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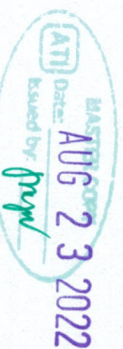
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING	<p><b>DATA MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR REGIONAL LIVESTOCK ENCODERS (BATCH 1)</b></p> <p>Data Management is one of the most vital skills in utilizing software applications such as Philippine Animal Industry Management Information System (Phil-AIMIS) with the aim to produce quality, reliable and secured data for the Department of Agriculture (DA). Pursuant to the directive of the DA Secretary to digitize Philippine Agriculture for the purpose of systematizing and automating the data gathering and analysis of data to produce an organized body of information for faster and more effective planning and decision making, and robust monitoring and evaluation system. The Phil-AIMIS shall be the central repository data bank and knowledge portal for the DA Livestock Agencies.</p> <p>The application is an entire process which involves tools that collect, validate, process, organize and-store data of encoder(s). In this course, Data encoders shall learn the essential Data Privacy Protection and Data Preparation and Analysis skills using Microsoft Excel and Pentaho Data Integrator. Generally, it was aimed that with this activity, Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) shall be able to display proficiency in using excel and Pentaho Data Integrator and Analysis using Microsoft Excel and Pentaho Data Integrator.</p> <p>This two-day activity conducted on July 26-27 was completed by 31 AEWs from Abra, Apayao, Baguio City, and Benguet.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"My impression about this training is good. Even though I am not the livestock coordinator of our office, I have learned a lot about data management because we really need to have our own data in every banner program for us to have uniform records and data. I also learned about data privacy. I also would like to thank our lecturers and staff of ATI. Thank you very much!" Ms. Rowell Sambaoa, Pilar, Abra</i></p> <p><i>"My impression towards this training was good, especially our resource persons. I really understood the topics because they explained it very well. I also appreciate my fellow participants because even though we do not know each other we still had a good bond. That's all, thank you." Mr. Freeland Columna, Flora, Apayao</i></p>



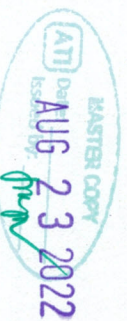


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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING	<p><b>TRAINING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR AEWs OF ABRA, APAYAO AND IFUGAO</b></p> <p>Extension is a process of working with the people in order to improve their standard of living. It involves helping farmers and fisherfolks to improve their productivity in agriculture and also developing their abilities to direct their own future development. It aims to help farm families acquire new knowledge and skills along those lines of their current interest and need and which are closely related to increasing farm production and improving the physical level of living of rural farm families. It is designed to attain changes in the knowledge of things known, in skills of things done; and changes in attitude of things felt.</p> <p>Extension is guided by the principle of working with its clients; working with the different target groups in the community; working with what the clients know and have, and involvement of the community in all aspects. The AEWs who are the primary agents of performing this, are guided with this principle. To work this out, the task begins with knowing the community and starting where they are through a Community Needs Assessment (CNA). An assessment and analysis of the community issues, needs, problems, resources and assets leads to the adoption of appropriate interventions and strategies. People act collectively in solving their issues/problems and in meeting their needs. This CNA is a sequel of the Basic Course on Agricultural Extension which was completed by mostly new AEWs of CAR.</p> <p>Throughout this three-day training conducted on July 20-22, the participants had a direct experience on the different tools of CNA – the transect walk and map, the farmers wheel and interviews and surveys. The tools were very innovative as facilitated by the Pansigedan Advocacy Cooperative headed by Ms. Betty C. Listino, <i>Senior Consultant</i> who served as the Resource Person for this training.</p> <p>Completed by 22 participants.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>“First of all, I would like to thank the people behind this training, the Training Management Staff and Project officer for initiating this type of training. Thanks to our high caliber speaker for sharing her knowledge and skills imparted to us. Within these 3 days span training, I have learned how to conduct CNA and to effectively address the issues, concerns, and especially the needs of our community. This training is very relevant to our sector for effective and efficient crafting of policies or programs that would really address our community needs.” Mr. Roderic C. Paluray, AEW of Luna, Apayao</i></p> <p><i>“I would like to express my appreciation to our training proponents for allowing us to attend online and for patiently answering our queries even if it's out of their work hours. Indeed, ATI trainings are quality training, the reason why in our office, we encourage everyone to attend trainings offered by ATI. Also, thanks to ma'am Betty Listino our resource person for her very informative and helpful topics which will be our foundation in assessing our community needs. Now, we are looking forward to more training in coordination with ATI.” Ms. Clyde A. Bangligan, one of the Participants of Mayoyao, Ifugao</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>TRAINING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i></p> <p><b>TRAINING ON AGRI-FISHERY PRODUCTION FOR FATHERS OF THE FARM FAMILIES OF CAR: PHASE 1</b></p> <p>Phases in food production adhering the value chain cannot be done by one person alone in the family. Every member should hone his/her skills in the agri-fishery production for a collaborative effort in helping one another achieve their goal on <i>"Abundant Harvests, High Income and Dignified Life of Family Farmers"</i> which is the battle cry of by then Secretary of Agriculture, Sec. William D. Dar.</p> <p>Despite the initiatives of the different institutions offering to improve the lives of the people behind the food production in the country, family farmers remain the most vulnerable sector. The crafting of the 10-Year Plans and Programs for Farming Family PAPAFF CY 2019-2028 paved the way of improving the family farming system in the Philippines. This will serve as a framework to develop public policies and investments to support family farming, and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), including rural poverty eradication in all its forms.</p> <p>With such, this training was conducted in Damnuhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, La Trinidad, Benguet completed by 15 farmer-participants held on July 17 to 18. Specifically, this training sought to execute understanding on crop production, livestock production, composting and preparation of concoction or natural remedies in farming, decide on what crop is best for their farming family, express understanding on family farming values, and express appreciation on the different plans and programs of the government on family farming.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"We are blessed to be here because we learned a lot. I learned a lot during the lectures. First was about crop production, I learned that synthetic fertilizers should not be overused. We can say that we have a lot of production but if we destroy our crops with these fertilizers and pesticides it is useless. That is why we are encouraged to use organic inputs. The topic that really gave me inspiration to continue what we have learned here in ATI is the making of concoctions. I realized that this is a big help for me and my colleagues back in our place. Thank you so much!" Mr. Marciano M. Badao, Vilaviciosa, Abra</i></p> <p><i>"I thank all the facilitators, especially Maam Veronica Silyo. At first, we saw her during orientation through virtual but now we could see each other face-to-face. I was inspired by one of our fellow participants because he has already established an organic farm also with the testimonies from Mr. Rogel Marsan and Mr. Jeff Laruan. I highly recommend that we should help each other in our own farms, and exchange ideas for what are the best practices to be done in order for us not to forget all the learnings that we have learned in this training. That's all, thank you!" Mr. Felix C. Awing, Bontoc, Mt. Province</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRAINING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTRODUCTION TO APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) DRONE IN AGRICULTURE, BATCH 2</b></p> <p>Nowadays, with the use of new technologies, farmers of today can now optimize each part of their operations from field spraying to grow cycles and crop health. This is attributed to agricultural drones and other types of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) which are now making waves in the agricultural industry, providing smart farming solutions that use real-time data gathering and processing to improve farm-wide decision-making and efficiency.</p> <p>Drones are currently used in agriculture for surveying and mapping out crop production area, crop health monitoring, detection of pests and disease and may gather other data for precision agriculture. Being one of the largest producers of various fruit and vegetable crops in the country, innovative strategies that would help farmers increase their productivity while prioritizing sustainability and resiliency is urgently needed. Further, with the pressure of climate change, extreme weather events, increasing populations, and lately, the COVID-19 pandemic, the AEWs who are the front liners in assisting farmer clients in the field have to be updated or equipped with these technologies.</p> <p>The second batch of this training that aimed to let the participants express appreciation and demonstrate the application of remote sensing and drone in agriculture, was conducted in Aspuhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, La Trinidad, Benguet last July 18-22. It was actively completed by 31 participants (28 AEWs and 3 others) from the province of Kalifornia, Ilugao, Apayao, and Baguio City.</p> <p>Resource persons were Mr. Roscinto Ian C. Lumbreras, Faculty Member, Benguet State University (BSU), Ms. Quinerlyn A. Godio, Science Research Assistant, BSU, Ms. Lynn J. Talkasen, Assistant Professor I, BSU, Mr. Guillermo A. Mendoza, Professor Emeritus, BSU, and Ms. Nova D. Doyog, Instructor I, BSU.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"First and foremost, we express our gratitude to the ATI for inviting us to attend this training. Also, our resource speakers who are well-versed and experts. We are expecting much for the next training regarding precision agriculture for us AEWs to improve our work in pest and disease surveillance including nutrient management and others. As AEW, we are very thankful that there is a window to improve our services (through new technologies) to move forward towards smart agriculture. In our office, we have a drone, but there was no training conducted as to how to use the drone. As for the municipalities, we have a chance to request for the procurement of drones. Thank you very much!" Mr. Steve C. Baccay, Agriculturist II, PAENIRO-Ilugao</i></p> <p><i>"Good afternoon to everyone! We thank ATI for this training and also our very knowledgeable resource speakers. I am not an expert in terms of the use of computers so there were times that I was left behind but I was able to finish. We really hope for more training like this. Thank you and God bless!" Mr. Shildon D. Busiguin, Agricultural Technologist, OMAg-Calanasan, Apayao</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>TRAINING</p>	<p><b>TRAINING IN SUPPORT TO SENIOR CITIZENS: MOBILE LEARNING ON URBAN GARDENING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS Batch 2</b></p> <p>Republic Act 9994 known as “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010” is an act to maximize the contribution of Senior Citizens to nation building, grant benefits and special privileges. It is also an act that covers the Health Development Program for Older Persons. Consistent with the constitutional principles, the act aims to a) recognize the rights of the senior citizens to take their proper place in society and make it a concern of the family, community, and government; b) to give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society, considering that senior citizens are integral part of Philippine society; c) to motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building.</p> <p>One of the objectives of the Agriculture and Fishery Modernization Act (AFMA) is to improve the quality of life of all sectors. Section 17 (Special Concern) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 8435 states that “the Department shall consider the areas of concern, among others in the formulation of the Agriculture and Fishery Modernization Plan (AFMP)” and one of the special concerns are the senior citizens.</p> <p>With such, the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of mobile learning for Senior Citizens was undertaken on July 21, 2022 joined by 21 participants. The activity aimed that the participants shall establish their own backyard/home garden applying the principles of urban agriculture. Specifically, it sought to explain the importance of urban gardening and discuss various backyard/home gardening strategies. Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) visited were Fit and Fab Farm in Lucrab, Baguio City, ANAEM Farm, in Cordillera Homes Sub., Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet and Saragi-Agri-tourism farm in Begis, Poblacion, Tuba, Benguet</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>“First, I appreciate our transportation, we were sitting like a queen, we enjoyed the whole ride going to the Learning Sites. Second, the food is healthy. Third, our facilitators who accompanied us are so accommodating and very kind, given that we are seniors but they are patient in waiting for us. Fourth, the training proper, we learned a lot and it really serves the purpose. We did not stay in one place that I think would be boring, but the mobile training is nice. We were exposed and we enjoyed it while we could still walk. We are all satisfied. We can even say that we are excellent because we learned so much from the training. Lastly, our lecturers are very good in their own expertise. My overall impression is the mobile learning itself is very satisfactory.” Ms. Juanita A. Villena, Secretary, Federation of Senior Citizen</i></p> <p><i>“We praise and glorify the Lord for this day! I personally thank so much the ATI-RTC-CAR. Experience is the best teacher, all the farm owners went through ups and downs, but they really persevered which is one of the characteristics of a successful person. We are all inspired from their sharing. It's really a very good opportunity for us senior citizens, we had a good day, we had exercise and learned new things.” Ms. Gloria M. Tiuwala, Assistant Auditor, Poblacion Senior Citizen Association</i></p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING (not in WFP)	<p><b>TRAINING ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) FOR THE FEDERATION OF BENGUET FARMERS COOPERATIVE</b></p> <p>Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Compliance and Certification is an urgent practice that needs to be understood well by the extension providers specifically the agricultural extension workers, farmers, community policy makers and other stakeholders in view of the implementation of Asian Free Trade Agreement (AFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade-World Trade Organization (GATT-WTO).</p> <p>Being considered among the major producers of highland and lowland vegetables, continuous and massive advocacy and information dissemination on GAP principles is an urgent need in the region, despite various GAP orientations being done. There has to be continued training and orientations of all farmers until the knowledge on GAP will reach all the farmers. This will enable them to adjust and comply with the GAP standards.</p> <p>The Federation of Benguet Farmers' Cooperative is newly registered federation of cooperative, with initial sixteen affiliate primary cooperatives operating in the provinces of Benguet, Nueva Viscaya, La Union, Pangasinan and Ilocos Sur. The officers conducted assessment on the training needs of members and they finally concluded that majority of their members have not yet undergone training on GAP and Food Safety. Thus, this training was conducted on July 13-15 at the DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. Generally, it was intended to let the participants comply/implement the basic principles of GAP in the standards for the production of vegetable crops.</p> <p>Attended by 27 farmer-participants.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"Thank you, ATI, for this training. We really learned a lot and we enjoyed it. The farm visit is really effective. We were able to see typical examples of GAP certified farms. In our case, we can use it as a basis for improvement that we can apply in our farm."</i> Mr. Joseph G. Dati</p> <p><i>"In my opinion, Good Agricultural Practices must be practiced. Even if we don't aim for the GAP certification, we must do the practices. Of course, this training enlightened us that we don't have to have a big building for the facilities for what GAP is requiring. Thank you very much!"</i> Mr. Victor M. Compeño</p>



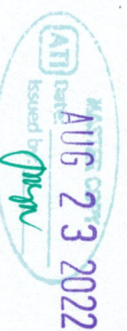


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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING	<p><b>TRAINING ON FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: ON-SITE AND BENCHMARKING WITH SELECTED LSAS OF CAR</b></p> <p>The Educational Assistance for the Youth in Agriculture, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Related Degree Courses (EAsY Agri) is a scholarship program started by the ATI implemented last 2020, 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.</p> <p>ATI-RTC-CAR was allotted 15 slots, five (5) for the BS Agricultural Biosystems Engineering and 10 for the BS Agriculture and other agri-related courses. These scholars were screened and qualified based on the criteria set. One of the specific objectives of the Scholarship 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. To attain this objective, a ladderized training program approach was developed to prepare the scholars as agri-entrepreneurs. Also, with the reports received from the scholars which are prepared monthly, it was observed that they have limited training opportunities on enterprise. This training is a sequel of their Entrepreneurial Mind Setting which was conducted last March.</p> <p>As a modality, 19 youth were trained on-farm with the selected LSAs of CAR and provided learning from their farm management skills. It is hoped that their exposure to these farm sites will increase their drive on agripreneurship and eventually manage their own.</p> <p>Conducted on July 5 to 7, 2022.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"Choose your own way to live your life", this is my favorite line that I have learned from the Training. It is true that we may learn from other's ideas and practices but don't limit yourself from those learnings. Be innovative, creative and learn to make your own strategies and techniques for you to be successful. Also, don't stop learning because learning is an unending process. Take every opportunity that comes your way because it might lead you to success. Moreover, good things in training like this develops and helps the younger generations to see the opportunities in farming. For me, I believe that the learnings and insights I have gained will be my guide as I continue to reach my goal and dreams." Ms. Genevieve Pico, Scholar, Abra</i></p> <p><i>"I'm very thankful to be one of the participants of this training. Thank you, ATI, for your unending support to us Youth Farmers and Scholars. Thank you for enabling, helping, and preparing us to become a successful individual someday. I have learned that managing a farm business is hard yet fulfilling especially if your products are purely organic because you provide safe and healthy foods for your family and other people. Having a farm business may have struggles and challenges but once you know how to maximize your available resources, be persistent and patient, in the long run, you can say that you have achieved your goal. Farming is difficult yet it is fun, interesting and also gives additional income. This training has a great impact regarding our future plans since we, participants, are all inclined with agriculture." Ms. May-Ann Apigo, Scholar, Benguet</i></p>





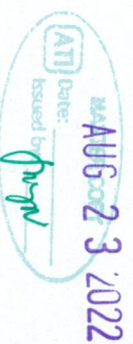
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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p><b>TRAINING</b></p>	<p><b>TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IMPLEMENTERS AND PGS GROUPS IN KALINGA</b></p> <p>Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) are quality assurance initiatives that follow the production-to-consumption approach in providing guarantees on the integrity and quality of organic products. PGS are locally relevant and adapted where product distribution prioritizes local food availability for local people. It is an organic guarantee system that is widely used and accepted as a quality assurance system in the organic agriculture sector, wherein farmers provide direct assurance to consumers regarding the integrity of the product. Also, as an alternative to third-party certification, the PGS plays a vital role in rural development and farmer empowerment through active engagement of farmers in the whole process of verification, decision making, and marketing. PGS is built on the trust and integrity of farmers and consumers who conduct the certification process themselves through adherence to certification standards, guidelines, regulation, and processes, similarly observed by third-party certification.</p> <p>As an alternative and complementary tool to third-party certification, PGS plays a vital role in rural development and farmer empowerment through active engagement to the farmers in the whole process of verification, decision-making, and marketing. With its recognition by law, organic farmer practitioners will be able to get training and certification for their produce, without incurring heavy costs.</p> <p>In this training, the participants are expected to adopt and comply with the PGS requirements and be accredited as PGS core Group and establish and operationalize PGS groups consistent with the organic agriculture standards and corresponding technical regulations. This ten-day training was participated by three organic agriculture associations in Kalinga namely Kalinga Rice Terraces Farmers Association Cooperative, Binongsay-Malin-awa Loan and Service Cooperatives and SLOW FOOD Multi-Purpose Cooperative. After the training, participants committed to continue polishing their crafted PGS Manual and Internal Standard for them to be able to advance on the next step, which is to be a second party certifying body for Organic Agriculture. The training was conducted last July 13-23, 2022 at Las Vegas Hotel and Convention Center, Tabuk City, Kalinga.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>“Thank you to our Training Management Team for inviting us to attend this training. This training provided us new technology we can apply in our own respective farms. It is good that ATI-CAR introduced this kind of training since this will lessen our cost if we want that our farms will be certified. In this training we learned the use of botanical herbal insecticide. The importance of buffer zone. Again, thank you to all our Training Management Team for this training.” Mr. Paredes Guma-ad, Member- KRIFAC</i></p> <p><i>“I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, especially to the ATI training management team. Thank you so much for all the learnings you have imparted to me and to everyone. At present, there are many organic practitioners here in Kalinga but is not certified due to the high cost of third-party certification. This training is of great help since it could help us to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> party certifying body for organic agriculture practitioners. If the PGS Kaling will be accredited, it would be of great help to every organic farmer in Kalinga.” Mr. Sajid D. Agagon, Member- BMSLC</i></p>





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Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMATION DRIVE ON PLANS, PROGRAMS RELATED TO PHILIPPINE ACTION PLAN FOR FAMILY FARMING (PAP4FF)</b></p> <p>In the Philippines, family farming is more than just family-managed activity, but it speaks of multiple dimensions and how a typical Filipino family engages every member of the household in agriculture. It is composed of a single or extended family, a household mostly of small-scale farmers, fishers, IPs and upland dwellers reliant on family members' labor in food production, processing and distribution.</p> <p>In December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2019-2028 as the Decade of Family Farming, which would serve as a framework to develop public policies and investments to support family farming, and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), including rural poverty eradication in all its forms. Thus, the creation of the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming (PAP4FF).</p> <p>The United Nations Decade of Family Farming or the UNDFE that runs from 2019-2028 provided a new light to look at our existing programs, projects, activities and processes in another dimension. Recognizing the various initiatives of all stakeholders for every member of a family of farmers, it is in this sense that the multi-sectoral collaboration is critical to ensure a whole of nation approach in pushing for a cause to sustain food security and enhance the livelihoods of our family farmers.</p> <p>Together, we intend to keep our momentum going so that family farming continues to scale up and bring Philippine agriculture to another level from this decade forward. In our path towards development, we will continue to adopt a holistic approach to be able to grow, nourish, and sustain as a nation- one farm family at a time.</p> <p>Hence, an orientation for the coordinators and farming families was undertaken on June 30, 2022 that aimed to let the participants adopt agricultural ventures as Farming Family defined in the Philippine Action Plan for Family Farming 2019-2028 (PAP4FF). Specifically, it sought to express understanding on the PAP4FF and explain the family values needed in order to achieve the PAP4FF initiatives</p> <p>A total of 50 participants attended this activity conducted via blended modality.</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Other AF</p>	<p>DA-F2C2 LUZON A CLUSTER SUMMIT, June 14-16</p> <p>The Administrative Order No. 27 s. 2020 institutionalized the establishment of “Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation Program (F2C2) towards greater Inclusive Agri-business Development in the Country”. It is mandated to mainstream clustering and consolidation as a strategy to all Banner Programs and enhance productivity &amp; income of farmers and fisherfolk. The program aims to advance the interest and condition of Filipino small farmers and fishers by encouraging them to adopt the strategy of clustering and consolidation of their production, processing, and marketing activities as community business enterprises, including the pooling of assets, labor, and other resources.</p> <p>The Program focuses on the grouping of crops, livestock, and/or fish producers within the community or in adjacent communities on the bases of proximity of their production areas, the similarity of inputs, shared production activities or processes, common final products where there is a potential for unified processes, and common final products with a possibility for unified management of production activities, sourcing of inputs, access to financing, processing, logistics, storage, marketing, and enhance quality of produce.</p> <p>Presently, about 9.75 million persons were employed in the agriculture sector (PSA,2020). However, there are only 281,437 farmers have been clustered to 744 farmer clusters. With this, F2C2 program sees the summit as a chance to encourage more farmers and fishers to cluster in their respective areas. The summit will serve as an avenue for providing direction of the program, sharing of experiences among farmers and fishers, showcasing of best practices and success stories, provide insights from industry experts, forge strong linkages among stakeholders and as a marketing channel of clustered farmers and fishers within the clustered regions. Activity highlights:</p> <p>Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DA-RFO-CAR Regional Executive Director Cameron P. Odsey led the DA-CAR in welcoming participants and guests to the DA F2C2 Luzon A Cluster Summit. Joining RED Odsey from the DA-CAR family are ATI-RTC-CAR OIC Center Director Charlie C. Sagudan, BFAR-CAR Assistant Regional Director Lois June B. Ferrin, and CAR RAFC Chair Ryan U. Palunan. In his welcome message RED Odsey related the Cordillera region’s cultural and historical experience as a region with unique, diverse, and at the same time closely related peoples practicing in their own ways the principles of clustering and consolidation.</li> <li>• DA F2C2 Program Director Shandy M. Hubilla headed the guests for the first F2C2 summit. He is joined by Emerson D. Yago from the ATI Central Office who is also the F2C2 Deputy Program Director. PhilRICE Isabela Branch Manager Joy Bartolome A. Duldulao also joined the guests during the activity.</li> <li>• Senator Cynthia A. Villar, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, DA Secretary William D. Dar, and DA Undersecretary for Operations Ariel T. Cayanan sent their respective prerecorded messages for the summit.</li> <li>• DA F2C2 Program Director Hubilla gave the first input for the plenary session in his presentation on the F2C2 program situationer, updates, framework and implementing guidelines. Director Hubilla reiterated that F2C2 is not something that is totally new and in fact it has been existing for a long time.</li> <li>• Another feature of the F2C2 Luzon A Cluster Summit is the exhibit of F2C2 groups from CAR, Regions 1, 2, and 3 where clusters, collectively known in the DA as Farmer Cooperatives and Associations (FCA) showcased their products from fresh produce to processed products from matured farm businesses</li> </ul>



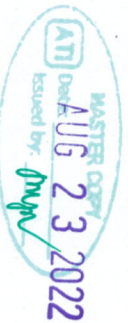


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		<p>The summit's plenary sessions for the first day continued covering inputs from the Agricultural Credit Policy Council through Ms. Felipinas D. Gerardo who presented ACP's credit programs which the participating clusters may avail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sorosoro Ihaba Development Cooperative (SIDC) came in next sharing their Cooperative's story and how they actualized the concepts of clustering and consolidation.</li> <li>Ms. Hazel May A. Sastado, the Business Development Manager of SIDC, started her sharing through the SIDC's experience in cooperative building. She then bridged the SIDC's cooperative building journey to their adoption of clustering and consolidation as a venue for improving their services and products value chain.</li> <li>After her sharing of their Cooperative's experience in cooperative building and in clustering and consolidation, participants inquired on possible partnerships and business linkages where their group can venture with SIDC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second day of the DA-F2C2 Luzon A Cluster Summit plenary session focused on two main parts which are the inputs from resource persons and the sharing of F2C2 experience among the FCAs present. Mr. John Vincent Q. Gasitanes, Founder of the Project Zacchaeus Marketing Cooperative highlighted the role of digital marketing in realizing the benefits of farm clustering and consolidation. He also emphasized how the youth, in their experience, can become powerful agents of digital marketing.</li> <li>The role of women in agriculture particularly in farm clustering and consolidation was also highlighted through Ms. Annete C. Patdu who is the founder of the Diaspora Farm Resort. Ms. Patdu reiterated that women themselves must persist in innovating starting from within the home leading to the farm up to marketing.</li> <li>Capping the summit's plenary session is the sharing of experiences from selected FCAs representing CAR, Regions 1, 2, and 3.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants were brought to the Haight's Place farm located in is in Paoyay, Atok, Benguet which is one of the DA-CAR's target areas for F2C2 implementation involving highland vegetables. Ms. Cherry Sano, Municipal Agriculturist of Atok, gave an orientation on the agricultural profile of the municipality while Mr. Edward Haight represented the farmers' groups in the area. Mr. Haight gave an overview of the area and the farm where he highlighted the historical developments of the vegetable industry in Benguet tracing its major roots right in their farm. He also noted that one of the main causes of the perennial issue of oversupply of vegetables and the consequent drop of prices in the market is the uncoordinated production system in the province where farmers tend to plant the same type of vegetables across barangays and municipalities. This practice, as Mr. Haight illustrated, will bring in huge volume of vegetables to the market almost at the same time while no matching significant increase in demand is present to absorb the volume thus plunging the market price so low that most farmers would rather choose to give their produce for free or just leave the crops to rot in the field. He then concluded that this scenario can be best addressed through a working and sustained farm clustering and consolidation. After Mr. Haight's sharing of their farm and marketing experiences, participants were able to witness first-hand how potatoes are harvested at the farm.</li> </ul>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Other AF</p>	<p><b>TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY, July 8, 2022</b></p> <p>Tree planting is an annual scheduled activity of ATI-RTC-CAR in observance of the National Greening Program. The ATI-CAR has joined government and private agencies and organizations in the re-greening, protection, and preservation efforts and activities for the Baguio Animal Breeding and Research Center (BABRC). Over the years, the territory of the BABRC has been subjected to claims, squatting, land grabs, speculations, tiling, selling, etc. The government agencies have been coming together to support the protection of the BABRC against forms of land grabbing and illegal activities that would diminish its territory as a stock farm for agro-ecological and tourism purposes. This activity was participated by the ATI-CAR Staff, On-the-Job Trainees, Scholars, Science Research Specialists, and Representatives from the BABRC led by Mr. Robert Domoguen.</p> <p>Mr. Edwin Dickson, Agriculturist II discussed beforehand what to do, from digging whole to applying fertilizer to planting trees. The young trees planted include 440 seedlings composed of 270 coffee seedlings, 100 seedlings of lemon, 40 guaple seedlings, 28 seedlings of calamansi, and 2 avocado seedlings.</p> <p><b>SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION, INTERVIEW, and RESULTS UNDER THE EASY AGRI and EDGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OF ATI, July 20-21, and 25-26, 2022</b></p> <p>The ATI-RTC-CAR Scholarship Committee convened on to undertake the following for the qualified applicants under the EASY Agri and EDGE Scholarship Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Facilitate the written examination</li> <li>✓ Conduct face to face interview</li> <li>✓ Assess and discuss result of both the exam and interview</li> </ul> <p>June 20, 2022</p> <p><b>A. EASY AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</b> - The Easy Agri Program is a college scholarship grant in support of the children of smallholder farmers and fishers who are inclined to agriculture, providing them equal opportunities to pursue a Degree Program in the field of agriculture and other related courses. The program aims to contribute to the improvement of competitiveness of Philippine agriculture towards achieving food security and alleviation of the socio-economic status of families in the AF sector.</p> <p><i>Pre-Implementation Phase</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CDMD shall allocate and distribute the total number of available scholarship slots among all ATI-Regional Training Centers upon approval of the proposed scholarship budget. The number of farmers and fishers in the areas shall be considered in the distribution of scholarship slots among the provinces and regions nationwide.</li> <li>2. The recruitment process shall commence upon the issuance of a Memorandum signed by the ATI Director. The ATI-RTCs shall announce the scholarship opportunities in their respective regions in coordination with the LGUs, SUCs and/or the Offices under the DA, including its bureaus and attached agencies. ATI-RTCs shall be given at least three months to complete the recruitment of applicants.</li> <li>3. The ATI-Regional Scholarship Committee (RSC) shall review and evaluate the documentary requirements submitted by the applicants based on two criteria: (a) completeness of the submitted documents and (b) High School General Point/Weighted Average (GPA/GWA). Applicants who are first to complete the requirements, eligible based on the criteria and have obtained a High School GPA/GWA of 85% or better shall qualify in the shortlist.</li> </ol>
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Scholarship	<p>The Scholarship Committee and ATI-RTC-CAR Management decided to include a written examination and face-to-face interview to all those who have completed their documentary submission and those who have obtained a GPA/GWA of 85% or better. There were 23 qualified applicants for this scholarship but only the Top 14 will be endorsed to ATI-CO.</p> <p>June 21, 2022</p> <p><b>B. Educational Grants for the Agricultural Extension Workers</b> - Educational Grants for Extension Workers (EDGE) is the provision of scholarships for Graduate Degree Programs, specifically Master's and Doctorate Degrees, for deserving and capable AEWs from the Department of Agriculture (DA), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) to pursue higher education towards AF. The Educational Grants for Extension Workers (EDGE) aims to produce a pool of professionals, competitive and well-equipped extension workers that are ready to serve the AF sector.</p> <p><i>Pre-implementation (Recruitment, Application and Screening)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ATI-CDMD shall announce and distribute available scholarship slots to all Regional Training Centers (RTCs) including NCR through a Memorandum signed by the ATI Director. Slots for ATI staff across the network shall only be limited to 10% of the national target wherein the ATI Central Office shall be in-charge of the screening and evaluation.</li> <li>2. The RTCs shall take the lead in the information dissemination, recruitment, selection, and screening of regional applicants while ATI-CDMD shall be in charge of the recruitment in NCR. Interested applicants shall submit an Application Letter with all the required documents in the checklist of requirements (see Annex 1) to the respective RTC Offices and to ATI-CDMD for NCR applicants, on or before the deadline of submission.</li> <li>3. The RTCs and ATI-CDMD shall conduct the initial screening by reviewing and evaluating submitted documentary requirements of applicants who shall meet the General Criteria of Eligibility. Only applicants who completed all the requirements and passed the initial screening shall undergo the next step of the screening procedure to be administered by the Regional Scholarship Committee and ATI-TSC for regional and NCR applicants, respectively.</li> <li>4. The respective Committees shall screen and evaluate the applicants through an interview using the Applicant Evaluation Rating Sheet.</li> </ol> <p>There were nine (9) qualified applicants for this scholarship who undertook their written examination and interview.</p> <p>June 25 and 26, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results were summarized, presented and discussed to with the Scholarship Committee.</li> <li>• Written examination of the applicants under EDGE Scholarship Program were also rated.</li> <li>• The Scholarship Committee with the Management decided to include a 10% weight for their written examination</li> </ul>





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	<p><b>FIELD VALIDATION OF LSA APPLICANTS, July 4-8, 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p> <span style="color: blue;">●</span> <b>Kudo Integrated Farm, owned by Mr. Lauro S. Cacho from Talogtog, Dolores, Abra</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The land is titled with 1.0-hectare farm, integrated with rice, sorghum, vegetable and fruit crops, livestock and poultry is owned and managed by 49 years old, Mr. Lauro Cacho.</li> <li>○ He is practicing organic farming system</li> <li>○ Attended trainings on Agri Crop Production and Nursery Management</li> <li>○ Officer of ABOPAC farmer organization</li> <li>○ Beneficiary of green house, water pump and various vegetables</li> <li>○ Been in organic farming business since 2015</li> <li>○ Awarded as Top performing FFS participant in 2021.</li> <li>○ Market: local market at stores, schools, KADIWA, online especially the red sorghum at kidofarm website</li> <li>○ Been invited as resource speaker by LGU on Organic feed formulation, Concoction and vermicomposting, and Native pig production</li> <li>○ Other observations:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With goat, cow, carabao, horse, turkey, free-ranged chicken and native pigs</li> <li>- Garden planted with red peanut and corn and legumes, napier</li> <li>- Rainfed rice field, corn and red sorghum</li> <li>- Facilities: vermi composting, comfort rooms, greenhouse, rabbit farmhouse, storage that need fixing, farm house that accommodate 10 pax only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Possible enhancement includes water system such as deep well or submersible, drilling machine, multi-purpose holding area.</li> <li>○ Recommendation:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farm sanitation/5 S in the farm, landscape the farm or to beautify the farm</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </p></li> <li> <p> <span style="color: blue;">●</span> <b>DF Integrated Farm, owned by Mr. Rey John B. Bose from Deggsen, Baug, San Juan, Abra</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-hectare tax declaration, flat land planted with various vegetable crops, papaya, dragon fruit, oranges, etc.</li> <li>○ Mr. Bose is 26 years old full-time farmer, member of Kanenlian Farmer Association and San Juan Organic Practitioner</li> <li>○ Already 5 years in farming since 2016 with 2 regular staff and 4 on-call</li> <li>○ Attended trainings on PGS under OA program</li> <li>○ Other components of the farm:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mushroom production using rice hay.</li> <li>- Vegetable seedling production</li> <li>- Organic crop production</li> <li>- Tiliapia production</li> <li>- Swine production</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Existing facilities: comfort rooms, poultry houses, pig pens, holding area, farm house, and vermi composting</li> <li>○ Recommendations: Farm sanitation and organization, Soil and water analysis, and Apply for GAP certification to check contamination</li> </ul> </p></li> </ul>
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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>Field Validation</p>	<p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GB Integrated Farm, owned by Mr. Guillermo B. Berrillio from Baug, San Juan, Abra                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tax declaration, Newly operated farm since 2018</li> <li>○ Mr. Berrillio is 46 years old, an active member of San Juan Organic FA (President)</li> <li>○ Existing components of the farm: Vermi-composting, mushroom production using banana trunk and rice hay, native pig and free-range chicken (100 heads), vegetable crop production, dragon fruits, and tilapia</li> <li>○ Beneficiaries of black net, seeds, molasses and FJs, water tank, greenhouse, etc.</li> <li>○ Existing facilities: Farm house, FRC cages, Water reservoir, Greenhouses from DA under OA Program, Water tank SFR</li> <li>○ Recommendations: Construction of CR and holding area in the proposed learning site and Conduct farm sanitation</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Farm owned by Mr. Jovito Besares from Culiatng, Quilital, Langiden, Abra                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr Besares is 62 years old, full-time farmer since 2015, after retiring from politics</li> <li>○ He had been attending training on PGS on Organic Agriculture</li> <li>○ Beneficiaries of greenhouse from DA, water pump plus tank and various seeds</li> <li>○ Existing facilities: greenhouse for vegetable production, pig pen that converted to vermicomposting, piggery house, rabbit house, chicken cages, and small holding area</li> <li>○ Practices for demonstration:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Herbal bamboo medicine</li> <li>- Babuyang walang amoy</li> <li>- Composting</li> <li>- Herbal sprays</li> <li>- Rabbit production</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Been serving as demonstration site for students from Langiden National High School</li> <li>○ The land is titled but not yet transferred</li> <li>○ Recommendation:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify water source, established good source of water for farm use. The owner fetch water from the river which is very expensive and very thing.</li> <li>- To improve holding area</li> <li>- Farm sanitation in all components of the farm</li> <li>- Improve the soil quality and manage weeds properly.</li> <li>- Maintain the existing land area, minimize expansion if not capable of maintaining.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The validation was led by Ms. Cristine B. Esnara, ATI-RTC-CAR, Senior Agriculturist.</p> </p>





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<p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p>	<p>School on the Air</p> <p>Development and Dissemination of Knowledge Products and Services</p>	<p>FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SOA IN PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM</p> <p>✓ The meeting was meant to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize number of enrollees per participating municipality;</li> <li>2. Agree on the launching date and formal start of topics;</li> <li>3. Retrieve enrolment forms, pre-test materials and e-copy of directories;</li> <li>4. Distribute supplies</li> </ol> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center; background-color: #333; color: white;">HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">                     ✓ 3 participating municipalities were absent during the meeting due to excusable reasons (La Trinidad, Sablan and Kibunguan)                 </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">                     ✓ Tentative number of enrollees per municipality are as follows: <i>(total of 742 enrollees)</i>                      (Atok-72; Bakun-101; Bokod-69; Ilogon-170; Kapangan-32; Kibunguan-20; La Trinidad-20; Sablan - 65; Tuba-78; Tublay-115)                 </td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">                     ✓ Based on agreement, July 28 will be the launching and August 2 will be the start of regular airing at 11-11.45 AM every Tuesday and Wednesday.                 </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">                     ✓ This can still increase because there are still interested pax as per feedback from some coordinators.                 </td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Throughout the month, a total of 1,650 print materials (1000 under livestock and 650 under RCEF) were reproduced and 1,300 print materials (1000 under livestock and 300 under RCEF) were disseminated.</p> <p>DA-ATI-RTC-CAR intensified its online promotions with 22 posts in social media. With the said uploads, there were 71,886 individuals reached and 4,150 -page views.</p>	HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING			✓ 3 participating municipalities were absent during the meeting due to excusable reasons (La Trinidad, Sablan and Kibunguan)	✓ Tentative number of enrollees per municipality are as follows: <i>(total of 742 enrollees)</i> (Atok-72; Bakun-101; Bokod-69; Ilogon-170; Kapangan-32; Kibunguan-20; La Trinidad-20; Sablan - 65; Tuba-78; Tublay-115)	✓ Based on agreement, July 28 will be the launching and August 2 will be the start of regular airing at 11-11.45 AM every Tuesday and Wednesday.	✓ This can still increase because there are still interested pax as per feedback from some coordinators.		
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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONITORING</b></p>	<p><b>AFE RBME SURVEY FOR CY 2019 DA-ATI-RTC-CAR INTERVENTIONS</b></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 July 6, and 13 -14, monitoring team from the PMESU interviewed training graduates in the municipalities of Kapangan, Atok, Buguis, and Kibungan in the province of Benguet. 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. 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 38 farmer-respondents and 3 AEWs.</p> <p><b>CRA MONITORING in KAPANGAN, BENGUET, July 6, 2022</b></p> <p>Along with the conduct of AFE RBME Survey, the team also visited three (3) former beneficiaries under the Climate Resilient for Agriculture (CRA) and their respective farms in Balakbak, Kapangan, Benguet. The said farmers are Nora P. Subli, Jane C. Lumbican, and Melicia C. Cariño who is also the Barangay Agricultural Extension Worker (BAEW) in Balakbak, Kapangan. Ms. Subli’s project is swine production, Ms. Lumbican is on goat raising, while Ms. Cariño’s project is organic vegetable production.</p> <p>During the monitoring, the three former CRA beneficiaries presented the outputs of the CRA interventions from which they initially started. In the case of Ms. Cariño, she noted that she was able to sustain her rain shelter and continuously produce various vegetables even off season. She furthered that aside from earning additional income, she was also able to cover the repairs and maintenance of her rain shelter such as changing the plastic sheets out of the sales of her organic vegetables production venture. As a BAEW, she is also tasked to go around the barangay and monitor agriculture projects implemented in the community. She then remarked that while the implementation of the CRA in their barangay is laudable and thus, can also be adopted in other communities, more focus should be given in the social preparation and screening of beneficiaries. She explained that while many of her fellow beneficiaries were able to benefit and sustain their respective livelihood projects there are still others who missed the opportunity to maximize the potentials of the intervention. According to her, this is mainly because of the project beneficiary’s tendency to rely solely on the resources of the intervention in sustaining their own livelihood project. Hence, Ms. Cariño concluded that while the CRA project was not amiss in the provision of livelihood projects, beneficiaries should also meet with the project halfway wherein they must be willing to provide counterparts so that when the assistance from the project ends, they can still continue and make their respective livelihood project grow. Ms. Jane Lumbican for her part reported that out of the three heads that survived from the CRA intervention, they were able to facilitate the flock’s growth and reproduction reaching to as high as 26 heads. As of date, only 14 goats remain as the other 12 were sold. The remaining goats will serve as source of breeding stocks. Finally, Ms. Subli shared that she was able to grow her swine production venture which is now at its third cycle amidst the ongoing ASF wherein their municipality is still classified as under the red category. Hence, while remaining wary and careful, Ms. Subli is still finding a way to produce piglets for the next cycle under the constant monitoring of their Municipal Agriculture Office.</p>



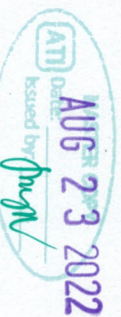


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	CLUSTER FORUM	<p><b>FY 2022 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE CLUSTER FORUM, July 4-8, 2022, Lafayette Luxury Suites, #1 Military Cut-Off Road, Baguio City</b></p> <p>ATI is in constant effort to serve the nation with its mandate to be responsible for the training of all AEWs and other AF clients.</p> <p>The Administrative and Finance group regularly conducts cluster forum to ensure that financial information is accurate and properly recognized to integrate accounting principles and practices of financial processing and reporting in assessing the overall financial performance of the Institute. It is also imperative that the performance of the Central Office and Training Centers must be reviewed in determining the financial target that was accomplished based on their respective Work and Financial Plan as well as the Budget Execution Documents; Financial Plan (BED 1) and Monthly Disbursement Program (BED 3).</p> <p>In lieu of ATI Director Rosana Mula, OIC TCD Charlie C. Sagudan gave the opening remarks and directorate's message. He oriented about the operations of ATI in the Cordilleras. The activity employed breakout sessions for accountants and budget officers. Due to entry of new budget officers, budget '101' or the fundamentals of budgeting in the government were discussed.</p> <p>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, ATI CO, OIC-Assistant Director Antonieta J. Arceo addressed the group reiterating the importance of a sound and well-crafted Annual Procurement Plan (APP) as it is the starting point of the disbursement process. She further advised the Centers to do bulk and/or advance procurement since these are permitted. Atty. Julio Barcelano Jr. of the Commission on Audit (COA) lectures on the prevention of Illegal, Irregular, Unnecessary, Unconscionable, Excessive, and Extravagant expenditures in the government.</p> <p>Participated by Accountants, Budget Officers, Cashiers, and Administrative Officers of ATI.</p>

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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p><b>PRE-INSPECTION ACTIVITY</b></p>	<p>Following the Training of Trainers on Participatory Guarantee System of two farmer associations (/PGS Groups) in Benguet is their application for accreditation as Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs). In line with this, the Ilogon Integrated Organic Farmers Association (IIOFA) in Ilogon, Benguet and the Organic Participatory Guarantee System of La Trinidad (OPGSLT) in La Trinidad underwent a simultaneous pre-inspection activity on July 18-21, 2022. DA-ATI-RTC-CAR was able to assist in the pre-inspection of IIOFA in Ilogon from July 18-19 only due to some other engagements.</p> <p>The pre-inspection activities were conducted by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) to assess and verify the level of compliance of the core PGS group farmer-members with the applicable current PNS related to organic agriculture and accreditation requirements. It also aims to: 1. assess farm operations/production practices of the farmer-members; 2. review documented information of the farmer-members; and 3. determine the necessary actions to comply with the non-compliances (if any) in preparation for the actual certification of BAFS.</p> <p>The pre-inspection activity included assessing the production system and documentation records of the core PGS group farmer-members. An opening plenary was held on July 18 at the Municipal Hall of Ilogon to introduce the pre-inspection team, and explain the objectives, scope, criteria, and the details of the whole duration of the inspection. Classification of findings-Major Noncompliance (NC), Minor NC, and Observation- including the time required for resolution; and information security were also presented. After the opening plenary is the actual pre-inspection - interview, review of documented information, and farm walkthroughs. Last activity in the pre-inspection protocol is the closing meeting with the core farmer-members, the DA-RFO-CAR, BAFS, and MLGU staff. This is to discuss the findings, recommendations for the Group's consideration and the ways forward.</p> <p>During the review of documented information, one of the findings is the record templates/forms adopted by the farmer-members are not dated. The raw data of some of the records are lacking which hinders traceability. Upon further review, the templates used are from DA-ATI-RTC-CAR. This calls for the improvement of ATI-CAR's module / templates on farm records to be more user-friendly and to include records on production of compost and concoctions, seed inventory, feed ingredients, animal production records, treatment records, etc. The BAFS team shared the findings presented during the closing meetings - both in Ilogon and La Trinidad. Details of findings and recommendations for each core PGS group farmer-members are also provided by the BAFS team.</p> <p>Although DA-ATI-RTC-CAR's role in the accreditation of PGS Groups as Organic Certifying Body is more on technology transfer, it is also material to maintain partnership with DA-RFO and DA-BAFS and to be involved or observe in the whole accreditation process as thus will help in the inputs during the Training of Trainers being conducted by the DA-ATI or the LGUs.</p>



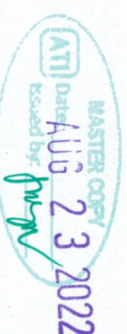


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	DATA COLLECTION	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i></p> <p><b>DATA COLLECTION FOR THE STUDY ON DETERMINING THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF ATI RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND - RICE EXTENSION SERVICE PROGRAM (RCEF-RESP) RELATED ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>ATI has been implementing various programs and services aimed to increase the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practices (KSAP) of the agriculture and fisheries (AF). Monitoring and evaluation activities are being conducted to measure the performance and success of the ATI. However, it was observed that no economic metrics/measures were being used to see whether public investment results in positive net economic benefits/returns. Thus, ATI tapped a team of agricultural economists to determine the Return on Investment (ROI) of interventions focusing on Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund-Rice Extension Services Program (RCEF-RESP). ATI-RTCs conducted the data collection among identified respondents. Data from specific questionnaires were inputted into its corresponding encoding template (after cleaning and finalization of data collected).</p> <p><u>Coverage of the Study:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of Trainers (TOT) – Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries <i>Indirect beneficiaries pertain to the farmers trained by the trained trainers under the TOT on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization.</i></li> <li>• Learning Sites for Agriculture – Owners, Graduates, and Non-Graduates <i>Graduates and non-graduates include those that have completed the RCEF-FFS and those who have received technical assistance from the identified LSAs, respectively.</i></li> <li>• Training of Seed Growers, Inspectors, Analysts, and Other Extension Intermediaries – Direct Beneficiaries</li> </ul> <p>The first and second wave of data collection was undertaken from June 27 – July 1, 2022 and July 4-7, 2022 in the provinces of Kalinga and Ifugao.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORIENTATION</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORIENTATION ON DIGITAL CERTIFICATE AND SIGNATURE, July 12, 2022, Asuplan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet</b></p> <p>Relative to the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum dated October 28, 2021, issued by Undersecretary Roldan G. Gorgonio, all Senior Officials, Divisions Chiefs, and Action Officers of the Department are instructed to apply for their respective Digital Signature/Certificate to be issued by Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).</p> <p>Memorandum No. M22-02-72 Reiteration of Memorandum no M21-11-419 regarding Registration for the application of digital signature/ certificate, intended to secure the integrity of documents and information over digital networks and more importantly, to expedite and secure online work transactions.</p> <p>Ms. Laarni V. Cañero, technical officer, presented the introduction on Public Key Infrastructure and the process of Online Registration System. Listed are the points from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) allows users of public networks like the Internet to exchange private data securely. PKI is essentially a set of hardware, software, policies, personnel and procedures needed to create, manage, distribute, use, store and revoke digital certificates. The PKI is one of the core services being offered by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) that will foster trust in the government by ensuring secure and reliable online transactions.</li> <li>❖ All government online applications stand to benefit from the use of the PKI, ultimately improving the delivery of government services to citizens. At the heart of the PKI is the concept of digital certificates. These certificates are very small files that can be stored on your computer, an ordinary flash drive or USB token. Through the use of certificates issued and digitally signed by a Certificate Authority (CA), the PKI authenticates the data source and ensures data had not been tampered with in transit. PKI can also be used to encrypt data such as email or online transactions.</li> </ul> <p><b>PNKI services</b> - Certificate Authority &amp; Registration Authority services, Validation Authority service, and Timestamping service</p> <p>For the Online Registration System of Digital Certificate and Signature, the link can be access through <a href="https://sites.google.com/dict.gov.ph/pnki/ors">https://sites.google.com/dict.gov.ph/pnki/ors</a>. The orientation was attended by ATI-RTC-CAR staff.</p> <p>Actions needed by the Center - Finalization of application of ATI-RTC-CAR staff who will avail digital signature.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COA ENTRANCE CONFERENCE CY 2022, July 18, 2022, Sab-atan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR</b></p> <p>Three (3) auditors and seven (7) ATI-RTC-CAR Staff joined the meeting. The entrance conference is done at the beginning of the audit. It aims to communicate to the auditee the objective, scope, limitations, and responsibilities of both the auditee and the auditor.</p> <p>The following were discussed by Auditor Amalia L. Valentin during the entrance conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Audit Objectives</li> <li>✓ Auditor's Responsibilities</li> <li>✓ Audit Limitations</li> <li>✓ Agency's Responsibilities:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Preparation and fair presentation of the following FS in accordance with IPSAS and submission of the same on deadlines set by COA: Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Net Equity, Statement of Comparison of Budgets and Actual Amounts, and Notes to Financial Statements</li> <li>b) Making all financial records and reports, and related information available to the auditor and adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and other information as required under ISSAI 1720.</li> <li>c) Issuing the Management Representation Letter (MRL) as near as practicable to, but not after, the date of the auditor's report on the financial statements as there are events occurring up to the date of the auditor's report that may require adjustment to or disclosure in the FS. The MRL shall be signed by the Chief Accountant and the Head of the Agency.</li> <li>d) Submitting of the status of any pending claims and litigation involving the Agency, breakdown of related-party transactions, and subsequent events which have to be adjusted and/or disclosed in the Notes to Financial Statements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>✓ Audit Coverage – transactions for the Calendar Year 2022</p>

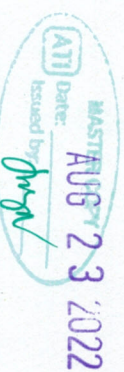






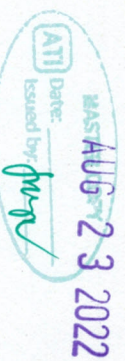


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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTERNAL ASSESSMENT</b></p>	<p>With the institutionalization of the Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (RBME) System in 2018, Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) implemented the system for the fourth time in 2021. The result was presented by Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay, PEO I.</p> <p>As well, Republic Act No. 11285 is an act institutionalizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, Enhancing the Efficient Use of Energy, and Granting Incentives to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects, otherwise known as <i>Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act</i>, was signed and approved on April 12, 2019. With this Act, the Government Energy Management Program was enhanced and expanded to cover all government agencies, such as Executive Branches, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, State Colleges and Universities, Other Executive Offices, and the Local Government Units. With such, Mr. Jordan B. Pilay, presented the details of the Center's electricity, fuel, and water consumption for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester.</p> <p>A video showing on the success story of the Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSAs) in the region was undertaken by the Information Services Section (ISS) as it is also worth undertaking to raise the awareness and appreciation of the DA-ATI-RTC-CAR staff on the milestones of Department of Agriculture (DA) programs. Comments and suggestions from the staff will be integrated for the improvement of the video presentations.</p> <p>As part of the performance review, the summary of timeliness of reports were also presented per Section. The issues and concerns encountered during the implementation of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester interventions were also discussed.</p> <p>For the Management Inputs/Updates, OIC--TCD Charlie C. Sagudan provided an overview of the One Research for Development and Extension Network (One RADEN). He also provided inputs on the Center Operations and Letter/Memorandum request received.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"Thank you for the very comprehensive presentations, because of that we have seen our accomplishments, and more importantly some field which needs treatment and improvement. We may have some corrections; however, I hope that we refine and develop it for our future endeavors. Likewise, for the Center Directors' input, it is a good note since it provided us guidance in extending our services. Thank you."</i> Ms. Veronica B. Siloy, Administrative Officer IV RBO Focal</p> <p><i>"Good afternoon, this kind of activity is really needed in order for us to discuss not only the issues but also some concerns of each individual, especially for us who are not very vocal. It is also an opportunity for us to see loopholes in providing our services and to look for possible solutions. Once again, thank you very much."</i> Ms. Tessie B. Lingbanan, Administrative Officer II</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING 4H CLUB YOUTH CONVENTION, July 21, 2022, ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>CONTESTS:</p> <p>1) Innovative Technology on Organic Fertilizer Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Instead of having a contest, there will be a seminar input. The Regional contest will be a preparatory for the national contest to be conducted by October 2022. After the inputs, for those interested to join the contest, it will give them enough time to prepare.</li> <li>✓ After the seminar, all provinces will be encouraged to make/create their own innovative organic fertilizer technology production and it would be presented to the region by October. Whoever will have the best output would be our representative for the national summit.</li> </ul> <p>2) Promotional Video Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ This is a group effort per province following the guidelines to be presented.</li> <li>✓ Videos should be submitted on the day of the summit. Best video presentation will also represent the CAR Region during the National Convention.</li> </ul> <p>3) 4H Party Quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ These are surprise quizzes to be asked anytime during the Convention. The Provinces who will garner the highest score will be the winners.</li> </ul> <p>4) Impromptu Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Speech contest to be conducted during the summit. Topics will be randomly given accordingly following the guidelines.</li> </ul> <p>ACTIVITIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inputs on the different areas of the 4H</li> </ol> <p>The meeting was attended by Ms. Veronica B. Siloy, ATI-RTC-CAR, RBO Focal Person.</p>



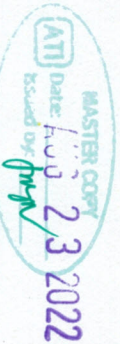


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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	FIELD MONITORING	<p><b>FIELD MONITORING OF COMMUNITY URBAN AGRICULTURE MODEL FARMS (CUAMFs) IN TABUK CITY, KALINGA, June 14, 2022</b></p> <p>To ensure continues crop production and utilization of the facilities provided for the CUAMFs in Tabuk City in partnership with Talocloc Bulanao Women Organization and RGT Group in Bulio, Tabuk City, Ms. Cristine B. Esnara, Sr. Agriculturist/ PASS Head, monitored the status of both projects.</p> <p>a. Talocloc Bulanao Women Organization (TBWO)</p> <p>The TBWO is a group of senior citizen women, registered at DOLE. The TBWO urban garden was established in 2019 in partnership with the City Local Government Unit of Tabuk and Office of Provincial Agriculture Services-Kalinga. An area of 1000m<sup>2</sup> was provided by OPAS Kalinga, as their counterpart for the 500,000 financial assistances provided by ATI-RTC-CAR for facilities such as toolroom, packing area and composting facility.</p> <p>In 2020, they were provided with an amount of 100,000 for establishment of nursery green house. The team were met by the President of the organization, Mrs. Francisca Sulca and the 2 members. The site was being planted with various crops such as legumes, onions, ginger, rootcrops (Carnote, gabi, cassava), leafy vegetables, papaya, banana and the lemons were already bearing fruit. Despite pandemic, they had been continuously planting several crops as source of their food. Most of the produced were being sold to the member and staff of the OPAS Kalinga and some were given to visitors as token. According to Mrs. Sulca, they had no visitors for the previous years due to pandemic and lockdowns. The project was been a great help for the members as source of vegetables and it served as recreation for them as Senior Citizens. Accordingly, their sitio (Purok 5) had experienced several lockdowns and as senior citizens they were not allowed to go out of their homes or travel anywhere. Their urban garden served as their recreation and source of foods. As per observation, the women have tried using recycled bottles, installed signages as part of landscape to beautify their garden. It may not be a perfect landscape but it is enough to bring joy to a trainor. The undersigned encouraged them to keep on planting continuously, keep records of their daily activities, harvest and others. They were also asked if they are still interested to continue the project until 5 years is over, they all agreed to finish the contract and continue if the OPAS is willing to lend them the site.</p> <p>b. Rural Group for Transformation (RGT), Bulio Tabuk City</p> <p>Another farm family project established in Tabuk City was the RGT. This was established in 2018 with financial assistance intended for multipurpose processing area. The facility was constructed near the provincial road, which they are currently using to process their produced and at the same time, to sell their products. To be able to serve its members and clients, they agreed that each member shall have daily slot to sell or watch their store.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>FIELD MONITORING</p>	<p><b>FIELD MONITORING OF LEARNING SITES OF AGRICULTURE (LSAs) and VILLAGE LEARNING SITES OF AGRICULTURE (VLSAs) LSAs under Regular PROGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DJ's Farm, owned by Mr. Danilo Trongco, from Laganglang Abra</li> <li>● The farm was been very active partner LSAs for the previous years despite pandemic, served as practicum site for ADTEMPCO and ASIST students, visit area of farmers interested in good aqua culture practices and source of fingerlings.</li> <li>● Been conducting training on Tilapia production with BFAR and LGU, employing good aqua culture practices.</li> <li>● With total area of 1.8 hectares, composed of 31 fish ponds, rice production, assorted vegetables and fruits along the borders.</li> <li>● The farm is well organized and practicing farm sanitation. Aside from assorted fish, assorted vegetables and fruits along the borders, 50 chickens were also being raised in the farm. He maintains pond conditioning every year for all the ponds to remove toxins. He maintains standard requirement per square meter to minimize oxygen shortage. Existing facilities: * Farm house with kitchen, comfort rooms, storage facility * Multi-purpose holding area *Lodging house He provides productivity incentive to his workers and maintains at least 3 workers in the farm.</li> <li>● As per problems encountered for the previous months, Mr. Trongco identified the following: water shortage during summer, effect of mine tailings on the quality of water for the fish</li> <li>● Recommendations to DJ Farm: keep practicing GAP in the farm, maintain farm records, strengthen partnership, and timely submit reports as required to all LSAs</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Arquitola's Integrated Farm, owned by Ms. Cherry A. Palino, from Dolores, Abra</b></li> <li>● The farm maintains native pig production, free range chicken and ducks, assorted vegetable and fruit production as source of income. Practices organic farming system, producing its own natural farm inputs and crop protection. The farm served as farm visit area for farming enthusiasts, AEWs and practicum for students. Ongoing weeding activities in the vegetable production area</li> <li>● Existing facilities includes: Multipurpose holding area, greenhouses for nursery and vegetable production Poultry and piggery houses - Composting facilities Garbage waste disposal Maintain farm records</li> <li>● Other observations Limited source of water for irrigation Lack of labor to maintain the operations of the farm</li> <li>● Recommendations: Need to implement farm sanitation and organization in the farm Need to fix cages, fences need repair. The chickens and ducks are all outside the cages or fences, free range indeed! To maintain laborer to maintain the productivity and operations</li> </ul>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSTITUTION REPRESENTATION REPORT (IRR)</b></p>	<p><b>EPAHP MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING WORKSHOP, July 5-7, 2022, Newtown Plaza Hotel, Leonard Wood, Baguio City</b></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 activity is a venue to assess the program implementation of the Regional Convergence Team (RCT) guided by the commitments indicated in the 2022 Strategic Plan prepared during the EPAHP Year Starter Planning Workshop.</p> <p><b>Session 1.</b> EPAHP Implementation Status. The accomplishments of the RCTs were presented through Audio Visual presentation prepared by the EPAHP Secretariat. All of the members were able to accomplish the commitments. For ATI-CAR, targets will still be implemented for the 2nd Semester (<i>Strategic Plan for 2022</i>).</p> <p><b>Session 2.</b> EPAHP Implementation Challenges. The following were the three (3) identified challenges of the EPAHP Secretariat and their suggested ways forward to address this:</p> <p>1. Budget Constraints - convergence activities between and among RCT 2. Non eligible Community Based Organizations (CBO) - Assist and support interested CBOs to complete their eligibility requirements 3. Less opportunities for CBOs - dialogue with partners; provincial counterparts; adopt the Negotiated Procurement Community Participation</p> <p><b>Session 3.</b> Risk Assessment - SWOT Analysis</p> <p><b>Session 4.</b> Risk Assessment- PESTLE Model Internal Assessment (organizational) - use the 7S McKinsey Model: <i>Structure</i> - hierarchy of authority; <i>accountability</i> in an organization; <i>Strategy</i>- the plan to reach identified objective; <i>Skills</i>-competencies, capabilities; <i>Shared Values</i> – commitments; <i>System</i>-formal and informal procedures; <i>Style</i> - leadership styles; and <i>Staff</i>-human resources</p> <p><b>External Assessment</b> - Use the PESTLE framework Political - government influence, <i>Economical</i> - is there enough access to resources, <i>Social</i>-acceptance, <i>Technological</i>- technology/ies that may affect the operations, <i>Legal</i>-agreements, <i>Environment</i> - weather, topography, protocols</p> <p><b>Session 5.</b> Risk Treatment Planning Workshop Risk Management and Risk Treatment - Measures When constructing risk statements, it should have the fact (cause), the uncertainty (risk) and the possible result(effect)</p> <p><b>Session 6.</b> Digital Mapping System - The DICT presented the DMS beta version of for the EPAHP which was initiated by CAR. This will be launched once comments and suggestions from the RCT members will be incorporated.</p> <p><i>Center Responsibilities/Commitments</i> – Accomplish the Strategic Plan for 2022 to be reported during the EPAHP Reviews and Meetings.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, ATI-RTC-CAR Media Production Specialist II.</p>







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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>TRAININGS ATTENDED BY STAFF</p>	<p>Nutrient Expert (NE) for Maize was launched in November of 2016 by the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) together with University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI). NE for Maize is a decision support tool for PC and android platforms enabling local experts to quickly formulate fertilizer guidelines for hybrid, open-pollinated, and traditional varieties of maize. The NE for Maize will help the farmer increase his yield and profit by suggesting a meaningful yield goal for his location and by providing a fertilizer management strategy required to attain the yield goal. The introduction of such technology to AEWS as our field partner will be useful in bridging the gap between technologies and our clients.</p> <p>ATI-RTC-CAR rescheduled the conduct of two batches of "Training on Site-Specific Nutrient Management Nutrient Expert (SSNM-NE) for Maize" for the AEWS of CAR for the second semester. This was due to the conflict of schedule with the subject matter specialists from the Institute of Plant Breeding.</p> <p>As part of the preparation, a coaching session was requested on SSNM-NE last July 28-29, 2022 with the SMS at the IPB-UPLB. In relation to this, two (2) technical staff from DA-RFO-CAR were invited to join the coaching. Attended by Ms. Resley Ann Sumedea, ATI-RTC-CAR Agriculturist I, Mr. Bongpong Buli-e, ATI-RTC-CAR Media Production Specialist II, Ms. Vicky May Guinayen, ATI-RTC-CAR, TS I, and Mr. Edward Saldivar, ATI-RTC-CAR, Network Controller.</p> <p>ATI FY 2022 MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND PLANNING WORKSHOP, July 27-29, 2022, Kawa Resort, Siargao, Surigao Del Sur</p> <p>The activity was attended by ATI Directorate, Center Directors, Budget and Finance Divisions of the Central Office. The activity has the following inputs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ATI Policy Directions 2022 onwards</li> <li>✓ FY 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Financial Performance</li> <li>✓ FY 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ATI Consolidated Physical Performance</li> <li>✓ FY 2023 Plans and Budget Proposal</li> <li>✓ Criteria and Schedule of Performance Evaluation for the Best Performing Centers</li> <li>✓ Issues and Concerns</li> <li>✓ Agreements and Next Steps</li> <li>✓ Other matters</li> </ul> <p>Action needed by OIG-ITCD – To feedback urgent matters to co-staff</p>
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	MEETING	<p>Said meeting discussed the collaborative project among the stakeholders to support the development of food value chain in ASEAN countries funded by the MAFF of Japan. The meeting was facilitated by the MAFF Representatives Yukihiko Nakamura and Isabella Revina Widowo and DA-ATI-CO Director Rosana Mula.</p>

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