

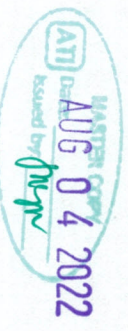


MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JUNE | 2022

Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING	<p>TRAINING ON CONDUCTING WEBINARS AND ONLINE TRAININGS FOR RBO COORDINATORS OF CAR BATCH 3</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 clients 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 June 6-8, completed by 20 participants.</p> <p>Topics discussed were 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 would like to take this chance to say that thank you to all who facilitated this training for us. Virtual training for us was a big challenge for us in our place because of the signal issues that is why we decided to come here in ATI-CAR for this face-to-face training. I would like to thank the RPs for sharing their knowledge to us especially in the use of the zoom and google applications. We will try to apply these virtual trainings in our place because we have almost 100 organizations there. Thank you very much!"</i> Ms. Mercedes B. Manguilan-, Agricultural Technician II, LGU-Conner, Apayao</p> <p><i>"I would like to thank all the resource speakers for imparting us new knowledge and information about these virtual tools. This training has been a big impact especially for us AEWs in our own provinces. We learned a lot and we will practice what we have learned so that we can apply it in our own municipalities."</i> Mr. Lito C. Cabulaje, Farmer, San Isidro, Abra</p>





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TRAINING ON QUANTUM GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (QGIS) – 2 BATCHES

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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Other AF</p>	<p>2022 CAR LGU AGRICULTURE OFFICE MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (LGU-AOMA) MEETING AND TRAINING ON STRENGTHENING POSITIVE VALUES IN THE WORKPLACE</p> <p>The provision of direct agriculture and fisheries extension services at the Provincial and Municipal/City levels are mainly provided by Local Government Units headed by the Provincial Agriculturist, Provincial Veterinarians, Municipal and City Agriculturists and Veterinarians and Municipal Agriculture Officers. The LGU Agriculture Office Managers Association (LGU-AOMA) is a newly organized association that need to finalize its policies and guidelines that was delayed due to pandemic. The new sets of officers, elected last year needs updating and turn-over of activities and responsibilities by the outgoing officers.</p> <p>Being the lead in the implementation of various programs and various interventions, there is a need to strengthen positive values in the workplace for efficiency, integrity and excellence in service. This is also in cognizance to Civil Service Commission (CSC) crusade to combat the problem of graft and corruption, inefficiency, and broken working relationships between government employees in their workplace.</p> <p>This three-day activity held on June 8 to 10, was designed to promote excellence in their workplace through restoration and transformational leadership. Specifically, it sought to discuss policies and guidelines of LGU AOMA CAR; discuss importance of Values Restoration Program; discuss the importance of excellence in the workplace; and discuss what is celebrating feedback. Aside from the regular meeting, one of the highlights of this year's assembly is a lecture on strengthening positive values in the workplace with the Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values (CRFV) which is a CSC-accredited learning and development institution.</p> <p>In attendance were the Provincial Agriculturists of Ifugao, and Kalinga, and the Provincial Veterinarians of Benguet, and Ifugao while the Provincial Office for Veterinary Services of Kalinga sent representatives.</p> <p>Conducted in Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"On behalf of my colleagues in the province of Benguet, thank you for this invitation and for this training. I think it's very timely. Thank you to the speakers who delivered the topics excellently. In addition, training facilities were improved."</i> Mr. Delfin D. Rufino, Municipal Agriculturist, Buguias Benguet</p> <p><i>"What I appreciate are the friendliness of ATI staff, training venue and facilities are excellent, the topics are so nice - all based on the bible, excellent speakers, cooperative and active participants, field visits, all were appreciated, all were educational and it touches the heart. God bless!"</i> Mr. Eugenio M. Culimay Jr., Municipica Agriculturist, Alfonso Lista Ifugao</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Other AF</p>	<p>AGRITALK</p> <p>Agritalk is an information and advocacy activity aimed at promoting agriculture through the showcase of farming technologies, experiences and other shareable farming feats. As an advocacy campaign, this activity aimed to inform, raise awareness, appreciation, and inspire the audience to support agriculture by either adopting the technologies promoted, patronizing and promoting food and other farm products, conserving agricultural resources, investing in farming and other agricultural enterprises, and the like.</p> <p>The Center's Agritalk focuses on the promotion of sustainable agriculture through organic farming highlighting technologies, practices, and experiences of the ATI-RTC-CAR accredited learning sites for agriculture focusing on organic farming.</p> <p>The Center, with the Garden Nen Ines, streamed a special presentation on Anthurium. 27 participants attended this seminar on Agri-talk conducted virtually on May 25, 2022.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Thank you po sa additional knowledge na natutunan namin about anthurium po, I'm interested in planting anthurium and I hope I can learn more by conducting another webinar on anthuriums po."</i> Ms. Lorena C. Cachero</p> <p><i>"In just a short period of time I manage to understand the production of Anthurium. I am not actually familiar to other varieties, but in the video presented nakita ko po yung iba't-ibang varieties. This knowledge will help me to choose what should I major in my 3rd year. Thank you so much po, and I hope na may mga upcoming event pa po kayo tulad nito."</i> Ms. Kyra J. Dayag</p> <p><i>"Salamat sa kaunting kaalaman na inyong pinamahagi sa amin. napakahalaga po na magkaroon kami ng kaalaman tungkol sa mga halaman. maganda po ang inyong pakikitungo sa mga taong nakioin sa inyong programa naway marami pa po kaming aabangan sa AGRITALK."</i> Ms. Romelyn P. Asuncion</p>





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Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)	FIELD VALIDATION	<p>FIELD VALIDATION OF LSA APPLICANT in BEJAJENG, TALOY NORTE, TUBA, June 3, 2022</p> <p>Orientation and re-validation of LSA applicant was conducted in response to the follow-up letter sent by Sister Corazon Sanchez of SIHM, regarding their application as Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) practicing organic farming system.</p> <p>The team was met by the farm workers and sisters in-charge in the farm, headed by Sis. Corazon. The farm is owned and managed by Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary (SIHM), member of Bejajeng Pansigshan Organic Practitioner (BPOP), registered to DOLE and accredited by the Municipal and DA Regional Office. SIHM was also certified by Organic Certification Center of the Philippines (OCCP) as Organic Practitioner last year.</p> <p>The farm is being planted with vegetables, banana, lemon, root crops, herbs, ferns and legumes. It has facilities for native pigs, native chicken and rabbits. They make their own feeds for their livestock which they learned from Mr. Eric Tinoyan. As OA practitioner, they also prepare their own natural farming inputs such as IMO, FPI and FFI and composts. They have farm house with kitchen, dining, guest rooms and holding area and 1 comfort room. After field validation tour, the farm in-charge were oriented as to what is LSA, its responsibilities stipulated in the guidelines. Recommendations were also discussed by the team, for their implementation and improvement of the farm.</p> <p>LSA ESTABLISHMENT</p> <p>Agriculture and Fishery (AF) Extension is central to growth and development of the agriculture and fishery sectors, hence, managing its extension services is crucial in empowering the farmers to have the competitive edge.</p> <p>The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), as the Extension Support, Education, and Training Services (ESETS) arm of the Department of Agriculture, is responsible for conceptualizing training and extension modalities and innovations. Development and utilization of Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) is one innovative extension modality conceptualized by ATI where farmers and other participants interested to learn agriculture are brought for actual experience/ hands-on training to complement classroom training. Further, the government through the DA-ATI, has funds allocated for interventions through its modality, the LSA, covering its establishment and continuous development support. Thus, one (1) LSA was established this month.</p> <p>Under RCEF Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BUNOY'S INTEGRATED FARM located in Ollicon, Lagawe, Itugao owned by Mr. Noel B. Bunoy <p>The farm has 1 hectare of rice production area exclusive of the four holes of fish ponds, livestock housings for chickens and pigs and vegetable production area. It also has available farm facilities such as simple holding area, toilet and wide parking area. Moreover, other lacking training facilities can be rented to their association with farm machineries awarded by PhilMech. The farm is accessible by land and other transportation facilities. The operator owns a pick-up which is used as transportation to and from the site.</p>
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<p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p>	<p>MEETING</p>	<p>FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SOA ON PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM, June 1, 2022, Dammuhan Hall, La Trinidad, Benguet</p> <p>The meeting was conducted to Orient the LGUs on what is the SOA PGS all about; Get the commitment to participate; Review the mechanics; Sign the Contract of service for SOA coordinators; and Distribute enrolment forms and pre-test materials.</p> <p>Out of the 13 invited LGUs in the province of Benguet, 9 LGUs and 1 from PLGU of Benguet attended the meeting represented by the OA focal persons of the municipalities/province. A total of 490 prospective number of enrollees was committed by participating municipalities (Sablan-50; Tublay-100; Itogon - 80; Atok - 70; Bakun - 50; Kibungan - 20; Kapangan-30; Bokod-50; Tuba-40).</p> <p>The Provincial OA focal person will try to get in touch with the 3 municipalities who were not able to attend for the possibility of reaching the 500 pax target. Tentative start of SOA will be on July 15, 2022, depending on the availability of the radio station. The group will meet again on July 4 for the finalization meeting.</p> <p>FINALIZATION MEETING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SOA-SRA, Señoría Lydia Hotel, Calaba, Bangued, Abra, June 2, 2022 and VIDEO SHOOT OF ADDITIONAL RCM ADOPTERS SOA-SRA</p> <p>The meeting was undertaken to finalize the number of participants in the SOA, agree on the date of launching episodes, retrieve the enrolment form, pre-test and survey form, and distribute supplies for the participants (notebook, ball pen, and radio sets)</p> <p>The final number of participating municipalities was down to 22 with Tayum and Peñarubia as additional non-participating LGUs. A total of 1,395 prospective number of enrollees was committed by the participating municipalities. The start of SOA would be on June 13, 2022 (launching episode) and it will run every Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:00 – 11:45 AM.</p> <p>RCM VIDEO SHOOT</p> <p>Two (2) adopters were interviewed in Tayum as recommended by Sir Vhez Briones and the MA of Tayum in Abra, Mr. Lito Tubaña and Mr. Nelio Balneg.</p>





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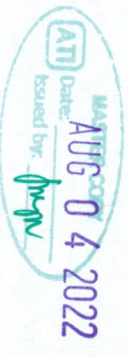


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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>F2C2 VISIT</p>	<p>VALIDATION OF THE FIELD VISIT SITE FOR THE F2C2, Atok, Benguet, June 7, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the proposed visit site in Bokod, Benguet was cancelled, the management opted to find other visit areas in Atok, Benguet with the help of MA Cherry Sano. MA Sano and HVCDP focal of DA-CAR proposed the Haight's Farm where visitors can see vegetable cluster areas and the ATOKAPE organization as well as the Northern Blossom as site visit. • Further, the validation was conducted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ascertain if the proposed area is worth visiting ✓ Orient the owner on what the activity is all about and how he will orient the participants ✓ Be able to plan an efficient flow of travel going to the visit sites • Haight's Farm is available on the scheduled date of visitation (June 16, 2022). The flow of orientation would be for DA-RFO-CAR or ATI-RTC-CAR to situate why the visit area was chosen even if it is not an F2C2 site; MA Sano to provide a briefing about Atok focusing on the agricultural profile and Mr. Edward Haight's will talk about their farm and association and some challenges and prospects in their operation. • During the visit to ATOKAPE, it was found out that no one will be available to orient the participant during that date. Furthermore, there is not enough parking space in the area, thus it was excluded in the proposed field visit. Likewise, time is also a factor. However, it was agreed that they will set up a coffee brewery during the summit for free, only the amount of coffee that was used would be paid. • Mr. Maximino R. Aromin, Jr., ATI-RTC-CAR, Information Officer III, Mr. Adrian Chris P. Velasco, ATI-RTC-CAR, Information Officer III, and Mr. Japye Na-oy, Technical Support Staff led this field validation on June 7, 2022. <p>FARMER-SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM (FSTP) PHASE II IN TABUK CITY, KALINGA</p> <p>FSTP Phase II was scheduled on December 2021 to March 2022. However, due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases in the area, the LGU decided to reschedule it on May to October 2022 to coincide with the cropping season of corn in their area. Thus, table monitoring was undertaken.</p> <p>As of June 3, 2022, Ms. Emma Ferrion of LGU Tabuk City said that lay-outting of 19 farms of the participants were already done. Planting of corn cannot proceed yet because nearby areas of the sites were planted with hybrid corn. There is a risk that the FSTP sites might be pollinated. But after 20 days, they will now start planting. Ms. Ferrin also informed Ms. Vicky May Guinayen, ATI-RTC-CAR COC Focal, of the different supplies and materials needed for the activity.</p>
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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>MONITORING</p>	<p>In view of the upcoming ATI Scholarship offerings for 2022 which will commence on the First Semester of Academic Year 2022-2023, all ATI Regional Scholarship Focal Persons and alternate were invited to participate in the Consultative Meeting on the Presentation of the Approved Scholarship Guidelines. The following were presented and discussed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DISCUSSIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS</p> <p>1. Educational Assistance for the Youth in Agriculture (Easy Agri)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⬇ The guideline is a revised one which also applies to the Easy Agri Batch 1. ⬇ The number of slots cuts across to all BSA related courses not anymore specifying for BSABE. ⬇ Veterinary Medicine Course is accepted in the revised guideline. ⬇ Separate monthly reports will be prepared for Batch 1 and Batch 2 of the Easy Agri and also for the EDGE and Thesis and Dissertation Assistance. ⬇ On the recruitment and selection process, the Regional Scholarship Committee reviews and evaluates the documentary requirements of applicants based on two criteria: (a) completeness of the submitted documents and (b) High School General Point/Weighted Average (GPA/GWA). The applicants who first completed the requirements, eligible based on the criteria and have obtained a High School GPA/GWA of 85% or better shall qualify in the shortlist, to be endorsed to the ATI Central Office. However, this will not limit the RTCs to conduct their own interview, examinations and other screening process to select qualified and deserving applicants. <p>2. Educational Grant for Extension Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⬇ ATI staff can also apply but their slots is only limited to 10% of the total national target which is 8 for the MS and 5 for the PhD. ATI-CO will set a deadline for the submission of documents for the ATI staff for the RTCs to include those qualified in their Regional slots. ⬇ Doctor in Public Administration is accepted under this scholarship. ⬇ ATI-CO will prepare a list of accepted courses to specify the 'multi-disciplinary courses' indicated in the guideline <p>3. Thesis and Dissertation Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⬇ No discussions and concerns here. <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, ATI-RTC-CAR Scholarship Focal Person.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>MONITORING</p>	<p>FIELD MONITORING ON LSA ESTABLISHED</p> <p>JUNE 1, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adig's Farm is a certified rice-based learning site in 2021 under the Rice Program. ✓ Adig's Farm is into rice, vegetable, fruit and fish production. ✓ Mr. Salvador Ruz, farm owner proposed on the establishment of Mholding area. As per monitoring, the holding area good for 30-40 individuals was already done. However, other components of the holding area to become fully functional and to be a conducive learning area such as chairs, board and others are still for acquisition of the farm owner. As of the moment, Mr. Ruz is borrowing chairs from the barangay if there is a meeting or activity that is being conducted in the farm. <p>To manage the rice straws after harvesting, the farmer was advised to utilize them to produce mushroom as additional technology that could be seen in the farm. After the initial decomposition it can be utilized as substrate for vermicomposting in addition with other farm waste. Since the space at the side of the holding area is slopping, it was suggested if Mr. Ruz can showcase SALT technology in the area too. In addition, this could prevent soil erosion that could destroy the holding area established. To make the learning site more different from the neighboring farms, planting more vegetables rice field and fish pond bunds.</p> <p>The LSA partner was then encouraged to continuously improved the farm specially to increased production of vegetables so that visitors can still see and learn something in the farm even if the rice planted are already harvested.</p> <p>JUNE 2, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maquera Integrated Farm is a certified Livestock-based Integrated LSA in 2020. ✓ The farm is into cattle, sheep, chicken, geese, coconut and vegetable production. A vast area was purposely intended for forage production. In 2020, the LSA was granted a total amount of 300,00 for the establishment of holding area. However, after during the rainy season it was observed that rain entered the holding area hence in 2021, thus, Mr. Henry Maquera, farm owner, proposed for enhancement of the holding area to extend the roofing and it was funded under OA Program. ✓ As per monitoring, the holding area good for 20-25 individuals was already done with the extension. Chairs and tables are also in place together with display area for IEC materials. Also, a unit of laptop was also acquired from the enhancement fund. Since the farmer is practicing organic farming on the vegetables being produced, Mr. Maquera was advised to enhanced/improved his composting area to sustain his plants. The LSA partner is now processing its documents to TESDA applying as farm school. Also, because of its spacious area, the Luna Organic Practitioners Association has applied for the repopulation program on swine of the DA the building will be built inside the Maquera Agri-Farm. In addition, Reveyn Duldulao's Farm was also visited and interviewed for the internal evaluation being conducted to LSAs with Riseline Crisolago Farm of Puditol, Apayao.





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	MONITORING	<p>AFE RBME SURVEY FOR CY 2019 DA-ATI-RTC-CAR INTERVENTIONS</p> <p>The main purpose of the AFE RBME Survey is to determine the results of interventions – policies, programs, and projects – as it answers the “so what” questions. Information that will be gathered will help the ATI management and program implementers come up with better-informed and evidence-based decisions towards continuous improvement and reforms in the implementation of extension services in the region.</p> <p>On May 30 to June 2, 2022, monitoring team from the PMESU interviewed training graduates in the municipalities of Conner, Flora, Pudtol, Luna, Kabugao, and Sta. Marcela in the province of Apayao.</p> <p>Prior to the conduct of survey, communication letters were sent to respective municipalities with targeted sample population. With consideration to safety and health protocols and timely facilitation of the evaluation activities, the team sought assistance from the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) and barangay officials where the sample population/respondents are residing, they were responsible in locating/coordinating with the participants regarding the survey. Face-to-face interview were undertaken through an individual and panel group discussion.</p> <p>Before the conduct of the interview, the Team first explained the objectives of the RBME and secured the respondents’ consent and assured that all information provided will be treated with utmost confidentiality in conformance with RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012.</p> <p>To facilitate collection of substantial data, each question and information needed were thoroughly explained by the facilitators, and translated in local dialect as needed. There were also some questions that needed further probing. This allowed the farmer-respondents to share what other agricultural technologies or practices where they able to apply that was not included in the questionnaire. Overall, the team interviewed 57 farmer-respondents and 2 AEWS.</p> <p>6th CENTER DIRECTORS (CDs) MEETING, June 8-10, 2022, ATI-RTC 6, Banga, Aklan</p> <p>The following were agenda for the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI’s Physical and Financial Performance • Salamat Paalam: A tribute to retired CDs of ATI • Presentation and discussion on Coconut Farmers Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), LSA Guidelines, Scholarship, Others • RTCs Issued and Concerns • Community Immersion to Aeta’s Community <p>Important matters will be discussed to the ATI-RTC-CAR Man Com. Attended by Center Directors, ATI Directorate, and Division Chiefs of ATI Central Office</p>
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	SEMINAR	<p>PUBLIC SERVICE INDUCTION SEMINAR</p> <p>The rationale of this activity is that ATI Management puts primary focus on the new employees' empowerment and capability building by providing them with all the equipment and information necessary to carry out their jobs effectively.</p> <p>Day 1- June 16, 2022 8:00 am-12:00 noon</p> <p>➤ Ms. Marissa O. Galgo, AO V, presented the Agricultural Training Institute's Mandate, Mission and Vision, Agriculture & Fishery Extension Policy, ATI Quality Policy & Core Values and the Programs and Services. She also explained the employees' welfare such as leave benefits and types of monetary benefits/ incentives. The different staff from ATI-Central office discussed their respective division's core functions, programs and services. Ms. Arlene Nillo, GS Head, explained the Rules on Provident Membership and ATIEA.</p> <p>Day 2- June 17, 2022 8:30 am-12:00 noon</p> <p>➤ Ms. Fe P. Lacaba, CSC-Central Office Director, discussed the R.A 6713 "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees". Listed are the points from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Commitment to public interest ❖ Professionalism ❖ Justness and sincerity ❖ Political neutrality ❖ Responsiveness to the public ❖ Nationalism and patriotism ❖ Commitment to democracy ❖ Simple living <p>➤ She also explained the Duties of Public Officials and Employees, Prohibited Acts and Transactions and Statements and Disclosure.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jocelyn P. Oligo, Mr. Edward P. Saldivar, and Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay.</p>



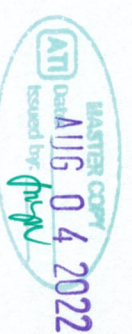


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	MEETING	<p>2nd QUARTER RRDIC MEETING, June 2, 2022, Eco-Lodge, Lower Magsaysay, Baguio City</p> <p>Activities undertaken during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review of the Previous Minutes of Meeting --- Matters arising during the meeting will be provided by the RRDIC Secretariat. ✓ New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of Program MINAS: Mine Water Innovations in Environmental Management and Sustainability in CAR The Program Leader Engr. Mary Verni Alza M. Corpus of Saint Louis University presented the program to the members. Dr. Nancy A. Bantog, the RRDIC Chairperson and Regional Director of DOST-CAR then presented a Resolution for endorsement to RDC. All of the members agreed. 2. Presentation of Pagtanaw 2050: The Philippine Foresight on Science and Technology and Innovation This was presented by ACD. William G. Padolina of the National Academy of Science and Technology. After the presentation, Dir. Bantog presented a Resolution to endorse this to RDC for approval which was unanimously agreed by the members. She added that the Pagtanaw 2050 will also be considered during the Strategic Planning of the RDC. 3. Presentation of the 2nd Quarter RRDIC Accomplishment and other Related Activities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Updates on Technological Consortium for Awareness, Readiness and Advancement of Knowledge in Innovation Cordillera (TARAKI-CAR) - This was presented by the Project Leader, Dr. Theima Palaog of the University of the Cordillera b) Updates on the Regional Inclusive Innovation Center (RIIC) - presented by a representative of the Department of Trade and Industry-CAR c) Presentation of Potato R&D Center and Purple Yam Quality Plant Material Production through Aeroponics <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Ballingan, ATI-RTC-CAR Representative.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	MEETING	<p>BENGUET PAFES MEETING, June 24, 2022</p> <p>The crafting of CPAFEP Plan for Benguet is extended and based on the presentation of Ms. Ma. Luisa Baban from PPDO Benguet, it showed that Benguet has still a lot of catching up to do with the other Provinces</p> <p>This meeting then was initiated by the DA-RFO-CAR and ATI-RTC-CAR for the Benguet group to give updates on crafting their CPAFEP. The following were the problems encountered as mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Benguet Provincial Team is still waiting for the New Direction to be crafted by the Governor which was disrupted due to the election. ✓ Status of the Narratives - The team is trying to schedule a meeting with the Governor to present the plan but no definite meeting was set yet. It was agreed upon by the group during this meeting together with the focal that 3 days write shop be scheduled for them to have ample time to finished their CPAFEP. <p>It was suggested that an outside venue will be very helpful for them to concentrate and focus on their focal ships/involvement/assignments and to complete the narratives. To help the Benguet group finalize their plans, the following were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Why not pursue with crafting and finalization of the plan using the gathered data as this will not affect the Direction of the Province, this will even be useful during the crafting of the Provinces' Direction We need to set the direction of the agriculture sector and not follow what the Governor will set for us because the actual Inputs gathered from the field is our basis in crafting the CPAFEP. ✓ We should not be intimidated with the absence of agricultural direction of the Province, we need to come up with consolidated plans to be presented which will set the direction and priorities To schedule a meeting with the 3 Heads this July, OPAG, OPVET and PPDO, and to invite panelist during the presentation to comment on the crafted plans based on their/outside's perspective Focals of OPAG & OPVET to transfer the data to the CPAFEP templates July 20-22, 2022 was the date agreed upon by the group. <p>Ms. Veronica B. Siloy, Technical Working Group for Benguet of ATI-RTC-CAR was assigned to canvassed for venue that can accommodate 40-50 pax for 3 days, inclusion of arrival and departure.</p>



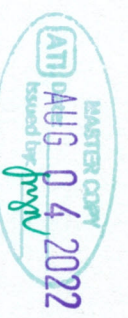


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	NATIONAL CONVENTION	<p>GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, Inc. (GACPA) 43rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION AND WEBINAR, June 9-10, 2022, Online</p> <p>GACPA is a non-stock non-profit organization of the Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in the government and the largest sectoral organization under the umbrella of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) held its virtual Annual National Convention and Webinar from June 9 to 10, 2022 via Zoom</p> <p>With this year's theme "Transform: Embracing Possibilities Realizing Potentials," the GACPA Board of Directors prepared technical sessions to update the participants and keep them abreast with current developments that could help them effectively perform their roles in their respective areas of responsibility.</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's Up in the Government Accountancy Profession in the Government Sector? a round-table discussion with PRC-BOA Chair Noe G. Quinanola as lead discussant • Technical Session 1 and 2 • Update Guidelines for the Prevention of Irregular, Unnecessary, Excessive, Extravagant and Unconscionable Expenditures • Resource Person – Atty. Winnie Rose H. Encallado • Technical Session 3 • Health and Wellness – A Key to Balanced Life? • Resource Person – Dr. Monica H. Walet • Technical Session 4 • Cyber Security Threats • Technical Session 5 and 6 • Alternative Methods of Procurement • Resource Person – Ms. Lynn Sicangco <p>Attended by Ms. Alza B. Abdul, ATI-RTC-CAR Accountant.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	PAFES PLANNING WORKSHOP	<p>PLANNING WORKSHOP- MAPPING OF COLLABORATIVE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES EXTENSION PROGRAM (CPAFEP), May 4, 2022</p> <p>After the series of initial consultations and with the concurrence of the concerned provincial local government units (PLGU) the Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Center (PAFEC) shall then be created through an Executive Order issued by the Governor. The PAFEC shall be under the PAFES Project Management Committee/Council (PMC) which is composed of the Governor as Chair, the DA-RFO RED and BFAR RD as co-chairs, and the concerned SUC president, heads of DA Regional offices, Rural Based Organization representative, and farmers' group representative as members. The Provincial Agriculture Office (OPAg) shall serve as the PMC secretariat. Meanwhile, the PAFEC will be staffed and managed by either or both the OPAg, Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO), and/or Provincial Fisheries Office (PFO) subject to specific arrangements of the concerned PLGU.</p> <p>One of the functions of the PAFEC is to lead in the development and implementation of a CPAFEP. The PAFEC shall then integrate the CPAFEP with the Comprehensive Provincial Development Plan. The CPAFEP is an integrated set of projects and activities in sharing technical, market, policy, and related advisory to support agriculture and fisheries in the province.</p> <p>The CPAFEP shall be of two parts. The first part deals with the priority commodities of the PCIP while the second part is on the strategic support services (i.e., technology demonstration, capacity building, information and knowledge sharing, and institutional strengthening). In order to come up with this extension plan, the remaining PAFES consultation workshops shall be allotted to map out a CPAFEP. This shall be participated in by the multi-commodity teams of the PAFEC. The CPAFEP will be based on the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP) approved by the Provincial Development Council with emphasis on the Value Chain Analysis (VCA) of priority commodities, the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan, and other relevant plans in the province. These shall be reviewed and the extension interventions indicated in these plans shall be drawn out for the CPAFEP. Aside from the agriculture development plans of the province, the result of the rapid appraisal undertaken shall also be used as one of the inputs to the CPAFEP. Thus, the province of Abra held their planning workshop on May 4, 2022 in Lucky's Hotel and Restaurant, Rizal Street, Zone 5, Bangued, Abra.</p> <p>Agreements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The (initial) priority commodities to be supported under the PAFES-CPAFEP in Abra are as follows: Rice, Corn, Ube, Ginger, Bamboo (as food), Sugarcane, Amsuete, Cattle, Swine, Goat, Chicken, Tilapia, Udang, and Hito 2. Municipalities will come up with the matrices for all the priority commodities which are applicable in their respective municipalities. 3. The OPAg and OPVet will lead in the consolidation of the municipal outputs. 4. The municipalities will consider the inputs from the PPDO on the outputs and outcomes of interventions under the identified commodities and from the CAR PAFES Regional Program Management Office regarding big ticket projects in support to the said commodities.





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	TRAININGS ATTENDED BY STAFF	<p>TECHNICAL COURSE ON BASIC MONITORING and EVALUATION for LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AGRICULTURAL and FISHERIES EXTENSION (AFE) STAKEHOLDERS (Batch 1), June 6-10, 2022, ATI Central Office</p> <p>The added accountability inherent to the use of a bigger chunk of public funds in light of the full devolution of functions to the LGUs points out the need for a robust M&E system that should be established in the local level. For agriculture and fisheries development to transpire, sound planning and tracking of performance must be done by each unit from the provincial agriculture offices up to the municipal agriculture offices. As the Department of Agriculture's lead in capability building, the Agricultural Training Institute is committed towards contributing to the strengthening of this aspect or area towards organizational effectiveness of the LGUs.</p> <p>This training aimed to strengthen the competencies and capacities of the LGU Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) on M&E. Within the five-day training, there were five (5) modules discussed complemented with workshop activities. The participants were strategically grouped into 5 groups. The groups together with their workshop outputs were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team Sago – Low Corn Productivity 2. Team Langka – Increase Productivity of Coffee in La Union 3. Team Saging – Low Productivity of High Value Crops in Oriental Mindoro 4. Team Ube – Low Productivity of Coconut 5. Team Kamote – Low Productivity of Rice Farmers <p>Respective modules were discussed by the Resource Speakers from University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) namely Aileen V. Lapitan, Ph.D., Maria Luz Malabayabas, Ph.D. CPAf-UPLB, and Ms. Guinevere T. Madlangbayan.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay, ATI-RTC-CAR PE01 and Ms. Khareen B. Tigui-ing, ATI-RTC-CAR, DMO1.</p> <p>Message from ATI-CO Director Rosana P. Mula: <i>"Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) is the lifeblood of every program or project. M&E provides feedback on enhancing a program; thus, we need to have appropriate tools and methodology on how we are going to do our M&E. For you to have a good M&E towards the end line, you need to determine your impact, as a result of your outcome. For you to have a good yardstick or measurement, you must have appropriate indicators on why we say that a certain program was excellently planned. I hope that in this training, you put all your senses with all the activities prepared. May you have a joyful and successful engagement on this 1st batch of training. Thank you!"</i></p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	TRAININGS ATTENDED BY STAFF	<p>TRAINING SERIES ON VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE LEARNING (Batch 2), June 13-17, 2022. Online</p> <p>The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 change the landscape of extension services delivery and created an immediate need for the ATI to pivot the conduct of its activities from face to face to virtual. The ATI network adapted by coming up with innovative strategies and techniques to engage with its clientele through various online platforms. Thus, ATI, through the CDMD conducted this training to further boost the skills of its personnel in facilitating virtual learning activities. This will allow the institute to advance and innovate the delivery of its training programs and farm and business advisory services amidst the new normal.</p> <p>For the terminal objective, it was aimed that participants should be able to effectively facilitate virtual learning activities. Specifically, it sought to develop virtual learning activities appropriate to the learning objective and target participants; discuss facilitation techniques that promote interaction and meaningful engagements; explain the appropriate use of various online collaboration tools; and enumerate at least three (3) social media platforms which can be used as learning channels.</p> <p>Four sessions were undertaken during the training that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Session 1. Delivering Virtual Lectures Resource Person: Mr. Joseph "Ju" Navarro ➤ Session 2. Facilitating virtual Learning Activities Resource Person: Mr. Bayani "Yani" Alonzo ➤ Session 3. Applications and Tools for VLAs. This component explores collaboration tools to increase engagement in conducting online activities. This component explores various learning platforms, its advantages, and features that may be maximized by facilitators/trainers. Resource Person: Mr. Argie Aguas ➤ Session 4. Social Media as Learning Platforms Resource Person: Mr. Alec Cuenca <p>Attended by Ms. Pera Epie, ATI-RTC-CAR, Technical Staff and Ms. Brandy Banda-ay, ATI-RTC-CAR, PEO I.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	CPAFEP PRESENTATION	<p>PRESENTATION OF CPAFEP IN KALINGA, July 22-23, 2022</p> <p>The activity was undertaken to further enhance the plans by including the observations and comments from technical staff of the DA. The following were the summarized comments for improvement during the presentation of plans:</p> <p>COFFEE DEVELOPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get inputs from technical bodies already organized for the commodity like the coffee council for coffee, etc. • Supposed to be, our plan should be holistic, it should cover all concerns in the value chain - all stakeholders concerned from farm to table. We agreed to limit our plans to what we can do in the LGU, do not include yet other contributions from other NGA. • We should also establish baseline data. Let us forego procurement, rather we go for provision. Let us produce our own. We should be deliberate in training the FCAs that can contribute to production volume. <p>BANANA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include in the processed products the vinegar and wine. Let us go for OA certification. • We can shorten the plan; you can seek help from the PPDO • Trim down activities for the marketing-we can lump <p>HEIRLOOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhilRice in partnership with Korean Program for International Agriculture is interested in training our heirloom farmers for them to improve their issues/concerns • We need production support rather than market support because it is already established. We are thinking of how we can control the quality of the Onoy or red rice through a provincial policy <p>COMMERCIAL RICE/CORN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we started PAFES we are talking of focused commodities of potential to become an industry - so we performed SWOT so this should be included as part of the resources that are present <p>Ways forward – Further refinement of the plans by small group.</p> <p>Messages:</p> <p>Both PA Bakilian and APCO Claver emphasized that the PAFES and the CPAFE plans should be pursued/continued even if the next administration will have other focus. This will be a good reference in the future whenever we plan or propose an LGU-based developmental projects.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GRANTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FTSC ESTABLISHMENT</p> <p>Farmers' Information and Technology Services Center (FITSC) serves as a one-stop service facility nearest to the majority of farmers, entrepreneurs, and other clients in a given area and provides fast access to information and technologies in forms appropriate to the clients' needs. This month, three (3) FITSC were established through the provision of ICT support that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ desktop computer (complete accessories - monitor, keyboard, USB, UPS); Intel core i3 9100, H310 motherboard, 8gb ram, 1tb hard disk, DVD writer, casing, 18.5" monitor, keyboard and mouse, AVR, speaker ✓ LCD Projector, w/ screen and HDMI connector ✓ netbook, 14", with HDMI ✓ 3 in 1 printer <p>Under RCEF</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tanudan, Kalinga (June 9, 2022) <p>The launching was attended by Kalinga State university (KSU) representatives Mr. Bernadette Aggabao, Director for Research and Ms. Evelyn Likigan, CA Extension Director, RIC, MAFC representatives, Office of the Mayor and OMAG. KSU representatives gave their commitments to help MLGU Tanudan.</p> <p>Under RICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Bucloc, Abra (June 22, 2022) <p>The launching in Bucloc, Abra was attended by the members of different farmer organizations, OMAG staff and Sangguniang Bayan members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Boliney, Abra (June 23, 2022) <p>The launching in Bucloc, Abra was attended by the members of different farmer organizations, OMAG staff, Sangguniang Bayan members, and representatives of various offices of the LGU-MSWDO, PNP, COMELEC, MLGO, and ICT officer.</p>





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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. ensure that the FITS center is accessible during office hours as to farmers requesting RCM and e-Extension related services; 5. facilitate RCM deployment and generation in the barangays of their municipalities; 6. provide the RCM printed recommendations to the farmers immediately after interview of field deployment. A minimum of 100 recommendations per season is expected per FITS Center; 7. promote the use of RCM to the farmers, their families and the rural youth in their municipalities; 8. prepare and submit monthly reports to the ATI-CAR every 25th day of the month; and 9. document and share success stories on RCM implementation in their municipalities.

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