



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MARCH | 2022

Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	HIGHLIGHTS <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>ONLINE TRAINING ON CONDUCTING WEBINAR AND ONLINE TRAININGS FOR AEWS: RBO COORDINATORS OF CAR</p> <p>Despite the lockdown and restrictions, extension services need to be delivered and implemented to our intended clients and stakeholders. The unforeseen effects of the pandemic have caught the staff and other co-implementors from different government agencies unprepared with the skill in conducting or facilitating virtual/blended activities using the different online media platforms that are available.</p> <p>Further, one of the identified training needs of our partner RBO Coordinators is to be capacitated and updated on the different virtual applications to fulfill national and regional top-down activities and still be able to extend services to their clients, the Rural Based Organizations. Thus, this three-day training was undertaken for RBO Coordinators to be equipped with necessary skills in these challenging situations. This skill is necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the online trainings, programs and other activities of the agri-fishery extension services. It was conducted on March 9-11, actively participated by 18 AEWS.</p> <p>Discussions focused on Technical Requirements, Conducting Virtual Meeting, Google Forms: RBO Master lists, and included practical exercises and presentation of sample outputs.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"I am very thankful for this training. I have little knowledge with this kind of application and technology but with this training, I was able to understand the basic knowledge and information on how to become an audience and also how to become the host of a virtual meeting. I hope to conduct a virtual meeting with our clients if our internet connection will be improved also so that we don't need to always go out to meet them face to face and be more productive." Ms. Joannie Marie of OPAG, La Trinidad, Benguet Province</i></p> <p><i>"We are very happy that ATI CAR conducted this training. In a way, we can improve and upgrade our skills and knowledge to a higher level. I hope that our internet connection will improve so that we can apply what we have learned. Thank you." Ms. Marjie Chaluyen of OMAG Bantoc</i></p>





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BABAY ASF: TRAINING ON SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR BARANGAY BIOSECURITY OFFICERS

This month, a total of 11 batches (9 training as per WFP and 2 not in WFP) of training were simultaneously conducted. Details were:

BATCH	DATE CONDUCTED	NO. OF PAX	VENUE
6	March 1	20	OMAg-Kibungan, Benguet
7	February 24 and March 2	20	Bokod and Sablan Benguet
8	March 3	22	DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet
9	March 10 and 16	26	Sagada and Besao, Mt. Province
10	March 10	23	Tadian, Mt. Province
11	February 16 and March 17	21	Natonin and Barlig, Mt. Province
12	March 29	21	DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet
13	March 30	21	DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet
14	March 29 and 31	32	DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet and Golden Berries Hotel and Convention center, Tabuk City, Kalinga
NOT IN WFP	DATE CONDUCTED	NO. OF PAX	VENUE
1	March 22	22	Amphitheater, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao
2	March 24	24	LAGSADECO, Poblacion East, Lamut, Ifugao
TOTAL		252	

Generally, the activity aimed that the capacitated Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) should be able to demonstrate skills in collecting specimens for laboratory testing. Specifically, it sought to apply appropriate handling and restraining techniques; prepare supplies, materials, tools in collection and transport of specimens; prepare animals for collection; demonstrate skills for collecting different specimens; and demonstrate proper handling, packaging and transport of specimens.

Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)

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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON FALL ARMYWORM MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Fall Armyworm (FAW), Spodoptera frugiperda. FAW is a highly destructive pest in cereals and other essential crops. It is native to the Americas, where it has been known for several decades as an economic pest of many crop species, especially maize. FAW was first detected in West and Central Africa in early 2016. This invasive, strong-flying insect pest spread to almost all sub-Saharan Africa and other parts of the world, including the Philippines, and continues to spread.</p> <p>In the Philippines, FAW was first detected in corn in Piat, Cagayan, and has now spread to Mindanao. Thus, the DA is now intensifying its strategies against FAW infestation and has adopted a FAW Integrated Pest Management protocol. It has also set a Quick Response Fund for FAW management. ATI programmed training on the management of FAW to help create a pool of FAW experts who can provide technical assistance to farmers in the field.</p> <p>This three-day activity completed by 19 AEWs regionwide, was conducted on March 22-24, 2022 in Dam-muhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. Topics discussed were FAW management protocol, suppression, prevention and avoidance, Corn production technologies, Production of biological control, Pest and disease diagnosis, Integrated pest management, Pest and disease monitoring, Pest surveillance, Biology and Ecology, Identification and damage, and Insect pest identification.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"We are thankful for this training because we learned the proper monitoring and scouting of FAW and the proper use of pesticides. We also learned of the history of pesticides which will help us explain and share to the farmers in our area. For the resource-persons, they all had organized presentations, they're very knowledgeable, and delivered the topics well. Also, they are all good-looking." Ms. Reyna Rose Kalinglad from OCAS-Tabuk City</i></p> <p><i>"I am thankful for being a participant in this training which is very timely as FAW is one of the current problems we are facing right now. I learned from this activity that there are registered chemicals already to combat this pest. Thank you very much again for this training and to our resource persons and to the ATI staff." Ms. Karen Columna from OMag, Flora, Apayao</i></p> <p><i>"I was so impressed with the training. I agree with one of our resource persons when he said that this training really stimulates our capacity to think. Although we have been hearing about FAW before, this is my first time to attend such training. We have not also conducted any monitoring of FAW yet in our municipality because our areas are geographically far apart. One of our programs really is to convert potential areas to corn production areas. Hopefully, FAW will not enter our municipality. Now, I would like to thank the management of this training and to our resource persons for the additional knowledge we gained from this training. We hope we can get invited again for the succeeding training and hope that it will now be face-to-face to fully participate, especially in the practicum." Mr. John Paul Sabado from OMag-Calanasan, Apayao</i></p>



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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT FOR FARMERS TRAINING ON INTEGRATED RICE-BASED FARMING SYSTEM WITH PROVISION OF STARTER KITS</p> <p>The municipality of Laganqiliang is one of the fifth-class municipalities of Abra, whose economy is primarily based on agriculture. It has a land area of 1,187 hectares devoted to rice production with 1,548 Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) registered farmers. The Office of the Municipal Agriculturist-Laganqiliang has been very active in the implementation of different agricultural programs to enable farmers to enjoy basic services from the government.</p> <p>Over the years, there have been advances in farming technologies in agriculture that helped farmers make significant improvements in their production. Training and seminars were of great help in the dissemination of up-to-date rice farming technologies. In recent years, the municipality was not able to conduct Farmer Field School (FFS) or basic training on rice-based farming production to update the farmers with the recent developments in these farming technologies. Hence, this capability enhancement for farmers was conducted as it could be a valuable opportunity for rice farmers to learn new technologies they can adapt to their farming.</p> <p>Specifically, it was aimed that participants should be able to explain the importance of the PalayCheck System; discuss the various principles and key checks of PCS; incorporate the principles of AESA in their farming activities; demonstrate skills in the operation of ICT-based tools used in farming; and integrate backyard poultry production in their farming.</p> <p>With such, this training was conducted in Cayapa, Laganqiliang, Abra, completed by 30 farmer- participants held on March 21 to 23.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"We know that rice production is our main source of food and livelihood. This is why I am confident that all the learnings and inputs learned from this training are positive on our end. I just hope that our facilitators for this activity will be our consistent trainers in other interventions relative to farming because we admit that there is more knowledge and skills that we need to acquire. Thank you very much and until we meet again."</i> Ms. Nellie Sawil, Farmer, Cayapa, Laganqiliang, Abra</p> <p><i>"Opportunities such as this are needed because we know that in our locality, there are so much more we do not know about rice production and poultry raising. With this, we thank you for all your sacrifices in making this training possible. We cannot repay all the lessons we have gained. Just as what had happened during the group exercise, I am now well-informed that not all insects in the field are damaging to the rice crops. There are insects that are beneficial and helpful to the farmers thus, we need to be mindful. The three-day training was not enough because we wanted to learn more, hence, we hope to see you again."</i> Mr. Abner Baisa, Farmer, Cayapa, Laganqiliang, Abra</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>GAD LEARNING SESSION FOR ATI-CAR STAFF: GAD MAINSTREAMING INPUTS AND UPDATES</p> <p>The gender approach to development, also known by its acronym GAD (Gender and Development), was introduced in government in the early 1990s as an alternative development strategy. GAD seeks to transform the way the government pursues development so that it can respond effectively and with sensitivity to issues confronting women. The GAD perspective recognizes that gender concerns cut across all areas of development and therefore should not be overlooked in the development planning process (GAD Handbook, 2003).</p> <p>Looking back, ATI-CAR had been conducting its GAD Trainings and Learning Sessions to the organization however with the current composition of its staff which are mostly new and have not undergone basic seminars or topics on GAD, it is still best to start with understanding these basic concepts. It is also imperative for the organization to be aware of anti-sexual harassment in the workplace to avoid any untoward incidence or cases in the future.</p> <p>This learning session is also a continuation of the previous years' learning session, an avenue to follow up implementation of the coping mechanisms on mental health as well as healthy lifestyle. Moreover, as part of fostering better relationships in the organization for better implementation of extension service, there is a need to continually include team activities to break any barriers and conflicts.</p> <p>In addition, in celebration of the National Women's Month, an input of Women's Privilege and Opportunities working in the government will be discussed.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"For me, I'm satisfied with this training since it was my first time to fully participate in the activities so I enjoyed it very much. For the Basic GAD Concepts, as Ma'am Jam says, it is proper to go back to the basics for us to know why we are celebrating Women's Month every year. Also, this training will help us as a government institution implementing programs/interventions to increase awareness on Gender Fair Society to avoid gender biases and for us to be gender sensitive in every training we conduct. The activities are super fun, engaging, participative and balanced as it is not purely a lecture but it has mental aspect and physical exercises especially the team building activities. Thank you for the TMT for the fun activities and the learnings and insights we gained from the activity. That's all and "Mabuhay ka Juana." Ms. Vicky May Guinayen, ATI-RTC-CAR Staff</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to thank the Training Management Team for this training. For the 3-day-activity, at least I have a better understanding about Gender and Development, especially the different gender issues. And I would also like to thank our RP, Atty. Elenita Ugay, for discussing the real meaning of Sexual Harassment and how it affects the relationship of people or life of an individual. The word/phrase itself is very alarming to hear, especially for our family members but it is more alarming if we ourselves don't know what it really means. We might be a victim yet we are not aware because we lack knowledge and understanding about it. So, I'm very thankful for this opportunity to refresh the existing ideas/awareness that I have and for the additional knowledge and learnings that I acquired. In conclusion, in order to educate others, we should educate first ourselves, especially on the issues concerning gender issues, biases, and sexual harassment." Mr. Gideon Ammang, ATI-RTC-CAR Staff</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>ENGENDERING EXTENSION: GENDER SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR THE YOUTH</p> <p>Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) is an initial effort to show how gender shapes the roles of women and men in society, including their role in development, and how it affects relations between them.</p> <p>The EASY Agri Scholarship Program was implemented in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic hence all of the Centers' activities for them were conducted online. They were also not given the chance to get to know and learn from each other knowing that they differ from the courses that they have enrolled. These scholars have encountered mental challenges in their online approach of studying which can be partly addressed in this course. Also, as youth, it is best that everyone has a clear understanding of the differences of both men and women and where they're coming from and from here their needs will be addressed too.</p> <p>Raising knowledge on gender sensitivity will provide an avenue for the change of structure of gender differentiation. In the context of development, all these require knowledge and appreciation of the gender approaches or tools.</p> <p>As a practical tool, GST is important for analyzing gender differentiation and provides adequate knowledge regarding major factors that influence and are responsible for how Gender is defined to an individual, an entity and even to a community. A better understanding of the gender roles of these youth will provide them a better view of how they should perform in their home, school and community.</p> <p>Moreover, an inclusion of values, orientation and leadership is also a vital input for these youths who are expected to be entrepreneurs and leaders in the future. The activity was conducted on March 21-22 at the ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet participated by 25 youths.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"I am so thankful for this training that I will use this as a tool to reflect on my values and will try to correct the bad ones in order to become a better individual. I can take part to stop gender issues and make a better world."</i> Ms. Lorelien Limbog, EASY AGRI-CAR scholar</p> <p><i>"Suppression of women's rights has been rampant for so long up to this day. Society has stolen their opportunity to be involved and have the freedom to do or to reach their goal. Success must not be defined by gender and sex. Every human being must have an equal chance to achieve their goals. Gender and sex must never be a requirement to success"</i> Mr. Rickmar P. Bayonao, Farm Youth</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>ENTREPRENEURIAL MIND SETTING AND VALUES FORMATION</p> <p>The Educational Assistance for the Youth in Agriculture, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Related Degree Courses (EASY Agri) is a scholarship program started by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) across the country in the continued efforts to increase the attractiveness of agriculture and fisheries education to the youth. Most of the young people in the countryside are migrating to the urban areas, engaging themselves in the urban lifestyle and environment and losing their interest to engage in farming. One of the specific objectives of the program is to produce agricultural professionals, and a new breed of farmers who are equipped with necessary knowledge and technical skills, and possess the right attitude in putting up agribusiness enterprises.</p> <p>To attain this objective, a ladderized training program approach was developed to prepare the scholars as agri-entrepreneurs. Thus, this training conducted on March 23-25 was designed as a good start for agri-business enterprise. Generally, it aimed to let the participants appraise the effectiveness of entrepreneurial mind setting thereby being able to determine a potential agribusiness/ enterprise idea. With this, 25 youth completed the training conducted at Aspulan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"After learning about Entrepreneurial Mind Setting and Values Formation, I've got to realize that I can be a successful entrepreneur and a business owner. With the activities and games din. I can reflect that there are many ups and downs in a business and there is no such thing as smooth sailing because problems and trials are always there to test how flexible we are in solving those. In addition, I also realized that I already have the vision of my dream farm as my driving motivation to do my best in order for me to attain success, maybe not now but soon."</i> Lorellen Limbog, Itugao EASY Agri Scholar</p> <p><i>"As an entrepreneur, we should be the first person to familiarize our plan, adapt to new innovations and reshape our strategies. As a realization, it is free to dream big however you have to make sure it is realistic and attainable."</i> Junard Hans T. Bagnisen, Bakun EASY Agri Scholar</p>





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Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p style="text-align: center;">RICE CROP MANAGER (RCM) BRIEFING AND DEPLOYMENT</p> <p>The Rice Crop Manager (RCM) is a computer and mobile phone-based tool providing rice farmers with a personalized crop and nutrient management guideline. It is one of the Crop Managers developed by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in partnership with various research and extension institutions in Asia.</p> <p>In the Philippines, the IRRI and the Department of Agriculture (DA) through its National Rice Program, the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), and the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), in partnership with the local government units (LGU) teamed up for the development, maintenance, and deployment of the RCM Advisory Service. On the part of the ATI, it is tasked to promote the RCM through various means including, but not limited to, extension programs and projects, information campaign and advocacy activities such as briefings, and assistance in the deployment at the municipal level. In August 2015 the DA-ATI and the DA-Regional Field Offices agreed during a joint meeting that the ATI will handle basic training on RCM use and the conduct of RCM briefings for AEWs, Local Farmer Technicians (LFTs) and farmers. The ATI-RTC-CAR also ventured into enhancing -MLGU-based Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers through the provision of additional ICT equipment to support the RCM dissemination and deployment at the municipal level.</p> <p>This activity aimed to assist the AEWs in the MLGUs in raising the awareness of rice farmers on the RCMAAS, in registering rice farmers in the RCMAAS farmers database, and in generating RCM recommendations for the farmers.</p> <p>Throughout the month, 2 batches were conducted. Details were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="400 542 523 1389"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATCH</th> <th>DATE</th> <th>VENUE</th> <th>NO. OF PAX</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 1</td> <td>March 29-30</td> <td>Sagada, Mountain Province</td> <td>78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 2</td> <td>March 31</td> <td>Besao, Mountain Province</td> <td>49</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The output of the activity is that at least one (1) RCM recommendation per farmer, if applicable, shall be generated, explained, and given to the farmer during the activity provided there is electricity and internet connection that is sufficient to operate the RCMAAS online.</p>	BATCH	DATE	VENUE	NO. OF PAX	Batch 1	March 29-30	Sagada, Mountain Province	78	Batch 2	March 31	Besao, Mountain Province	49
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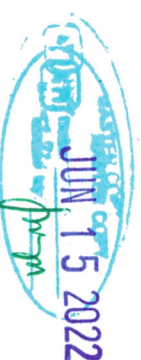
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		<p> Orientation on PAFES for Ifugao, March 9, 2022, Southville Inn Hotel, Lagawe, Ifugao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attended by 24 participants <p>Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial Time Table ✓ Orientation of LCEs will be after the National Elections ✓ Orientation of RBOs and 1st Planning Activity - third week of March ✓ Target for MOA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The DA-RFO will formally inform the Governor's Office through a letter about the conduct of the Rapid Appraisal in the province. ● Regarding PAFEC, the Center will be operated by the PLGU, not the APCO. The Provincial Agriculturist, the Provincial Veterinarian, and the Provincial Planning and Development Officer to meet and decide who will lead the PAFES in Ifugao. ● Initial Priority Commodities: coffee, heirloom rice, banana, upland vegetable, livestock (goat, sheep, cattle), tomato, ginger, tilapia, and yu-yu (Japanese weather loach) <p> Orientation on PAFES for Kalinga, March 11, 2022, Las Vegas Hotel, Tabuk, Kalinga</p> <p>Participated by representatives from the OMAg, MPDC, BFAR-Province, KSU, OPVet and OPAS, facilitated by DA-CAR RFO and DA-APCO Kalinga team.</p> <p>Mr. Baklian welcomed the group encouraged them to raise their comments on issues. Further, he mentioned that the event will be a preparation for the next PAFES activity, which is the MOA signing with their respective LCEs.</p> <p>Activities undertaken:</p> <p>Sharing of PAFES-Benguet experience; RRA to be conducted to look into areas that need improvements and recommendations and prioritization and the good practices on agricultural services like PRDP; review of MOA and needed documentary requirements; tentative schedules to include POs especially during planning workshops.</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Workshop Activity	<p align="center">WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING THE GUIDELINES ON TRAINING MODULE DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITATORS GUIDE</p> <p align="center"><i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i></p> <p>Ms. Jam R. Balingan, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR MPS II, participated in this activity conducted virtually on March 23 and 25. It aimed to seek inputs from module developers across its network of Training Centers and enhance the Memorandum Order No. 01, series of 2015, titled "Guidelines on Training Module Development" and its procedure.</p> <p>Salient points from the Workshop Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaboration with other agencies for funding and SMS consultation ✓ Development of module is part of quality objectives and included in the IPCCR ✓ Timeline: One year for development, year two for packaging and printing ✓ Annual review and updating of module especially with technical topic ✓ Tapping of SMS who already have conducted trainings on the subject matter ✓ Module developer, although not an expert on the topic, is sent to participate in training to gain knowledge on the topic he is tasked to develop ✓ Adherence to the ATI Standard module format ✓ "Suggested" openers and enders <p>Agreements and Ways Forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Module Inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training Centers and CO Divisions to fill out the CDMD module inventory - CDMD to coordinate with PPD in the inclusion of the database (UNEXSYS) 2. Guidelines on Module Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDMD to update and enhance the Training Module Development Guidelines based on workshop outputs - CDMD to present the enhance document to this group - CDMD to submit enhanced guidelines to the ATI Management for approval





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Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)	Knowledge Centers Maintained/Enhanced	<p>-Throughout the month, there were 16 enhanced FITS Centers (5 from Baguio and Benguet, 3 in Mountain Province and 2 for Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, and Kalinga province) through the provision of Agriculture Magazines. Aside from the print materials being distributed by the Center, these magazines aimed further to help for the spreading new information, knowledge, and ideas as success stories and best farming practices are being shared.</p> <p>Knowledge Products (KP) Reproduced</p> <p>2,815 print materials were reproduced this month. Reproduced IEC materials were requested by DA-RFO in response to their training on Urban Agriculture and for distribution for the Panagbenga Festival celebration. The said print materials were Edible Landscaping; Urban Agriculture, Bin Composting, Container Gardening, and Lettuce Production. The other IEC materials reproduced were Organic Concoctions which Fungicidal Plants; Insecticidal Plants; Calcium Edible Shells; Calcium Phosphate (Animal Bones); F.F.J; F.P.J; Ginger or Turmeric Extract; Hot Pepper and Lemon grass Extracts, IMO, LABS, Natural Attractants for Flying Insects and Butterflies, OHN, Tomato Plant Extracts that shall be distributed to 11 Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) of Abra and Apayao.</p> <p>KP Developed</p> <p>1 Techno based product was developed this month. KP developed was on Pea-sized Potato which is in response to request of the potato industry under the HVCD Program. Potato is one of the commodities being grown in the province of Benguet, Mt. Province and some parts of upland areas in Apayao, Ifugao and Kalinga.</p> <p>KP Popularized</p> <p>1 Techno based product was popularized this month. The KP popularized concerns on corn production entitled "Natural a Kalaban ti Corn Borer." Corn borer is one of the insect pests that affects the production of Corn thus this was given emphasis to control this pest. The KP was translated to Ilokano dialect to enable effective communication between among the clients in the region.</p> <p>The Center intensified its online promotions with 29 posts in social media. A total of 80,067 individuals were reached and there were 1,716 page views.</p>
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Orientation and Site Assessment	<p>TGP ORIENTATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT, March 7-11, 2022, Abra and Kalinga</p> <p>The activity was led by Ms. Jaila Sagpa-ey, Information Officer II, Mr. Adrian Chris Velasco, Information Officer II, and Mr. Jaypee Na-oy, Technical Support Staff of the Information Services Section (ISS) of ATI-RTC-CAR. For the TGP FITS orientation for MLGUs Tanundan in Kalinga, Boliney and Bucloc in Abra, Miss Sagpa-ey provided a brief orientation on the TGP program along with its components FITS center and MS. It was mentioned that this was supported by EO 801 signed by Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in May 2009. It was reiterated that it will just enhance, supplement and complement the existing services of the OMAg aiming to bring to the grassroot level the access to information and technologies with the provision of the IEC printed materials or library corner within the OMAg area. Further, concerned LGUs were requested for Sangguniang Bayan (SB) resolutions adopting the TGP and authorizing their respective LCE to enter into a MOA on this concern, for which the LGUs expressed their positive response on these requests. The video documentations conducted in Abra will take part in the success stories of the RCM implementation in the Region. The team also distributed printed IEC materials to include the Weaver Publication and RCEF calendars during the trip.</p> <p>MEETING ON CAPABILITY BUILDING FOR FCAS AND PROJECT SITE VALIDATION UNDER MAFF PROJECT and FIELD VISITATION, March 9 – DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, March 10 – Bailii, Mankayan, Benguet</p> <p>DA-ATI-CAR was instructed by ATI Central Office to invite the key officers of Manpat-a-Farmers' Association, Raining Farmers' Association and Blessdam Farmers' Association, representatives from MLGU Mankayan, PLGU Benguet and DA RFO CAR (HVCDP and F2C2 Focal Persons) to attend the meeting and project site validation in support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF) project of Japan.</p> <p>To formally begin the project, the kick-off meeting was conducted on March 9-10. It aimed to orient the partner stakeholders and the Farmers' Cooperative and Association (FCAs) on the project strategies and activities. The participants and guests were welcomed by OIC Center Director, Mr. Charlie C. Sagudan and an inspirational message was given by Director Rosana P. Mula. Overview of the activity and the MAFF Project was discussed by Mr. Yago. He presented an approved CBF project, the strategies to strengthen the FCA members competitiveness through capability building.</p> <p>The team also visited Lay-odan Farm; a newly certified learning site of ATI-RTC-CAR managed by Mr. Hector de la Cruz. The farm is planted with coffee under the pines and various vegetables such as potatoes, tomatoes, crucifers and legumes. As per monitoring, landscape designs of the farm were improved, additional crops were added, catering services were maintained and open for agri-tourism. The farm was also being supported by the DTI for processing components. Some of the problems raised by Mr. De la Cruz is the issue on the parking lot and road right of way going to their farm. The farm doesn't have its own parking space aside from the fact that the road going to the farm is very constricted and owned by their relatives. Accordingly, their relatives had been bothering them about the parcel of land going to the farm. He was advised to settle the issue for efficient and sustainable operation. Staff involved were OIC-TCD Charlie Sagudan, Mr. Jordan Play, Ms. Cristine Esnara, and Mr. Maximino Aromin, Jr.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting and Field Visitation (Support)	





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Performance Assessment	<p>QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND GENERAL ORIENTATION ON PROVINCE-LED AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEMS (PAFES) WITH CONTRACT OF SERVICE (COS), March 23 and 28, 2022</p> <p>This assessment aimed to provide updates on the timeline of activities and upcoming schedules for the remaining five (5) provinces (<i>Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, Ifugao, and Mt. Province.</i>)</p> <p>Further, one of the major undertakings of PAFES is the conduct of Rapid Appraisal (RA) where output from this serves as bases for the Collaborative Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Program (CFAPEP). Prior to deployment of the COS, they were oriented with the conduct of RA for smooth implementation. The DA-CIARC facilitated the activity.</p> <p>Attended by 26 participants conducted virtually joined by members of the PAFES team from the Field Operations and the Research Divisions of the DA-RFO-CAR, newly hired COS, ATI-RTC-CAR staff, partners from the APCO and MLGU.</p> <p>Learnings and Agreements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DA-RFO-CAR to issue letter to concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) introducing the PAFES COS including the data being requested for the Rapid Appraisal (RA); 2. The reckoning period for the data on compensation of AEWs shall be the current basic pay and will be based on their respective payrolls, Provincial/Municipal Agriculture Offices, and Provincial Veterinary Offices concerned of concerned LGU to request for the said payrolls; 3. DA-RFO-CAR APCO to lead in facilitating Focus Group Discussion (FGD), there will be separate FGD for farmer representatives and respondents for LGU; 4. Aside from the APCO, members of the PAFES CAR team (<i>BFAR-CAR, AT-CAR, DA-RFO-CAR</i>) may also assist/lead in facilitating the FGD, it is not necessary that representatives of all the agencies must be present for each and every FGD/activity; 5. RA tools to be revisited for its finalization incorporating the inputs from this activity; 6. DA-RFO-CAR provided updates on the timeline of activities and upcoming schedules; 7. A final orientation with the COS will be called before they will be deployed back to their respective province of assignment. <p>During the continuation of the activity on March 28, 2022, ATI-RTC-CAR OIC-TCD Charlie C. Sagudan provided the targets of the COS.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>MEETING ON IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE FILIPINO YOUNG FARMERS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN TAIWAN</p> <p>The orientation with 4H Club Coordinators of region Cordillera was conducted on March 17 to inform them on the <i>Filipino Young Farmers Internship Program in Taiwan (FYFPT) Batch 2</i>. The FYFPT is a partnership between the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines (TECO) through a Memorandum of Understanding. The partnership aims to enhance the relations through the implementation of an internship program for qualified young Filipino farmers. Generally, the program aims to develop deserving young Filipino farmers to become empowered farmer leaders and agricultural entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Ms. Cristine Ennara, <i>PASS Head</i>, provided a detailed presentation of the overview, objectives, and guidelines of the FYFPT. The activity focuses on the identification of young farmers from the different provinces of CAR to take the pre-qualification examination on March 24, 2022. Three (3) qualified 4H Club members will be endorsed to the Central Office.</p> <p>Another memorandum on the 2nd Youth in Agriculture Summit on April 21-22, 2022 with the theme “<i>Spark, Encourage, Engage the Youth to develop (SEED) New Leaders for Agriculture</i>” was discussed to the participants. ATI RTCs were tasked to identify 4H members or youth to join the contest proper for the 3-minute speech contest on April 19, 2022, via online. Provinces shall endorse at least two (2) 4H club members or youth to join the pre-qualification contest. The pre-qualification contest will be held online on March 25. Minimal prices will be provided for the top 3 winners and top 1 will be endorsed to Central Office to join the contest proper.</p> <p>PRE-QUALIFYING EXAM FOR THE SEARCH FOR FYFIP (Batch 2) and CONDUCT OF 3-MINUTE SPEECH CONTEST, March 24-25, 2022, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>Before the pre-qualifying exam, overview, objectives, and guidelines of the FYFPT were discussed. Participants were given 2 hours to finish the exam after which, it was checked by the focal person and results were presented to the examinees. Top three participants who passed the exam were from the province of Kalinga. Top 4 to 6 were included in the list for field validation to have a ready replacement in case anyone in the top 3 won't be able to make it until the final validation of requirements based on the given guidelines.</p> <p>The 3-minute speech contest was held on March 25. The participants were given 2 minutes and 30 seconds to let them compose their speech about the topic given and 3 minutes to deliver their speech.</p> <p>Agreements were: 1. Top 6 will undergo validation and submission of required documents. Top 4 to 6 will serve as replacement in case anyone from top 1 to 3 won't be able to pass the validation based on the given guideline; 2. Winners will be given a cash prize plus <i>Certificate of Recognition</i> and non-winners will be given a <i>Certificate of Participation</i>.</p>
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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Year Start Planning</p>	<p>YEAR START PLANNING (1st Regional Convergence Team Meeting for CY 2022) on EPAHP, March 29, 2022</p> <p>The Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) is a convergence program which aims to help mitigate hunger, ensure food and nutrition security, and reduce poverty in urban and rural communities, including marginalized communities. The planning activity aimed to discuss and plan for the EPAHP thrust and priorities for 2022 as well as to strengthen the working relationship among all EPAHP partner agencies.</p> <p>Session 1 was on the Accomplishment of Long-Term Projects towards Ambisyon Natin 2040 and Sustainable Development Goals (ALPAS) Framework. Session 2 focused on Community Participation in Procurement. Community Participation pertains to the involvement of local communities, community or social groups, or members thereof in a procurement project that is required to meet specific social objectives or for project sustainability.</p> <p>The 3rd session was the Planning Workshop where Ms. Jam R. Balingan presented and submitted the ATI-RTC-CAR Strategic Plan revised with consideration of synergy and convergence as explained by the EPAHP facilitators.</p> <p>WOMEN SUMMIT THEME: HER STORY, CELEBRATING WOMEN OF COURAGE AND PASSION, March 31, 2022</p> <p>The activity intended to enable participants to demonstrate an increased appreciation and understanding of the contributions of women shaping the organization and communities they work in. It also aimed to inspire women to continue to inspire each other and know what it takes to lead and influence.</p> <p>Four topics discussed were <i>InFocus: IP Women Promoting Peace and Healing as Culture-Bearers, Creating a Safe Spaces at Work, Entrepreneurship: Building Block to Leadership (Dulche Chocolates), and New Brand of Women Leaders: Strategic, Creative, and Adoptive.</i></p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Balingan.</p>
<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Activities/ Trainings/ Attended by Staff (INDCCR Reports)</p>	<p>IBM SPSS TRAINING for RESEARCHERS, March 30-31, 2022</p> <p>This two-day training was undertaken to help the participants learn the basic function of IBM statistics and how to present data comprehensively. On the second day, assumptions of statistical techniques and its underlying concepts were taught.</p> <p>As monitoring and evaluation (M&E) officers, the statistical tool is very much helpful to analyze data sets, especially those that need deeper analysis aside from frequencies and averages.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay, PEO I and Ms. Khareen B. Tigui-ing, DMO I.</p>





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