



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p><b>TRAINING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i></p> <p><b>TRAINING ON "FEEDNOVATION: A SHOWCASE OF ALTERNATIVE FEEDSTUFF" FOR AEWS OF CAR August 16-19, 2022, ATI-RTC-CAR</b></p> <p>Feed formulation is one of the basic needs in animal production industries. To meet the animal's requirement at a particular stage of production, it is very important to formulate the diet efficiently. In formulating a ration, a combination of feed ingredients that adequately meets the nutrient requirement of an animal is the main objective. Aside from being economic, it is also sustainable such that alternative feed ingredients could be produced closer to home and could benefit local producers.</p> <p>Thus, "Training on "Feednovation: A Showcase of Alternative Feedstuff" for AEWS of CAR was conducted last August 15-19, 2022. The course generally aims to equip the participants with concepts, basic principles and practices on alternative methods of feedstuff propagation, feed production, and processing.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p>"Good day to all of us. On behalf of the province of Kalinga, we are thankful to our speakers who are willing to share their knowledge with us. Thank you also ATI for facilitating this training. It's an additional knowledge which is useful especially to us who have breeding stations and multiplier farms. We notice that the downloaded project in our municipality was focused on multiplier farms. In our breeding center in Kalinga, we have large ruminants that is why we are interested in UMMB Making. I believe that some of us were already practicing the activities presented to us. We hope that the practice will be continuously done so that we will be able to share it to our farmers for them to have additional learnings for development." <b>Ms. Jackelyn N. Odilus, Agriculturist II, Tabuk City Kalinga</b></p> <p>"Big thanks to ATI who conducted this training. The facilities used in this training were nice. We learned a lot from the farms we've visited wherein we saw the processes in actual. First, the ANAEM Farm, it's worth emulating. Second, the Miner's Farm is so nice, there is no need to calculate or solve, the kitchen waste or rotten vegetables or any kind of grass with the mixture of probiotics is enough since the pigs in his farm were visibly healthy. This time, the feed price is increasing rapidly so maybe it is high time to introduce these things to the farmers. So, let's try it and if it's effective then good but if it will not work, it's for us to discover the missing formula. If ever one of us discovers something new, it's good if it will be shared. So, with that, thank you so much!" <b>Mr. Laurence C. Pantaleon Jr, Agriculturist II, Kibungan Benguet</b></p>







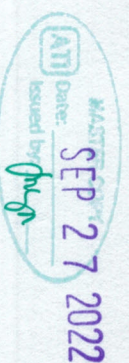
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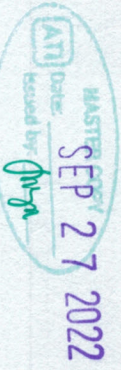
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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p><b>TRAINING</b></p>	<p><b>DIGITAL AGRICULTURE COURSE FOR RCEF FARM SCHOOLS, August 8-10, Dagupan West, Tabuk, Kalinga</b></p> <p>The Digital Agriculture Course (DAC) for RCEF Farm Schools is based on the Digital Farmers Program (DFP) which was earlier implemented through the ATI. The DFP was then adopted in the RCEF as the "Digital Agriculture Course for RCEF (DACARCEF)" through ATI Memorandum M22-04-150 dated April 20, 2022. This was the result of the agreements made between the ATI and other member-agencies of the RCEF Technical Working Group. The implementation of the DACARCEF is envisioned as one of the complementary short courses to the farm schools' farmer field schools. Consequently, the farm school representatives who will undergo the said course are expected to implement digital literacy trainings to farmers in their respective areas aside from sharing the various digital agriculture applications they learned from the training.</p> <p>With the DFP as its model, the DACARCEF was based on the DFP modules while highlighting rice-based agriculture digital and online applications and tools such as the AgrIDOC app, Binhing Palay, Pinoy Rice Knowledge Bank, and others.</p> <p>Like the DFP, the DACARCEF is rooted in the agriculture and fisheries sector various and constantly evolving challenges in the phase of modernization and industrialization. According to studies, the average age of Filipino farmers is 53 years old and more than 70% or a great majority of the country's farm workers did not finish primary and secondary levels despite public school offerings. In addition, research published by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies states a negative annual growth of -1.1% in the population of Filipino farmers from a baseline of estimated 12 million in 2012. This means that there are less Filipinos going into farming and those who remain are advancing in age—unfamiliar with and unable to maximize digital technologies that can help boost their livelihood.</p> <p>After attending the training, it was aimed that cooperators of RCEF Farms Schools should be able to implement and/or adopt the Digital Farmers Program in their respective farm schools either by incorporating it to their regular farmer field school sessions or as a separate advisory and extension service of the farm school.</p> <p>The training was held at <i>Dagupan West, Tabuk, Kalinga</i> on August 8-10, 2022 completed by 23 participants.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>"Thank you for Agricultural Training Institute for inviting us to this training. I have no idea at first on this so-called digital agriculture training. The big question in my mind is "do I really need to learn this digital agriculture?" But then, during the day one, I realized that even though I have been using smartphone for a long time, I still have a lot to learn in order to maximized the use of this device, not just for text and calls. I learned that it can be used in our daily farming activities and for marketing our products" Mr. Clinton Calingayan- Lobong Marcela Rice Integrated Farm</i></p> <p><i>"As of now I am not yet a trainer in DBM farm, but I am thankful that I have been given a chance to attend this training. As a farmer, I learned a lot specially this Agri-apps that I can use in my daily farming activities and to improve farming. The learnings that I gained in this training is not only for me, surely, I will share this to my fellow farmers and I can use this soon when I will be one of the trainers in the farm school" Ms. Aimee Gaddao- DBM Agricultural Farm School</i></p>

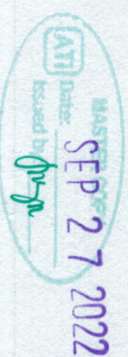






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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	TRAINING	<p><b>TRAINING ON IEC DEVELOPMENT FOR FITS STAFF</b></p> <p>The 2 batches of this training undertaken are in recognition of the roles of the agricultural extension workers (AEWs) as propellers of agricultural development, that they too must be equipped with skills and knowledge on providing information, education and communication (IEC) for desired social change and development to happen. In one or another, it is in this context that the Techno Gabay Program (TGP) is anchored- to bring science-based information and technology services to the end-users in agriculture, fishery, forestry and natural resources (AFFNR) sectors.</p> <p>Initiated by the DOST-PCARRD, the TGP have four components interlink together to facilitate the purpose of its creation. One component is the Farmer Information and Technology Services (FITS) Center serves as a one-stop service facility to provide fast access to information and technologies in forms appropriate to the clients' needs. The Magsasaka Siyentista (MS) is an outstanding farmer recognized for his/her use of S&amp;T-based and indigenous technologies that serves as a vital link in technologies developed in laboratories and ultimate adoption in farmers' fields. Further, the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategies involve the use of a diverse set of technological tools and resources to create, store, communicate, disseminate and manage information. The Information Education Campaign Strategies meanwhile involves research and need-based communication processes aimed to hasten adoption of technologies by FITS and MS clients. IEC activities include: Information/technology needs assessments; Objective setting; Production of prototype; and Dissemination of IEC material in appropriate formats (eg. Print, broadcast, e-format).</p> <p>Two batches of training were conducted this month. Details were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="539 987 678 1873"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATCH</th> <th>DATE</th> <th>VENUE</th> <th>NO. OF PAX</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 1</td> <td>August 16-18</td> <td rowspan="2">Darn-muhan Hall, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 2</td> <td>August 23-25</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">TOTAL</td> <td>57</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Generally, it was aimed that after the training, participants are enhanced on the knowledge and skills in documenting and packaging of Instructional, Educational and Communication materials as tools for agricultural extension service delivery. Topics discussed were the ATI e-Extension program basic agri apps, Accessing the Internet, Internet Safety Basics, Mobile App for Agri, Marketing thru social media; e-commerce and its apps, Transformational Leadership and Values Orientation (Work Values, Ethics and Leadership), and Using Canva for Digital Farming.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p>"Excited kaming makijoin and truly hindi kami nabigo dahil mai-apply naming sa aring areas. Sana lahat tayu magamit and ating natutunan. Thank you." Ms. Miezal Coma, FITSC Mayoyao</p> <p>"We have learned a lot of insights that we may apply in our works. Again, thank you." Ms. Jonica Willie, BABUDEMPCO</p> <p>"Hope we will use what we have learned." Mr. Fynn Ruiz, FITSC Tuba</p>	BATCH	DATE	VENUE	NO. OF PAX	Batch 1	August 16-18	Darn-muhan Hall, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR	25	Batch 2	August 23-25	32	TOTAL			57
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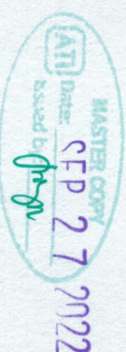
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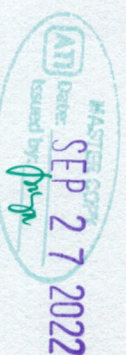






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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p><b>SEMESTER 2 R AND GREEN ACTIVITY, August 5, 2022</b></p> <p>Clean and Green has been a regular activity in the Center as part of its social obligation in taking good care of the environment. Last August 5, 2022, 48 ATI-RTC-CAR staff joined forces and engaged themselves to cleanliness, beautification and sanitation of the ATI-CAR offices and its premises. The second semester clean and green activity focused on the preparation of the Center for the rainy season where strong typhoons will be expected by securing the vicinity and the Center files as well thru 5S.</p> <p>With the continuous rain in the morning, the staff proceeded to several offices. The CDMSS staff proceeded to their office to do 5S where files were cleaned, sorted and labelled. Inside the ISS office, work was focused on the library. New shelves were installed and old shelves were rearranged in addition to the filing of the various reading materials and books in the shelves.</p> <p>Some staff proceeded to the 4-H building to help in the packing of the kits to be distributed to the Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) of the CAR. Others proceeded to the Dormitory Building and transferred and fixed the COA files to their new office. Since the rain stopped in the afternoon, some staff worked at the premises. Grasses were trimmed and two trees were cut down because they might bring damage to the Center during typhoons. Potted plants were also fertilized. River sand at the parking area was transferred at the back of the 4-H Hub.</p> <p><b>OATH TAKING CEREMONY FOR BARANGAY BIOSECURITY OFFICERS OF BENGUET AND KITS DISTRIBUTION, August 10, 2022, Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU COMPOUND, LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET</b></p> <p>In response to the African Swine Fever (ASF) that has hit the Philippines, the government, through the Department of Agriculture (DA), has launched the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay or Babay ASF Program" as the focal strategy to control and prevent ASF. Hence, since February of this year there were various batches of trainings on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers in CAR. For Benguet, 140 barangays of the 13 municipalities have completed their BBOs (1 per barangay). After the training, kits will be given to them to help monitor biosecurity in the barangays, report untoward incidences on livestock and poultry and assist their coordinators during rabies and other related activities. In addition to formalize their designation as BBOs, an oath-taking ceremony was agreed in partnership with the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) of Benguet.</p> <p>Before the oath-taking ceremony, the biosecurity assessment form developed by PVO Benguet was reviewed. This will consist bulk of the functions of the BBOs, that is to conduct biosecurity assessment in all farms in their barangays. Functions of the BBOs were also discussed together with the monthly reports that they should accomplish for them to be able to claim their monthly incentives allotted by the provincial local government of Benguet. DA-CAR Senior Agriculturist Dr. Kevin Jim Luna underscored the important role of the BBOs. Moreover, ATI-RTC CAR OIC/TCSI Charlie Sagudan emphasized that the BBOs are the front liners in the battle against the spread of ASF because they will be the initial contact person of their neighbors in case of observed cases in their barangay. An open forum was also facilitated by Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Miriam Trongan to address concerns raised by the BBOs.</p> <p>The oath taking was officiated by Benguet Provincial Governor Hon. Melchor Dicala. In his message, he expressed his appreciation to the BBOs for taking the volunteer work to help their fellow town folks. "In recognition of your spirit of volunteerism, the province allotted a budget for your incentives, although is not enough to pay for your hard work but we hope that the national government will soon acknowledge it", he explained. Apart from the oath-taking, BBO kits were also distributed comprised of vacutainer tubes, needles, disposable syringes, gloves, cooler, tackle box, scrub suit, boots, and facemask, alcohol, pig restrainer, among others.</p>
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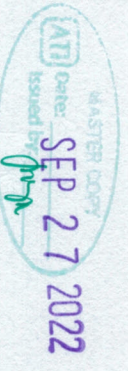
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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>Field Validation</p>	<p><b>FIELD VALIDATION OF CUAMF APPLICANTS</b></p> <p>Two (2) identified and endorsed by the City Agriculture Office of Tabuk City for Community Urban Agriculture-Model Farm (CUAMF) partners were validated by Ms. Cristine B. Esnara this month.</p> <p>1. <b>SUYANG RIC</b>, President: Ms. Veronica Domingo from Suyang, Abra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Suyang RIC is an active organization, identified by Office of the City Agriculture Office to become partner in Urban Gardening. It has 34 active RIC members and mostly husbands who are willing to help in maintaining the garden.</li> <li>○ According to the President, ongoing registration of the organization at the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).</li> <li>○ The Suyang RIC garden is located at the center of the community, near the public school and youth garden with an area of more than 1000m<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>○ During the validation, Ms. Esnara explained to what CUAMF Project is all about, responsibilities of each party, and its coverage. The officers and members were all happy to be included as partner and member of the ATI-RIC-CAR's CUAMF.</li> <li>○ They expressed their interested and commitment to the compliance to all the recommendations and responsibilities of being CUAMF partner.</li> <li>○ Recommendations includes the following: fast tract its registration to DOLE and register to the CBO at DA-RFO, maintain its farm sanitation and beautification of the garden for food safety, food sustainability and additional income for the organization, seek written 5-year agreement from the owner, may improve the existing kubo as holding area to accommodate more people, may install fences for protection from animals, packaging area, storage room for tools and completion of garden tools to be used by the members, keep record for easy reporting every semester to ATI, and prepare proposal amounting to Php 100,000.00 to be endorsed by OCAS.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>MATOKNANG RIC</b> from Matoknang, Ipil, Tabuk City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matoknang RIC is an of women located at Ipil, Tabuk City with an active 40 RIC members. The organization was registered to DOLE and been operating the 200 m<sup>2</sup> garden for almost 4 years as source of income and consumption. They have their own organization account at TAFAMULCO.</li> <li>○ The following were some of the recommendations: practice organic farming system in the garden to conserve and enriched the soil, practice crop programming for sustainable harvest for income and consumption Install fences (live fence, bamboo or any materials) to protect the garden from animals and also children, keep records and other garden activities for easy submission of report to ATI strengthen the organization, Seek 5-year agreement from the owner, and coordinate with OCAS and OPAS for technical assistance.</li> </ul> <p><b>LSA Establishment and Enhancement</b></p> <p>LSA Established - SIHM Integrated Agri-Eco Farm under OA Program and Pastleng's Farm under Regular Program                      LSA Enhancement - Saymayal Vegetable Farming under OA Program</p>
	<p>Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA)</p>	







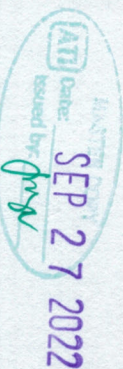
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<p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p>	<p>Success Story</p> <p>Development and Dissemination of Knowledge Products and Services</p>	<p>The subject success story was under the Scholarship Program and the interview was undertaken with Mr. Janrey Casionan. The site has various components ranging from varied rice field, fruit trees, pigs, turkeys, ducks, and various breed of chickens. It has an impounding area that can serve as fishpond. Its fruit trees include coconuts, soursoy, banana, papaya, citrus, mulberry miracle fruit, katulday, bugnay and madre de agua.</p> <p>Under the HVCD Program, Ms. Allen Bongat, owner of Bongat and Sons Farm was interviewed. The team went to their apple and pear nursery and toured part of his farm that has the following components: mango, dwarf coconut, cows, goat, ducks, dragon fruits, mangosteen, avocado, rambutan. He has durian and lanzones seedlings in his nursery that he plans to plant in the shaded part of his farm.</p> <p>Throughout the month, a total of 408 print materials were reproduced and disseminated.</p> <p>DA-ATI-RTC-CAR intensified its online promotions with 22 posts in social media. With the said uploads, there were 102,127 individuals reached and 4,403-page views.</p> <p>The ATI-RTC-CAR CY 2022 Semi-Annual Report was also accomplished this month.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>







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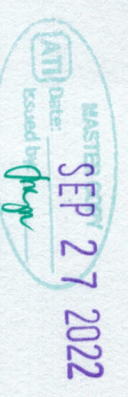
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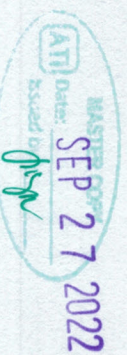
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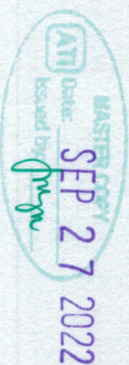
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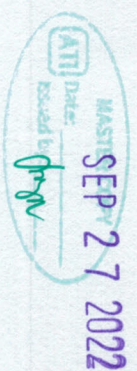
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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONITORING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VALIDATION</b></p>	<p><b>VALIDATION OF RAPID APPRAISAL OUTPUT FOR THE PROVINCE-LED AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEMS (PAFES), August 16-19, and 23, 2022</b></p> <p>The activity is one of the "ways forward" as agreed during the Benguet CPAFEP Refinement at La Union last July 20-22, 2022 that RA result validation by province be conducted. This was reiterated during the RA result presentation and critiquing held at the Dam-muhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR last August 10, 2022. During the presentation of the RA results, Dr. Virginia Tapat, RTD for Research and Extension of the DA-RFO-CAR suggested for a Provincial RA result validation.</p> <p>This is also an avenue to check and validate the data whether these are true or there are other data that might be included. Mr. Charlie Sagudan, however, suggested that the activity can be presented via online platform as these was not included in the work and financial plan of the PAFES. The body agreed that the presentation of the RA results validation by province will be done via zoom. ATI-RTC-CAR created the zoom links for the activity by province which were communicated to all the concerned provinces and municipalities.</p> <p>General Comments/Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All concerned stakeholders (SUC, MLGUs and PLGUs) to send lacking data immediately to be incorporated in the final output.</li> <li>○ Copy of the presentation was sent to the MLGU for review and further comprehension.</li> <li>○ All of the assigned SRS were instructed to enter the corrections, suggestions, and recommendations made during the presentation.</li> </ul>						
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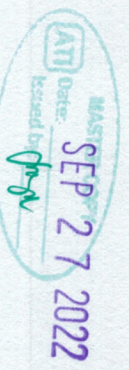
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Orientation	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> (Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORIENTATION OF THE THREE FCAS ON THE AGRO-ENTERPRISE CLUSTERING APPROACH</b></p> <p>The orientation was conducted for the FCA members namely Manpat-a Farmers Association, BLESTDAMI FA and RANIAG FA will have a clear understanding on what is Agro-Enterprise Clustering Approach (AECA) all about. AECA is a strategy introduced by the Jolilbee Group Foundation (JGF) to build strong partnerships for development of farmers especially in marketing capability. The orientation also includes the identified activities to be done under the AECA, funded under the CBF MAFF project. The activity was attended by the officers, members and representatives from each of the three FCAs, representatives from MLGU-Mankayan, PLGU-Benguet, ATI-RTC-CAR and ATI-CO and DA-RFO-CAR.</p> <p>The orientation activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentations of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Overview of the Activity, presented by Cristine B. Esnara</li> <li>✓ Introduction to AECA, presented by Theresa Cosico</li> <li>✓ Criteria for the Selection of Farmer for AECA Project under the CBF MAFF Project, presented by Cristine B. Esnara</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Discussions and the Agreements: The site working group is composed of the following: (Note: Special Order is yet to be prepared)</li> </ol> <p>The officers/representatives from each of the FCAs were tasked to identify the three farmers from their respective organization based on the criteria presented to take part in the AECA project. Finalization of the Production Module and crafting of Supply Cluster Plan will be done as a workshop to be held on September 1-2, 2022 at Mankayan. This has to be participated by the chosen 9 farmers who will implement the project and the rest of SWG.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following activities has to be accomplished, before the implementation of Production Module by November 2022: a. market visits and interview of buyers or information gathering to be able to come up with a Market Chain Map; b. to come up with an analysis using Value Capture Map and Agro-enterprise objective; c. conduct of Training on Good Agricultural Practices on Potatoes on September 12-14, 2022 for members whose farms are not yet GAP certified; d. conduct of exposure trip to the farmer associations who are already supplying Jolilbee for the identified 9 members with other members with a total of 30 pax. Sites are Tuba, Benguet (bell pepper producers) and Bued, Alaminos, Pangasinan (onion producers); and e. conduct of Seminar on the Techniques on How to Prolong Shelf-life of Potato by Japanese experts on October 27-28, 2022.</p> <p>The three (3) cycles of production modules were scheduled as follows: 1st cycle -November 2022 -February 2023 2nd cycle-April-July 2023 3rd cycle-September-December 2023 The three-market test delivery every after harvest the cycle to the institutional buyer are as follows: 1st cycle - 1st week of March 2nd cycle-1st week of August 3rd cycle-1st week of December 2023.</p>







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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p><b>PAFES RA PRESENTATION</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b> (Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</p> <p><b>2nd round of RAPID APPRAISAL (RA) RESULTS PRESENTATION: Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES) Implementation in CAR, August 10, 2022, Damnuhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet</b></p> <p>Initially, the activity was targeted to be conducted on July 27, 2022 but was re-scheduled on August 10, 2022 due to the earthquake that affected Northern Luzon.</p> <p>A review of the recommendations, agreements, and ways forward made during the conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Assessment/ Updates was undertaken. Prior to the conduct of activity, DA-RFO-CIARC provided a template used by the Science Research Specialist (SRS) for their output. It included an overview of the Executive Order No. 138, PAFES, RA and its objectives. Specific objectives of the RA are to describe the demographic, geographic, and socioeconomic profile of the province in relation to agriculture; identify the human resource capabilities including: a. education and training programs attended; b. total number of staff/employees; and c. training programs offered by the LGUs; to determine the budget portfolio of the province, percentage share of agriculture in the total budget of the LGUs, percentage share of agriculture in the development fund; total direct external investment to agriculture; total budget support received from the Department of Agriculture; and total loan and credit for agriculture; and to provide results, discussions, and recommendation domains on key aspects.</p> <p>Presentation of RA results were done by the assigned SRS teams by province:</p> <p>Mt. Province: Ms. Joy Dacwag and Mr. Jomar Guerzon                  Kalinga: Mr. Anthony Coliwet and Ms. Novelle Ongat                  Ifugao: Ms. Zarina Napoleon and Ms. Kimberly Tuccaan                  Apayao: Mr. Juniver Onsie and Mr. Edimer Paduyao                  Abra: Ms. Meljee Belino and Ms. Melanie Lonod</p> <p>Recommendations and agreements were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identify critical findings to be added in the conclusion and recommendation of the study based from the respective objectives. SRS to further analyze the correlation of generalized data. e.g. less engagement of LGUs to the monitoring and evaluation of PPAs.</li> <li>✓ SRS to be mindful of the proper terminologies to be used in the presentation of data. e.g. instead of “chicks assistance”, SRS can use “provision of starter kits (chicks)”.</li> <li>✓ SRS to provide totals for tabulated data whenever possible. This is to provide a provincial data.</li> </ul>







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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Planning Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFINEMENT OF THE COLLABORATIVE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR MOUNTAIN PROVINCE (BATCH 1- PROVINCIAL LEVEL), July 13-14, 2022, Ridgebrook Hotel and Restaurant, Samoki, Bontoc, Mt. Province</b></p> <p>The activity was participated by representatives from the OPAq, OPVet, PPDO, and MPSPC, facilitated by DA-RFO-CAR, DA-APCO-Mt. Province and ATI-RTC-CAR.</p> <p><b>Welcome Message:</b> Engr. Beverly Pekas, the APCO of Mt. Province gladly welcomed the group in order for the Provincial Team to improve or refine their Provincial CPAFEF as this is critical in the finalization of the CPAFEF of the entire province.</p> <p>This is a separate activity from that of the Municipal CPAFEF in order for the provincial team to concentrate on the Provincial level. This is also to improve whatever inputs that may come from our partners.</p> <p>Dr. Virginia Tapat, Chief, Operator's Division - DA CAR RFO presented the Overview of the activity. As the activity title indicates, "Refinement" meaning re-evaluate and do "finishing touches" before we can package for submission. Other agencies will just add their plans to complete the package. Remember, this plan is a collaborative effort of the MLGU-PLGU and other agencies such as the DA-RFO-CAR, BFAR-CAR and ATI-RTC-CAR. So we have to review we can also input our plans as partners for agricultural development. In case the PAFES will not push through (since we have a new administration) the plans that we are doing right now will not be in vain because we still use this.</p> <p>The Mandanas-Garcia ruling will still be in effect thus the plans that we do today will put to use. For the panelists, Dr. Tapat requested Engr. Beverly Pekas, being the APCO of Mt. Province and Mr. Elmer Pakipac, the MPSPC representative to be with her to critique the presentations and give recommendations and/or suggestions for the improvement of the plans. To fast track the activity, Dr. Tapat said that presentation should be done in successive manner. Panelists can give their recommendations/suggestions after all the major commodities were presented.</p>







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	MEETING	<p><b>MEETING WITH RTC 1 re: ATIMA DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT DOCUMENTS, August 1, 2022, ATI-RTCI, Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan</b></p> <p>The activity was a follow through meeting regarding ATIMA documents preparation for submission to Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by the Center Directors involved in the documents preparation for possible renewal. It was agreed that upon the completion of the documents and duly signed by all Training Center directors, this shall be endorsed for SEC renewal for it to be operational thereafter.</p> <p>A meeting will be scheduled soon for the eventual approval by SEC on its renewal where other operational agenda shall be substantially discussed. Attended by Mr. Charlie C. Sagudan, OIC/ TCS I.</p>
	MEETING	<p><b>DISCUSSION MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EPAHP PROGRAM CONVERGENCE BUDGETING (PCB) SCHEME FOR FY 2022, August 12, 2022, Virtual</b></p> <p>Zero Hunger is one of the Sustainable Development Goals for World Transformation adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. To attain this, the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) was created (headed by DSWD) as 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. This meeting was called for by ATI-CO to provide proper delineation of functions and tasks, targets, commitments, clarifications, and other related concerns. This was participated by the Sustainable Livelihood Program-National Project Management Office (SLP-NPMP) and the Regional Project Management Offices (RPMOs) of the DSWD.</p> <p>Activities undertaken were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Presentation of the 2022 PROGRAM CONVERGENCE BUDGETING (PCB) PROJECTS WITH DA-ATI UNDER THE ZERO HUNGER PROGRAM FOR CY 2022</li> <li>✓ Updates per PBC Projects as of July 2022             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity Development for Farmers, People's Organizations and Households in Urban and Rural Communities Project-a PCB Project between the DSWD, DA-High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP)/National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), DA-Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), DA-National Livestock Program (NLDP), DA-National Irrigation Administration (NIA), DA-Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), DA-PCC, DA-National Dairy Authority (NDA) and Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) which aims to provide harmonized capability building and livelihood interventions to poor farmers, fisherfolks and other small cooperative members, and improve their socio-economic conditions, by linking the participating CBOs to prospective private and/or government markets.</li> <li>• Pilot 4Ps Gulayan sa Pamayanan Project (sub-project) - a sub-project to be implemented in the National Capital Region (NCR) under the Capacity Development for Farmers, People's Organizations and Households in Urban and Rural Communities Project with the goal of increasing food security and nutrition among Pantawid households through immediate and appropriate services and intervention intended to provide additional food sources.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

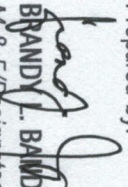


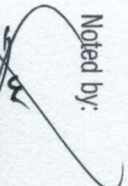




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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	MEETING	<p>The DA-ATI shall coordinate with the concerned SLP-RPMO in the identification of qualified program participants for SLP projects; provide training within its training menu and guidelines for twelve (12) batches involving 281 qualified program participants; provide resource persons based on its expertise and mandate, and logistical requirements such as use of DA-ATI facilities and vehicles, subject to availability upon scheduling, in the conduct of trainings; provide meals for participants while on training at DA-ATI centers; and coordinate with the PARTIES in the project implementation, monitoring and impact evaluation. The DA-ATI will develop a training menu for this project. The said training menu will be shared to the SLP-RPMO once available.</p> <p>For ATI-RTC-CAR, the targets were already implemented for the province of Abra and Mt. Province. Additional accomplishments will also be reported upon completion for the provinces of Kalinga, Ifugao, and Apayao.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, Media Production Specialist (MPS) II.</p>
	GRADUATION ACTIVITY	<p>On August 30, Mr. Sagudan attended the Rice Specialist Training Course (RSC) in PhilRice San Mateo, Isabela. The activity attended was by 29 RSTC graduates. Mr. Sagudan underscored the important roles of the RSTC graduates in the implementation of the RCEF programs in their localities. Challenges in rice production like high cost of production, the goals of the RCEF, declining rice areas, population increases, low mechanization rate, rice consumption, calamities, emerging human as well crops pest and diseases, aging farmers, were shared to the participants so that they are seen as partners in facing these problems. It was also mentioned that AEWs number in the respective municipalities are not sufficient to address the various needs of the farmers. This is one reason why Farm School owners are already given slots for RSTC with the end goal of helping the AEWs conduct extension and extension related activities in their areas. The training was conducted blended with the 2-week face to face as the highlights of the training. The graduates are yet to conduct their field days in their demonstration farms where there it is one of the requirements for full graduation.</p>

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Accomplishments with no reports as of September 6 will be reported on the succeeding month

