that I know the importance of food safety, I can share it to our workplace and students."

DID YOU KNOW?

Republic Act No. 10611, also known as "Food Safety Act of 2013," defines food refers as any substance or product whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed that is intended for human consumption. It includes drinks, chewing gum, water and other substances which are intentionally incorporated into the food during its manufacture, preparation and treatment. On the other hand, food safety refers to the assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared or eaten according to its intended use.

Tubigon PWDs undergo Meat Processing

by MERRIAN PIQUERO SOLIVA, PHD



Interested PWDs intently listened to the inputs and tips discussed by the Resource Speaker during the three-day Training on Enhancing Capabilities of Persons with Disabilities last June 28-30, 2019 at Barangay Poblacion, Tubigon, Bohol

BOHOL – Twenty-four persons with disabilities (PWD) from Tubigon, this province participated in the three-day training on Enhancing Capabilities of Persons with Disabilities through Meat Processing last June 28-30, 2019 at the Farmers Information Technology Service (FITS) Center.

With the objective of developing their attitude and enhancing their spirit on self-help through livelihood activities, the PWDs performed hands-on on meat processing where their disabilities are not considered as a hindrance to augment their income.

Aside from meat processing, discussed by Ms. Berly Ingking of Berl King's Homemade Products, participants also listened about the basics of Food Safety and Financial Literacy shared by Dr. Gracia F. Arado, Training Center Superintendent I and Jorge Fat

Trinidad, Training Specialist II of ATI-7 respectively.

Part of the agreements made during the training is that the officers and members of Tubigon Association of Persons with Disabilities (TAPDI) together with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development will source out fund for additional capital as a counterpart to the start-up kit provided by the Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center 7 (ATI-RTC 7).

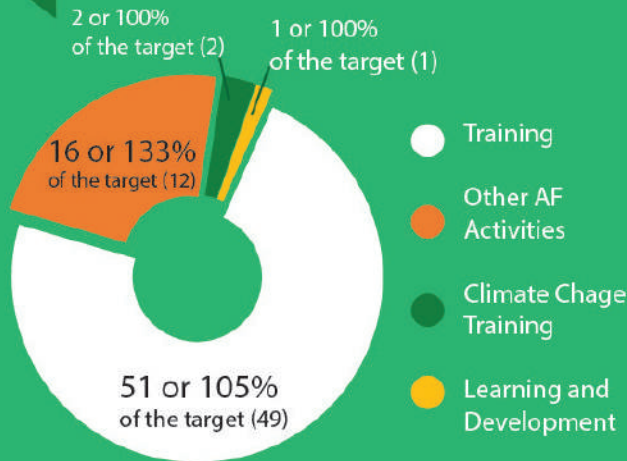
Ms. Geselle Belda of the local Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office discussed the benefits and support from the government for PWDs.

Ma. Gracia Soliva-Pungay was the Project Officer with Zandrina Prima as her support staff.

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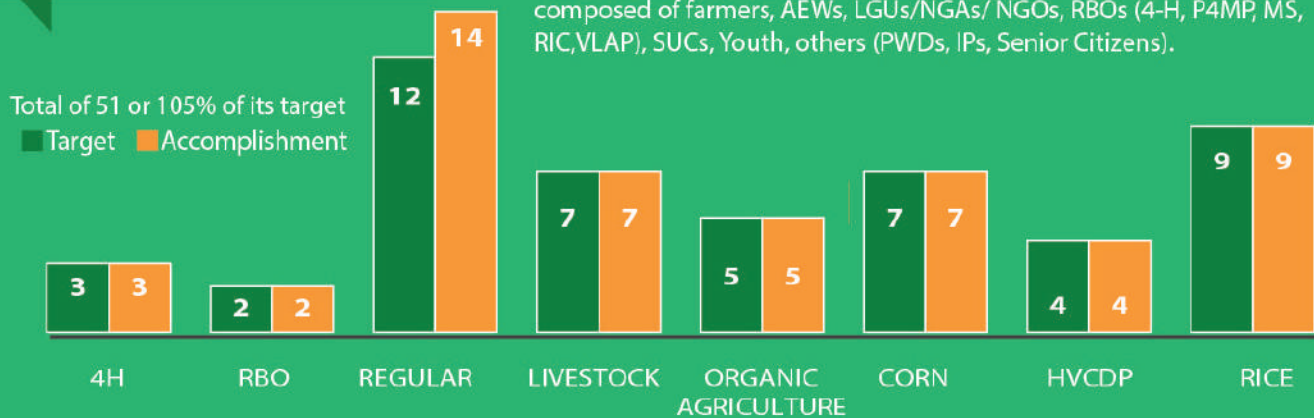
TRAINING & OTHER AF ACTIVITIES



PARTICIPANTS TRAINED



TRAINING CONDUCTED



ATI-7 has successfully accomplished 109% of its target. A total of 51 (105%) trainings and 19 (100%) other activities conducted serving 3,143 stakeholders composed of farmers, AEWs, LGUs/NGAs/ NGOs, RBOs (4-H, P4MP, MS, RIC, VLAP), SUCs, Youth, others (PWDs, IPs, Senior Citizens).

LEARNING SITES updates

Learning Sites Validated **28**

6 Learning Sites Established

1. JQL Organic Farm-Integrated Diversified Farm
2. Iyaah Eco Farm- Integrated-Diversified Farm
3. BEST INC. Integrated diversified Farm
4. Pestales Agriculture Cooperative- Integrated Diversified Farm
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