



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

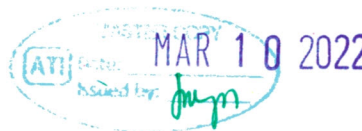
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>BABay ASF: TRAINING ON SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR BARANGAY BIOSECURITY OFFICERS</p> <p>African Swine Fever (ASF) is an infectious disease of swine notifiable in the European Union (EU) and to the World Organization for Animal Health¹. Susceptible pigs can be infected by direct or indirect contact with infectious animals or their fluids, ingestion of contaminated animal feed, pork, or pig products, or contact with contaminated surfaces or fomites (<i>clothing, footwear, vehicles, farming tools, etc.</i>).</p> <p>This activity focused on capacitating Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBO) to gain additional knowledge and skills on collecting specimens for laboratory testing, appropriate handling of specimens and restraining techniques, and preparation of animals for collection. Laboratory tests will be a help and will be used to detect animals that have survived infection with ASF and in surveys to determine whether the disease might be endemic in an area.</p> <p>For this month, five (5) batches of training were simultaneously conducted. Details were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="513 826 1750 1077"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATCH</th> <th>DATE CONDUCTED</th> <th>NO. OF PAX</th> <th>VENUE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>February 16 and 24</td> <td>22</td> <td>Bontoc and Sabangan, Mountain Province</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>February 22</td> <td>24</td> <td>Tampco Inn, Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga / Provincial Veterinary Office</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>February 22</td> <td>20</td> <td>ITC, Bua, Tuding, Itogon Benguet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>February 23</td> <td>20</td> <td>Abatan, Buguias Benguet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>February 23</td> <td>20</td> <td>Tampco Inn, Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga / Slaughterhouse</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Consolidated Learnings and Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trained BBOs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) will help the Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) and Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) in implementing the Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program; b) must submit ASF monthly monitoring to the MLGU and PVO for updating of ASF status; c) will conduct blood sampling collection in their respective areas of coverage for surveillance of ASF with the supervision of licensed veterinarian in the MLGU or PVO ✓ BBOs to be really vigilant and be strict when it comes to the implementation of the surveillance and quarantine to save our pigs and our livelihood. ✓ Any problem that will arise during the implementation of the program should be coordinated immediately to the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) or PVO ✓ Collection of blood for laboratory tests takes time and needs more practice. Collection should be under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian from MAO or PVO. 	BATCH	DATE CONDUCTED	NO. OF PAX	VENUE	1	February 16 and 24	22	Bontoc and Sabangan, Mountain Province	2	February 22	24	Tampco Inn, Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga / Provincial Veterinary Office	3	February 22	20	ITC, Bua, Tuding, Itogon Benguet	4	February 23	20	Abatan, Buguias Benguet	5	February 23	20	Tampco Inn, Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga / Slaughterhouse
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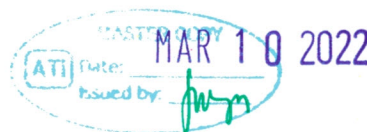


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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In conducting farm biosecurity assessment, the BBO should be very observant, subjective and creative in questioning the farmer for them to be honest. ✓ The province of Benguet created their own biosecurity surveillance form before the form being used by the PCSP, BBOs can use the form for the province. ✓ BBOs will be invited during the conduct of biosecurity assessment and surveillance in their barangays for them to be trained more. ✓ The practicum/actual practice of their learnings through sample collection may inspire them in the exercise of their future responsibilities. ✓ Trainees are expected to know their duties and responsibilities as BBOs. ✓ Their presence and acceptance as BBOs in their Barangay would be a great help to facilitate or hasten animal disease incidence for immediate attention and containment / early detection and reporting for more effective prevention and control. <p><i>Impressions:</i></p> <p><i>"This training is a great help for us especially that we have our RPs who are experts in this field. We are thankful that they've shared their knowledge and experiences with us. It helps us to be more knowledgeable on ASF and in case there will be such instances, at least we have an idea on what actions to take."</i> Mr. Marion Salaba, Barangay Kagawad, Gawaan, Balbalan, Kalinga</p> <p><i>"Dakkel nga iyaman mi!" This is a big help for us because in Tabuk City we have 43 Barangays and we cannot totally accommodate them all. At least there are already trained officials from each Barangays to monitor and help in the protection and prevention of ASF in their respective areas but still with CVOs assistance if needed."</i> Ms. Maribel D. Comdang, Admin Aide II, CLGU Tabuk City Kalinga</p> <p><i>"From the start of the activity, they discussed/ presented what ASF signs and symptoms. Our RPs emphasized avoiding swill feeding. We also tried to answer the Farm Biosecurity Assessment form which I think we will always carry as we go visit farms in our areas. For our last activity, the blood sample collection, I think many of us were excited. Our venue is good with overflowing water. Thank you to our Resource Speakers."</i> Ms. Erqula D. Estepa, BAEW/Community Organizer, Tacadang, Kibungan, Benguet</p> <p><i>"We are very thankful for this training because I have learned a lot. It is very timely and informative to help us assess biosecurity of our farms and other farms in our barangays. And also, we appreciate the actual blood collection."</i> Ms. Michelle B. Angel, BBO, Losad, Sabangan, Mountain Province</p> <p><i>"Thank you for this training, it is very timely. We have realized that biosecurity is really important. Thank you for this venue and for the practicum. We learned a lot and this kind of activity is really needed to educate our farmers, raisers and every citizen. Let us help each other to prevent and control the further spread of this ASF virus."</i> Ms. Catherine Salming, BAEW, Poblacion, Sablan, Benguet</p> <p><i>"Thank you for this training, we have learned a lot. I am glad that I was able to attend; I am a Barangay Kagawad and I am here with our BAEW/BBO and we will help if our services are needed."</i> Mr. Andres Bolislis, Barangay Kagawad, Bacolongan Norte, Buguias, Benguet</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON SWINE PRODUCTION AND ENTERPRISE, Kaleo, Barlig, Mt. Province, February 15-17, 2022</p> <p>Amidst the prevalence of the ASF in the Cordillera, the municipality of Barlig, Mt. Province, is one of the protected zones (pink zone) which means the municipality is not yet infected with the virus. Hence, they are expected to produce safe meat and healthy piglets for the neighboring municipalities such as Bontoc and Natonin which are under the red zone. Meanwhile, the Kaleo Changas Association is an association of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) members in one of the eleven barangays of Barlig. Currently, they have communal gardens as a source of livelihood for the organization. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-CAR) has funded Php 600,000 worth projects for swine production as an additional livelihood to the organization but no training was conducted for them.</p> <p>With such, this three-day training held on February 15-17 aimed to technically equip the members of the organization on the technologies of swine production and on biosecurity measures to help ensure that the livelihood funded will be a success. Specifically, it sought to let the participants identify the characteristics of an ideal stock/breed, explain the reproduction cycle of swine and basic nutrition and feeding principles of swine raising, and discuss an ideal housing and equipment for swine, different waste management practices for swine production, different herd management practices, different herd health management of swine and ASF and biosecurity measures. This was actively participated by 21 farmers. Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Since the participants will be receiving cash assistance from the DSWD livelihood program for the swine production project, they were advised to purchase stocks from one area within the municipality. It was coordinated with the Municipal Agriculturist to determine the source of stocks to ensure that it is safe and ASF free. B. It was also discussed that the association will engage/ focus on swine fattening production. C. Furthermore, it was emphasized that it is their responsibility to maintain the Barangay and Municipality-wide ASF free by following strict biosecurity protocols. <p><i>Impressions:</i></p> <p><i>"We are very grateful for this training, for our beautiful speakers and for the many learnings. Some of us are already raising pigs but still, there are things/ techniques that we are not aware of. For us who are still beginners, we also learned so much. I hope that as an association, we unite to apply all things we learned so that there will be no ASF outbreak in our Barangay. We have members who are already experienced in swine raising so at least it won't be too hard for us during the project implementation. As a manager, I still can't manage this project on my own without our members and more importantly, our cooperation. We are happy if there are more trainings for us and we thank all the agencies involved in this project." Ms. Senia F. Dumapi, Manager, Kaleo Changas Association</i></p> <p><i>"Good morning to all of us. We thank ATI, D/MSWD, OMAg, and our resource speakers for sharing how to raise pigs. From this training, I learned that before purchasing, we must select healthy pigs/piglets and must be from one source to ensure that they are safe. We also learned how to ensure biosecurity, feeding and health management so that there will be profit, not loss. I hope that all learnings from the RPs will give benefits to us so that if we graduate as 4Ps, we have a livelihood as a source of income for our family. We are very thankful for the agencies that prepared these trainings sessions, especially the topics." Ms. Junia F. Paluwan, President, Kaleo Changas Association</i></p>





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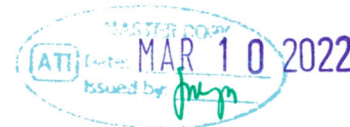
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON POTATO SEED PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PLANT MATERIAL INSPECTORS OF CAR</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture (DA) aims to improve the sustainability of potato farming by helping farmers access farm inputs, training and market opportunities. Based on series of consultations and meetings by the stakeholders, the agency partnered with Universal Robina Corporation (URC) to produce quality potato tubers in consultation with Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and distributed to selected farmer cooperatives in the provinces of Benguet, Davao, and Bukidnon in March 2020. In 2021, the DA also partnered with Benguet State University (BSU) for the production of quality planting materials for distribution to selected farmer groups.</p> <p>There are potato farmers with a total land area of 24.6 hectares who submitted their application to BPI for accreditation to be potato seed producers. To facilitate the monitoring and inspection of these applicants, the DA-RFO-CAR requested an urgent training for Plant Material Inspectors. Thus, this training was conducted face-to-face on February 22-24 at DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Resource speakers were Ms. Cynthia G. Kiswa, <i>Senior Science Research BSU-Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRTC)</i>, Ms. Teresita D. Masangcay, <i>Senior Science Research Specialist, BSU- NPRCRTC</i>, Ms. Catherine P. Balaoing, <i>Chief, BPI NSQCS</i>, Cristino E. Balancio, <i>Private Consultant</i>, Mr. Hor T. Tamang, <i>Agriculturist I, DA-RFO-CAR</i>, Ms. Erlinda F. Jimenez, <i>Agriculturist II, BPI</i>, Ms. Esther T. Botangen, <i>Science Research Specialist, BSU- NPRCRTC</i>, and Mr. Alvin F. Dayap, <i>Agriculturist I, BPI-National Plant Quarantine Service Division I</i>.</p> <p>Completed by 22 participants.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"We are very thankful for the RPs and facilitators for being with us since day 1 until now. When I was browsing my notes, I was reminded of our first topic. It is really important to be reminded of our values and leadership skills because it is where we reflect as we go on the field. Continuous learning from the room and scenarios will be different if we go to the field. Regarding the training, during the lecture via Zoom, it was quite difficult because of some technical problems but thanks to the experts, they were able to resolve it and the lecture resumed and ended well. I also appreciate that from day 1 to day3, we always start and end our training with prayer and we were able to finish this training successfully." Mr. James Brent Saliong, OPAg-Benguet – Farm Worker II</i></p> <p><i>"On behalf of the LGU, we thank you for this training, and also to my fellow participants and our resource speakers. We came from different places; we are gathered for this training and we get to know each other even just by the face. In relation to values and leadership topics that we had; I want to relate what our mentor said. If we go to the field, let us picture ourselves as a plant. We cannot say what the plant is suffering from if there are no visible signs and symptoms. In terms of values, we learn from the animals, but as Seed Inspectors, let us also learn from the plants. My supervisor is initiating to conduct a Municipal-wide training for seed growers; our counterpart will be the food and the RPs will come from BPI, and BSU root crops. We are still crafting the activity design and our target will be March or April. I wrote this on my reentry plan and hope it will be granted. Also, we are hoping for additional hands-on training. That's all, thank you!" Ms. Grace Abbacan, OMAg-Bakun, Benguet – Agricultural Technologist</i></p>




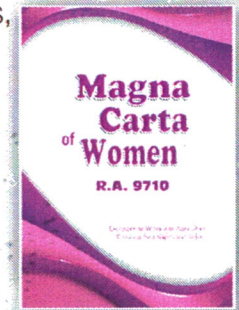

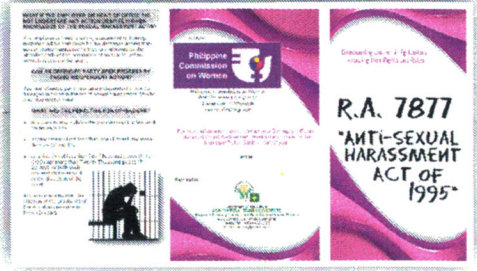


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Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)		<p><i>No activities for this month</i></p>
Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)		<p><i>No advisory services provided for this month</i></p>

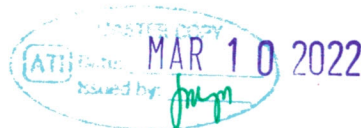




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<p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p>	<p>Development and Dissemination of Knowledge Products and Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Throughout the month, a total of 3,580 copies of Knowledge Products (KP) were reproduced and disseminated ✓ The Center's corporate newsletter, <i>The Weavers</i>, was also developed this month. ✓ Maintained/Updated the Center's website and social media accounts (facebook, twitter, instagram) with ten (10) uploads, that reached 17,721 individuals with 1,850 page views. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div> <p>DOCUMENTATION OF RCM IMPLEMENTATION IN APAYAO WITH LSA MONITORING</p> <p>The documentation activity pushed through on February 21-25. However, due to unexpected rainy weather during the documentation, the team had a hard time in shooting the scenes/clips needed based on the script. Noise around the shooting venue also affected the quality of the video clips. Despite the rainy weather, the team visited some LSAs like Revelyn Dul-dulao's Rice-Based Integrated Farm in Luna, Agguimangan Agro-Eco Tourism Farm in Pudtol and Villa's Farm in Sta. Marcela.</p> <p>In Revelyn Dul-dulao's Rice-Based Integrated Farm, Ms. Evelyn and her husband were very happy to show the improvements and activities in their farm that includes their research in upland varieties of rice grown as irrigated, their venture into pelleted feeds and purchase of new equipment. The team also distributed print materials to the said LSA and to the Farmers Information and Technology Service (FITS) Centers of Sta. Marcela, Flora and Pudtol.</p>

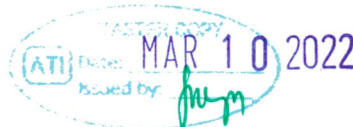


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Planning Workshop - Consultation	<p>Livestock Program Consultation Meeting for CY 2022-2023</p> <p>The Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of the Local Government Unit (LGUs) play a crucial role in the implementation of agricultural programs and the development of backyard livestock and poultry raisers. As the front liners in the grassroots level, they perform varied roles in their respective areas in the hope of bringing changes in the life of farmers. The effectiveness of the delivery of extension services and projects, then, largely dependent on these AEWs. This consultation conducted virtually on February 8, aimed to ensure that activities and training will be in accordance with extension workers' needs, to also synchronize schedules. It is very crucial in the preparation and finalization of the Work and Financial Plan (WFP) for the coming years.</p> <p>Learnings/ Agreements</p> <p>a) Targets and Guidelines for the selection of BBOs as part of the BABay ASF Program were reiterated and the targeted batches were also based on the expressed needs of the ASF Provincial Coordinators in 2021.</p> <p>b) PVO Mountain Province have requested for knapsack sprayer and disinfectants as additional kits for BBOs for disinfection</p> <p>c) Incentives for BBOs were included on the approved budget for CY 2022 and still included in the indicative plan 2023 by the DA-RFO-CAR</p> <p>d) BBOs can be barangay officials such as the Kagawad on the Committee in Agriculture as long as they pass the requirements and are willing to be assigned as BBO</p> <p>e) Additional one (1) batch for BBO training was requested by Dr. Ralph Verzon, Provincial Veterinarian of Apayao and two (2) batches was also requested by PVO Ifugao through Dr. Gloria Evangelio</p> <p>f) Guidelines on the upgraded AI sa Barangay was also presented during the consultation. PVO Mountain Province and LGU La Trinidad as the first recipients of the AI sa Barangay way back 2018 clarified if they could still avail of the program since the boars procured then are already for culling. It was then agreed that this matter shall be brought out to the National Focal. Furthermore, the PVO Ifugao also expressed their interest in the program since during the presentation of the guidelines, they think their Breeding Center is very much qualified.</p> <p>g) Final guidelines shall be furnished to the participants for their reference.</p> <p>h) In the identification/selection of site for the Upgraded AI sa Barangay, swine clusters shall also be taken into consideration.</p> <p>i) The DA-RFO-CAR presented their 2022 WFP and 2023 indicative plan. The DA-RFO-CAR shall furnish the provinces and municipalities concerned on the swine clusters for them to check and complete the lacking documents of the recipients/beneficiaries for faster implementation of the project.</p> <p>j) The DA-RFO-CAR also requested the DA-ATI-RTC-CAR to conduct enterprise training to the recipients of the swine cluster project and AI training on swine, small ruminant and large ruminant.</p> <p>j. The Training Needs Survey (TNS) was sent to the participants. Needs shall be in consideration of the <i>Mandanas-Garcia Ruling</i> and the Agenda of the Secretary. The result of the TNS will be one of the bases in finalization of the indicative plan for 2023.</p> <p>32 AEWs region wide participated in this activity.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Internal Assessments	<p>DA-ATI-RTC-CAR Year End Performance Review Activity, <i>Aspulan Hall, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, KM.5, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet, February 2-3, 2022</i></p>												
		<p>Assessment is a continuous quality improvement and review process. The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) continuously implements extension services as well as assesses and keeps track of what has been happening after the different programs, projects and activities had been implemented. The need to find out whether the results of the Institute's public spending are focused on achieving its deliverables and outputs is important. Building on these tasks requires a system that will provide a continuous flow of information, feedback and insights into the performance of ATI which can help guide management towards achieving its desired results.</p> <p>In this year-end assessment, the Center's performance for CY 2021 were reviewed along the five thematic areas spearheaded by the Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Unit (PMEU). Through the activity, the physical and linear presentation of physical and financial performance by commodity were presented by Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay, PEO I and Ms. Glorinita S. Lasuden, Budget Officer Designate, respectively. Detailed accomplishments were presented by the focal persons for everyone to be informed/updated on the activities done for 2021. Consolidated agreements:</p>												
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(However, the intervention for LFTs will push through but depends on the upcoming EOs, due to the devolution that will be conducted under the Mandanas-Garcia ruling.) -RCEF: Consider a planning workshop to develop the sustainability plans of the RCEF established farm schools.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="510 1082 984 1257"> <p>REGULAR PROGRAM, GAD SPECIAL CONCERNS, SCHOLARSHIP presented by <i>Ms. Jam R. 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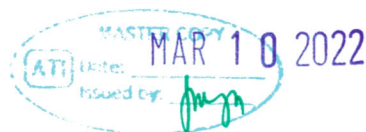




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		EQUIPMENT AND NETWORK MAINTENANCE presented by Mr. Edward P. Saldivar	-Plan out the installation of CCTV cameras inside and outside the Center for added security in case of an unauthorized breach.
		ATI-RTC-CAR LSA-UA FINANCIAL REPORT presented by Ms. Aiza B. Abdul	-Suggestion for ATI-CAR UA-LSA to have separate PPMP -To be a demo/lecture exhibit venue for the Center's technologies -Scheduling of staff to help in the ATI-RTC-CAR LSA-UA maintenance -Include total collected vermicompost (value) to reflect in the cost analysis to financial accomplishment -Utilization of logbook for guests
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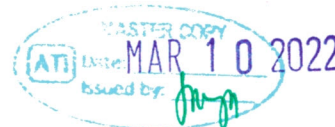
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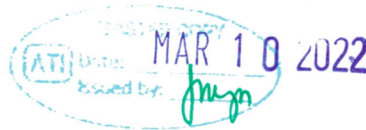
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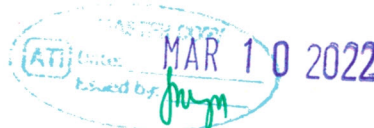
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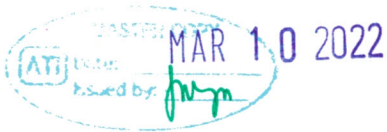
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	RCM Coaching, Monitoring, and Validation	<p>1. RCM Coaching</p> <p>One of the issues discussed from the workshop during the Consultative Meeting and Planning Workshop was the Rice Crop Manager (RCM). Currently, the RCM platform design was updated and last year, an android app with sync data was also launched. Most AEWs are not familiar with these updates, which left them unable to accomplish their targets on time. As a temporary action, the team who attended the meeting conducted RCM coaching in the municipalities, especially in Pilar.</p> <p>2. V/LSA Monitoring in Lagangilang, Dolores and Pidigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monitoring of previously established LSA is necessary to encourage farm owners for their continuous active participation in the programs of the office. The team visited Mr. Danilo Trongco in Lagangilang, Abra. Despite the pandemic, Mr. Trongco still has a lot of visitors in his farm to buy fingerlings and learn from his technologies. Mr. Trongco mentioned that currently, he has tilapia and carp among others. In addition to these varieties of fish, he also has koi intended as pet fish. He is continuously learning new techniques in fish farming that he can share with his fellow farmers who want to engage in fish farming. o The team also dropped by Dolores to visit Arquitola Farm. Due to COVID-19, it was unfortunate that Ms. Cherry Palino, the owner of the farm, succumbed. From the visit, the mother of Ms. Cherry mentioned that they intend to continue to be LSA. The husband of Ms. Cherry will continue to manage the farm. o The Village Learning Site for Agriculture (VLSA) was conceptualized as one possible modality that could benefit more farmers. A group of farmers in a village was developed to serve as LSA focusing on production processes and marketing, and empowering each other. Pidigan was identified as one of the beneficiaries of the corn-based VLSA with six (6) farmers and a total of 20 hectares production area. The beneficiaries were also given cow as part of the intervention provided to them. The beneficiaries are happy with the intervention they received and as VLSA and they are hoping that they can influence more farmers with the good practices that they have. <p>3. LSA Validation in Villaviosa, Abra</p> <p>Mr. Edmund Belmes is a member of the Sangguniang-Bayan of Villaviosa, Abra. He has four (4) hectares integrated farms, divided into a vegetable production and livestock production area. Currently, a section of the farm is planted with pineapple, pigeon pea, and sweet potato. The farm also has fruit trees such as mango, lanzones, coffee and bananas. He has a cow, carabao, pig, few heads of chicken and rabbit, and a fish pond for tilapia. He has an area allotted for corn, rice, and tobacco but as of the validation date, there are no standing crops in the farm. However, he has no farming technology unique from other farmers that he can showcase or discuss to his farmer visitors. The farm has equipment and facilities like: animal shed registration or holding area farm tool shed water pump. The farm of Mr. Edmund Belmes is not recommended for approval. Moreover, as a member of SB, there would be a conflict of interest. If, however, he doesn't run for re-election this May, then this can be revalidated during planting season.</p> <p>While in Villaviosa, the team also monitored two beneficiaries of the itik given during the training on rice-based integrated farming system (RBIFS) conducted in 2020. Both were able to harvest eggs from the itik. However, during the first few months, they were not able to monitor the laying of eggs of the itik, and as a result, they laid eggs in the pond which they only discovered when they harvested the fish. The other beneficiary mentioned that 6 heads of itik died, however, they did not report this to the MAO or the PVO for proper diagnosis on the cause of death.</p> <p>Led by Ms. Resley Ann G. Sumedca, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR Agriculturist I.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Field Monitoring	<p>FIELD MONITORING OF LEARNING SITES FOR AGRICULTURE (LSA) and SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE (SPA), <i>Benguet and Baguio City, February 16, 2022</i></p> <p>The monitoring was conducted by Ms. Cristine Esnara, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR HVCD Focal, to determine the status of LSA and SPA.</p> <p>FUNDED UNDER HVCDP PROGRAM</p> <p>1. STRAWBERRY UNDER PINES. The farm was among the six (6) LSAs funded under the HVCDP Program in 2018.</p> <p>Farm status</p> <p>a. In the previous years, the farm focused on strawberry runner production and berry production, intercropped with plus poinsettia. However, last year, all the strawberries were infested with beetles which according to Mr. Macli-ing, it was very hard to control. With this, he decided to add or divert to other crops such as vegetables, ornamentals and herbs to stop the pest infestation.</p> <p>b. At present, the greenhouses were planted with various ornamentals, lettuces, pechay, strawberry, legumes, and others being sold locally. He also expanded the area of coffee arabica, now bearing fruits. He did this in order to generate income to continuously hire his workers during the pandemic. Thus, the farm had been producing leafy vegetables for the local market and ornamentals which became profitable during the lockdowns.</p> <p>d. Mr. Macli-ing maintained crop production, compost production and farm sanitation, being a GAP certified farm.</p> <p>e. One unique practice for the farm is the use of dried pine tree leaves as composting material, chicken manures plus pro-biotic to hasten decomposition.</p> <p>f. As per monitoring, he is maintaining his records. Ms. Esnara reiterated the submission of semestral reports and other required documents to the Center to monitor their activities as learning sites. Delisting of non-compliant learning sites were also discussed including other obligations indicated in the MOA.</p> <p>g. Mr. Macli-ing requested for renewal as LSA, if the farm is still qualified. He is also requesting the possibility to change the name of the farm from <i>Strawberry under the Pines</i> to <i>Urban Garden Under the Pines</i>, including the change of management because Mr. Domingo Amor is no longer working in the farm. Since Mr. Macli-ing opted for early retirement, he is now the full-time manager of the farm, together with his wife and children.</p> <p>Based on the status of the farm, the farm is recommended for renewal as a learning site. The farm has many farming technologies to offer to clients. As per request, it is also appropriate to change the management as well as the name of the farm.</p>





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3. Samson Atluna	Balangabang, Mayoyao, Ifugao	The farm has at least 1 hectare of rice production area inclusive of the fish ponds and livestock housings for chickens and pigs. It also has storage facilities and a greenhouse with available farm machineries such as hand tractor and micro tiller. The owner is registered in the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA). He is an advocate of rice fish farming and has adapted the use of certified seeds. He had attended training on aquaculture and climate smart farm business school among others. Further, he is an active member of the Balangabang Farmers Association.										
4. Thelma Bacani	Bananao, Paracelis, Mt. Province	2.6 hectares of the land area is devoted for rice production which is being planted two times a year. The farm is integrated which includes other agricultural components such as livestock (<i>swine, goat, carabao, native chicken, ducks, turkeys, fish</i>) and vegetables. It is situated along the highway and has been actively operating up to this time. The farm has available basic farm tools/equipment and machineries namely: hand tractor, thresher, combine harvester and turtle hand tractor among others. The owner had attended various training related to rice production, GAP, corn production, itik production, cacao production, mushroom production, fishery and others. She also spearheads the San Rafael Dynamic Movers Organization Incorporated. With this, she is deemed potential to become a farmer extensionist who is capable of delivering as a resource person. In view of the above considerations, the farm is being recommended to be certified as one learning site under the Rice Program.										
5. Ponciano Gumabay Jr.	Balbalan, Kalinga	The farm is less than a hectare and the owner is more into heirloom rice production and organic farming. Hence, the farm is still subject for discussion with the PASS in consideration of the technical requirements that need to be met under the RCE Program.										





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Virtual Monitoring	<p>EAsY AGRI SCHOLARS, February 18, 2022</p> <p>This monitoring was conducted by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, for the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow-up documentary requirements as required by the Scholarship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ during the follow-up of the submission of documentary requirements, only five (5) of the 15 scholars were able to submit their Certificate of Grade (COG) for Sem1 and Certificate of Enrollment (COE) for Sem2 for SY 2021-2022. Also, one (1) scholar has yet to submit his COG for the 2nd Sem of SY 2020-2021. Reasons for late submission of these documents were as follows: 1. Awaiting all grades to be submitted by Instructors before the registrar can issue COG; 2. Classes still ongoing; and 3. Took time to talk to Instructors for the submission of grades to Registrar 2. Monitor class schedules for SY 2021-2022 for the 1st and 2nd Semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ end of class for the semester was monitored for their semestral assessment while start of classes was monitored as one of the bases of the computation of their monthly allowance and stipend 3. Present monthly scholarship monitoring spreadsheet to be used effective February 18, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Jam presented the monthly monitoring of scholars' activities as one of the bases for the preparation of the Center Scholarship Report submitted every 20th of the month. 4. Monitor academic performance; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From the five (5) scholars who were able to submit their Certificate of Grades, all were able to pass and three (3) are among the Dean's List. 5. Update processing of the scholars' monthly allowance and stipend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The financial requirement per scholar and per month was also announced as a requirement for the payment of scholar's allowance as stipend for the semester was already prepared. However, only those who were able to submit their COG and COE will be processed.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Technical Working Group Meeting	<p>1st RRDIC TWG Meeting</p> <p>On February 15, the Regional Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RRDIC) conducted a Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting at Eco Lodge, Lower Magsaysay, Baguio City.</p> <p>The following agenda were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation and Finalization of the CAR-RDA 2022-2028 Updating; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the presentation, comments and suggestions of participants were integrated in the document. A final copy will be sent to the member agencies/entities. Final input will be presented to the RDC for comments and approval. 2. Presentation of the Regional Inclusive Innovation Center (RIIC) by DTI-CAR representatives; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation was highlighted by the “Project Match” which will be launched tentatively on March 3 and 4, 2022. Project Match is a marketplace and resource platform that helps in digitization of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by linking them to startups who provide the much-needed digital solutions and technology. This is complemented by access to learning resources where both MSMEs and startups can gain knowledge and guidance through learning materials/resources and mentorship that is needed to drive the matching process. To further augment this, access to finance is included as well to provide means for MSMEs to finance their growth. Also, DTI-CAR presented their collaborations and innovation programs where other agencies may participate. 3. Finalization of the 2022 Work Plan of the RRDIC (output of the 2021 planning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activities, plans and programs identified were all approved by the member agencies. Some of the activities embodied in the RRDIC Work Plan for 2022 were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foster a culture of Research, Development and Innovation; and 2. Conduct of Trainings, Researchers, Seminars and related activities <i>(either face-to-face or through online platform)</i> <p>As to the Center responsibility, it shall support Research and Development (R&D) activities. Complement the RRDIC under Dissemination and Advocacy mechanisms of implementation.</p> <p>Represented by Mr. Edwin C. Dickson.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Launching Activity	<p>PROJECT MATCH MOU SIGNING AND MATCHING EVENT with DTI-CAR</p> <p>The StartUp Village</p> <p>StartUp Village is a one-stop startup enabler that enables startups to bring their unique ideas to reality. Its desire is to bring a Filipino startup to the global stage. The goal is to help start-ups build disruptive technology that displaces an established technology and shakes up the industry or introduces a groundbreaking product that creates a completely new industry. StartUp Village helps connect great ideas/great people to potential mentors, clients, partners and investors</p> <p>Project MATCH</p> <p>Project Match is an 18-month activity implemented by StartUp Village with grant support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Project Match is designed to build the capacity and access to finance to startups and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by establishing a digital platform to enable linkages between the said entities. This digital intervention will help improve startups' access to market, rev up SMEs' technology know-how and facilitate increased access to available financing institutions for both SMEs and startups. SMEs can connect to Project Match through this website www.projectmatch.ph. Among the benefits of the Project Match are the following: Level up MSMEs and Startups; Increase revenues and reduce cost of MSMEs with the use of digital tools; Generate traction for startups; Gather Data; Mentorship and education on digitization; Educate and level up knowledge of entrepreneurs in finance; and Provide access to financial resources.</p> <p>The DTI-CAR and StartUp Village then signed a Memorandum of Understanding for this endeavor witnessed by the different RRDIC members and DTI partners in the LGUs</p> <p>There are 10 potential mentors, clients, partners and investors where the SMEs can match their enterprise or businesses. These are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ARCHIE - robot technology for pest control and pest management for leafy vegetables 2. SERVICOIN - a Philippine-based cryptocurrency that uses decentralized Blockchain technology to revolutionize payment systems particularly for services as well as goods. 3. ZAXXUN - Zaxxun Technologies can help you: robot servers, robot arms, automated lockers, automated door, QR code ordering system or the whole system in one 4. 1EXPORT-We are a tech-enabled exporting company that provides a one-stop end-to-end exporting platform that provides services to any and all trading businesses around the world. 5. MyKartero - caters to transport of goods both local and international 6. Peddlr - is a Free POS application that comes with digital ledgers and accounting reports to help and assist Philippine Micro and Small Businesses earn more and manage their operations better. 7. EMPITECH- Creating technologies that enable active involvement of people to bridge gaps in the society, assuring equity and inclusiveness 8. Dontog - Dontog Hydroponics aims to market fresh and organic vegetables, berries, and herbs produced from new and innovative farm practices. In particular, we adopted hydroponics farming.






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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Launching Activity	<p>9. SAHIE CORE Technologies - We are an Information Technology company based in Baguio City, Philippines. Our goal is to provide MSMEs and organizations to have an edge in their fields by providing innovative</p> <p>10. ARCS- Management System made for Cooperatives. The Advance Robust Cooperative System is Software-as-a-Service product for cooperatives to help digitize their work and give flexibility to do them anywhere, anytime. PHARM</p> <p>With such, the Center may partner with these potential mentors, clients, partners and investors to connect farmers/farmer organizations to the market. May be one of the inputs for AEWs during training.</p> <p>This activity conducted online on February 16 was represented by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR Media Production Specialist II.</p>
	Webinar	<p>GAD WEBINAR – INTRODUCTION to GAD CONCEPTS AND SOGIESC</p> <p>Ms. Jam R. Balingan and Ms. Khareen B. Tigu-ing participated in this webinar conducted by Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) on February 24, 2022. The webinar aimed to enhance understanding of basic GAD-related concepts, explain how social institutions contribute to the perpetration of gender bias and develop an awareness on gender sensitivity and differentiate sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expression and appreciate the importance of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) in the advocacy on gender equality and women empowerment (GEWE).</p> <p>The first session was an Introduction to GAD concepts with topics discussed on basic GAD concepts and legal mandate for GAD. The SOGIESC was also discussed in the second session.</p>

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