



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FEBRUARY | 2023

Center/Division: RTC-CAR

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	HIGHLIGHTS <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p>ORIENTATION ON THE UNIFIED EXTENSION PLANNING, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION INFORMATION SYSTEM for ATI-RTC-CAR staff, February 28, 2023, Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>A standard reporting system is an essential tool for any organization, as it provides a consistent and systematic approach to collecting, analyzing, and communicating data and information. In line with this, and with the goal of putting consistency in the recording, gathering, and reporting of all data and information of the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) along with its planning, monitoring, and evaluation processes; the Institute developed an information system that consolidates and automates all its existing databases and systems - the Unified Extension Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Information System (UNEXSYS).</p> <p>On February 28, ATI-RTC-CAR staff were oriented on UNEXSYS. It aims to digitize its planning and reporting by automating its business processes such as, but not limited to AFE report generation, Online AEW Registry System, E-Library of Resources, Announcement and Calendar Notifications, and Forum Board. The UNEXSYS also aims to collect and monitor the necessary data and information to a centralized database to be extracted, analyzed, and archived. Moreover, the new information system is a response of the Institute to institutionalize policy reform and strengthened institutions to enhance and accelerate the modernization of the AF sector. With the new system in place, the need to provide a comprehensive guide on how to operate it is required. Learnings and agreements made:</p> <p>AFE Resource Inventory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate or include Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) with facilities that have the capability to host training (training hall and/or dormitory) • Include ATI-RTC-CAR's innovative strategies' guidelines and other similar documents <p>AEW Registry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give the limitation of access of what may AEWs and PME/Admin/ATI employees can access <p>AFE PME Information System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For reporting accomplishments on conducted training/activities that are not in the approved work and financial plan use the TMIS. • For inputting budgetary requirements - on disbursement schedule, follow the expense code from ASA. <p>The PMEUI shall feedback to PPD the suggestions and encountered errors in the system.</p>



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		<p>INFORMATION CARAVAN ON OA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP GRANT IN CAR, <i>February 6-11, 2023, Ifugao, Kalinga, Apayao, Benguet and Mt. Province</i></p> <p>The provision of scholarships and trainings is one way of promoting and expanding the systems under the organic agriculture program. ATI and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) implement several scholarship programs and trainings on agriculture, including organic agriculture. However, even with these programs, there are few entrants to the sector, especially among the youth. Hence, there is a need for a comprehensive approach in the provision of scholarship to include intensified and extensive hands-on training on farm, provision of start-up project support fund for the trainees, and mentoring during the implementation of enterprise project of the trainees. Also, the scholarship program is a highly specialized internship program designed to instill and develop in the trainees an appreciation and eagerness for organic agriculture and eventually adopt it as their source of income. Thus, empowering the youth to become organic agripreneurs.</p> <p>Further, the 21-month internship program for the youth aims to fully imbibe the "life of a farmer" and to organic practices/technologies. It comprises of 1) nine-month schooling and on-site training to the farm partners or LSA owners' field, and 2) one-year hands-on practice and implementation of proposed organic enterprise in their own farms. To raise awareness among the general public particularly the youth, the ATI-Regional Training Centers (DA-ATI-RTCs) in collaboration with the DA-Regional Field Offices (DA- RFOs) conducted information caravan.</p>



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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p>As early as December 2022, the ATI-RTC-CAR staff started the Information Caravan with the provincial representatives of the six (6) provinces. It was agreed that each province will provide orientation to their respective provinces of the program and that the submission of applicants will be until January 31, 2023. The recruitment was also posted in the ATI-RTC-CAR Official Facebook page. The caravan continued until February 11 with the OA focal person and team providing orientation on the program to the different provinces.</p> <p>As per interaction with the applicants for Internship and Farm Partners, it was agreed that they will abide and execute the Policies and Guidelines (PG) embedded in the Organic Agriculture Scholarship Program and including the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will be crafted by the DA-ATI-RTC-CAR <i>per se</i> as the First Party and the partners as Second Party. However, a final evaluation will be deliberated with regards to the applicants as some has lacking documents by both applicants for the Internship and Farm Partners that was required in the program.</p>						
Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)	Validation	<p>Validation of OA Scholarship Farm Partners and Evaluation of Existing LSAs, Ifugao, Kalinga, Apayao, Mt. Province and Benguet</p> <p>On February 6-10 and February 17, validation of OA scholarship farm farmers and evaluation of existing LSAs were undertaken led by Mr. Edwin Dickson, OA Focal and Ms Perla Epie, DMO I. Findings were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="682 881 2404 1320"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="682 881 775 922">NO.</th> <th data-bbox="775 881 1191 922">NAME OF FARM/ADDRESS</th> <th data-bbox="1191 881 2404 922">GENERAL OBSERVATION/COMMENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="682 922 775 1320">1</td> <td data-bbox="775 922 1191 1320"> AQUILINA SAGUILOT'S FARM Halog, Nayon, Ifugao </td> <td data-bbox="1191 922 2404 1320"> <p>Currently, the farm is being maintained by a permanent staff to ensure sustainability of the farm. In addition, oyster mushroom production is being practiced in the farm. A mokusaku facility was installed but still not functional because it's on the process of testing.</p> <p>The farm processes cacao beans into Tablea. Also, the farm owner is engaged in oyster mushroom processing with mushroom shanghai as the final product. Other processed products which the owner may teach/demonstrate to clients may include, taro and banana chips which is in collaboration with St. John Farm Family Association.</p> <p>The farm owner is willing to be a farm partner for OA scholarship grantees and willing to provide free food and accommodation.</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NO.	NAME OF FARM/ADDRESS	GENERAL OBSERVATION/COMMENT	1	AQUILINA SAGUILOT'S FARM Halog, Nayon, Ifugao	<p>Currently, the farm is being maintained by a permanent staff to ensure sustainability of the farm. In addition, oyster mushroom production is being practiced in the farm. A mokusaku facility was installed but still not functional because it's on the process of testing.</p> <p>The farm processes cacao beans into Tablea. Also, the farm owner is engaged in oyster mushroom processing with mushroom shanghai as the final product. Other processed products which the owner may teach/demonstrate to clients may include, taro and banana chips which is in collaboration with St. John Farm Family Association.</p> <p>The farm owner is willing to be a farm partner for OA scholarship grantees and willing to provide free food and accommodation.</p>
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		3	ILICHAN DIVERSIFIED AND INTEGRATED FARM Dangtalan, Pasil, Kalinga	The farm is ready to accommodate OA scholarship grantees. In addition, the farm owner is willing to provide free food and lodging to OA grantees. Currently, vegetables are harvested and marketed locally and outside of the municipality. Other products are likewise processed as "slow food" and served to clients during trainings, seminars, and other festivities. Transplanting of rice seedlings is on-going during the validation. The rice produced, labeled as "Unoy Rice", is being exported abroad. The farm owner is willing to teach technologies related to organic agriculture production to OA grantees. Also, he wants to promote "slow food" to younger generations and other interested parties. Also, the farm owner is engaged in pottery making and marketing.
		4	PUPUTI NATURE FARM Pudtol, Apayao	The farm is a corn-based farm practicing natural farming practice. The estimated land area is 100 hectares which is devoted mainly to corn production. However, other products like vegetable, chicken, swine, and goats are being produced and raised in the farm. The farm is certified as an LSA under the Corn Program of ATI-RTC-CAR. Likewise, one of the cooperators under the Village Learning Site for Agriculture (VLSA). Also, the farm is accredited by TESDA-Apayao as training center for Organic Agriculture Production (OA) NC II. A complete set of modules and training materials for the OAP is available and in placed. To preserve the culture and tradition of the indigents in the locality, the farm owner is demonstrating some cultures of the "Isnags" of Apayao.



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		6	COSMIC FARM Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet	The farm is a good venue for Organic Agriculture Production technologies. All competencies for organic agriculture have been designated properly and with competent staff and complete teaching-learning materials. The farm owner is willing to be a farm partner for OA scholarship grantees and willing to provide free food and accommodation.	
		VALIDATION OF LSA and P-ESP and EXISTING LSAs, February 6-11 and February 17-18, 2023			
		LSA validation is one of the initial activities towards certification. The results of the validation will spell the qualifications of the applicants.			
		NO.	NAME OF FARM/ADDRESS	FINDINGS	REMARKS
		1	EDNA NORIAL Love Nature Farm Mabatobato, Lamut, Ifugao	The farm is privately owned. It is an integrated and diversified specialized in cacao-based farm. An area of 5 hectares was planted with 5,000 cacao trees. The farm has a basic techno demo facilities such as Processing area, holding area, wash area and comfort rooms. The farmer is an active promoter of cacao production and processing of cacao beans cacao-based products in Lamut, Ifugao. She has been attending trainings related to cacao production, processing, and marketing. She is also tapped as lecturer for cacao processing within and outside of the province. She is very willing to share her technologies to younger generations and to other clients especially in the processing of cacao into different products. She is willing to take responsibility for becoming a learning site.	Recommended for CERTIFICATION



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		3	IFUGAO STATE UNIVERSITY Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao	<p>The farm is a government-owned, successfully demonstrating various farming practices and being utilized for learning purposes. The farm is integrated and diversified producing vegetables, dragon fruits, bananas, and others. In addition, livestock's such as goat, chicken and ducks are available in the area.</p> <p>The College of Agriculture classrooms will be used as temporary training hall for the main time. A training hall will be built within the farm purposely for clients who needs direct information and actual hands-on activities.</p> <p>The farm has a permanent and competent staff who are assigned to maintain and demonstrate technologies of the farm to the clients at a given time.</p>	Recommended for CERTIFICATION with no FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
		4	ESTHER HUMIDING Hapao, Hungduan, Ifugao	<p>The farm is recommended by LGU-Hungduan because she is an active partner of the MAO in promoting best practices for rice production. Other commodities being raised and cultivated in the farm are chicken, duck, swine, "yoyo", and vegetables. The farm owner is practicing natural farming system (organic practices). The farm is 10-minute walk from the national highway.</p> <p>To accommodate visitors, guests or participants, 4 native houses were built which can accommodate around 25-30 persons. A two-storey house is also available with 2 bedrooms at 5-6 persons/room with separate comfort rooms and a session hall.</p> <p>The farm owner is active in promoting her technologies to her native constituents and other clients outside of the municipality. Her passion in farming is evidenced by the continuous cultivation of crops and livestock production. Likewise, the farm may be further developed as farm tourism site which may attract local and foreign tourists.</p>	Recommended for CERTIFICATION



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		VALIDATED P-ESP APPLICANT IN LAGAWE, IFUGAO			
		The activity was conducted purposely to validate Olilicon Irrigators Association Inc. The validation composed of interview and validation of facilities and other training components.			
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		1	OLILICON IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION INC. Lagawe, Ifugao	<p>Human Resource Capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Olilicon Irrigators Association Inc. has no permanent staff. The officers and members of the organization has no agriculture related trainings. <p>Facilities and Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on the face-to-face validation conducted the facility that is available with the organization is their office with a room which may be used for lodging. No other facilities presented during the validation. - The available equipment are farm machineries such as tractor, combined harvester and basic farm tools. - The ATI certified LSA within the area can be utilized as training hall. <p>Corporate Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No documents presented during the conduct of validation. The organization corporate documents were not turn-over by the former officers to the present officers. 	Based on the face-to-face interview the Olilicon Irrigators Association Inc. is not yet ready to become Private Extension Service Provider.



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VALIDATION OF OA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICANTS, February 16-18, and 20, 2023 The activity was conducted by ATI-RTC-CAR with the different areas in the province of Benguet and Mountain Province in coordination with the LGUs. A total of 13 participants stated above cooperated on the said activity which include 4 staffs from DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, 5 applicants as Interns, and 4 applicants as farm partners. Dalipey, Bakun, Benguet; Kin-iway, Besao, Mountain Province; Happy Hallow, Baguio City; and Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Edwin C. Dickson oriented the applicants for the internship program namely, Mr. Ivan Talbino and Salt and Pepper Agricultural Center Incorporated (SALPACI) with regards to its policies and guidelines while Ms. Perla L. Epie gave a supplemental explanation and relayed the lacking documents of the applicants that needs to be accomplished the soonest. Mr. Edimer L. Paduyao serves as documenter during the conduct of the event. 														



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Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)		<p><i>No advisory services provided for this month</i></p>
Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintained/Updated the Center's website and social media accounts <i>(1 website, 1 FB page, 1 FB Profile, 1 Youtube Channel)</i>. ✓ DA-ATI-RTC-CAR intensified its online promotions with 30 posts in social media. With the said uploads, there were 52,371 individuals reached.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Internal Assessment	<p>DA-ATI-RTC-CAR 13th Management and CY 2022 Year-End Performance Review Activity, February 13-15, 2023, Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet</p> <p>As the lead in capacity-building, serving as the knowledge bank of different AF information and catalyst of extension support the Agricultural Training Institute – Cordillera Administrative Region (ATI-CAR) continues its support to build and strengthen the capacities of the Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), Farmers Cooperative and Associations (FCAs), and young Agripreneurs; be the knowledge bank of the different AF information; be a catalyst of extension support; and vigorously undertake outcome and impact evaluation studies to determine the intermediate and long term results of the activities on the lives of the clients.</p> <p>Assessment is a continuous quality improvement and review process. ATI continuously implements extension services as well as assesses and keeps track of what has been happening after the different programs, projects and activities had been implemented. The need to find out whether the results of the Institute’s public spending are focused on achieving its deliverables and outputs is important. Building on these tasks requires a system that will provide a continuous flow of information, feedback and insights into the performance of ATI which can help guide management towards achieving its desired results.</p> <p>The Center conducted its regular Management and CY 2022 Year-end Performance Review, wherein the management and process owners provided feedback on areas that require immediate dissemination, careful evaluation, and identification of potential areas for improvement. Along with the Management Review, the Center’s performance in CY 2022 was presented. Final copy of agreements will be cascaded by the Records Officer.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“For our 3-day activity, it’s productive because we were able to maximize our time well. We also had an overview of what ATI does, it’s an eye opener for me as a fresh graduate. Work here is challenging but it’s fulfilling to help our farmers. Also, the food served was great.” Ms. Tiffanie Grace C. Beñgeg, Technical Support Staff</i></p> <p><i>“This activity is very good, being conducted twice a year. From the presented performances and accomplishments of the center we had an idea on what are the areas that need improvements. Thank you for the opportunity.” Mr. Jordan B. Pilay, AFSU Head</i></p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Performance Review and Commitment Signing	<p>FY 2022 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW, FY 2023 COMMITMENT SIGNING, and 36th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, January 23-25, 2023, ATI-Central Office</p> <p>The activity conducted was guided with the theme ATI LEADS: Innovate, Transform, Empower—Embracing Extension Modernization for a Progressive and Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries”. It was attended by all staff from DA Central Office, retirees, and RTCs participated by Center Directors, Assistant Center Directors, Planning Officers, Partnership and Accreditation Chiefs, ATIA representatives and Exhibit-in-charge.</p> <p>Part of the activities was agri-product exhibits focusing on the innovations and agri-products of partner LSAs and ESPs for their promotion and empowerment.</p> <p>✓ <i>FY 2022 Annual Performance Review</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The activity aimed to assess the overall performance of the Institute for FY 2022 and for ATI to commit in producing a comprehensive and feasible plan for FY2023. ○ Thrusts and priorities for FY 2023 onwards was presented by Dir. Remelyn Recoter. ○ FY 2022 Overall Financial Performance and General Appropriation Act (GAA) of FY 2023 was presented by Ms. Leonila D. Caiz, Budget Officer. Meanwhile, Ms. Cindy Alfonso, PEO II presented the FY 2022 Overall Physical Performance. ○ The result of the Return on Investment (ROI) on ATI RCEP-RCEF was presented by Ms. Julieta Delos Reyes from College of Economics and Management, UPLB. Her concern was on the authenticity of the data gathered since data gathering was conducted by ATI staff. It was then suggested that in the following studies, data should be handles by a third party (outside of ATI). ○ The baseline on family farmers, fishers, and upland dwellers in the Philippines was presented by Dr. Andrew Gasmen and Dr. Rosalina Lapitan, conducted by Philippine Association of Agriculturists, Inc. The study was commended and it was suggested to be disseminated for information and awareness to stakeholders. ○ The Guideline on the Conduct of Evaluation Studies of AFE PPAs was presented by PPD as basis for conducting evaluation studies under the AFE programs. ○ The ceremonial signing with RTCs and Division Chiefs was headed by Dir. Recoter and assisted by Assistant Dir. Antonieta Arceo. <p>✓ <i>Celebration of 36th Anniversary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities undertaken included Thanksgiving Mass, Blessing of the GAD Corner/ Kids Nook and 3rd floor left wing of ATI Main Building. ○ In line with its thrust on innovation, the Unified Extension System Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Information System (UnExSys) was introduced which will be used for information management and harmonization of the agri-fishery extension services. The system was seen to ensure effective and efficient resource mapping, planning, monitoring, and evaluation of ATI programs, projects, and activities. ○ Other parts of the program included: MOU signing with ACPC and awarding of youth beneficiaries, awarding of certificate of accreditation to Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative as National Private Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Service Provider, and awarding of plaques of appreciation to former Directors, Assistant Directors, Division Chiefs, and Center Directors.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Internal Assessment	<p>ISO INTERNAL QUALITY AUDIT(IQA) FOR SEM1, February 2-3, 2023, ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>Generally, this 2-day activity aimed to assess the conformity of established ATI QMS against the requirements of ISO 9001:2015. Specifically, it sought to assess the capability of the QMS in ensuring that ATI-RTC-CAR meets applicable statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements, verify implementation and evaluation of the effectiveness of intended correction and corrective actions to IQA and TUV-SUD Audit Findings, and evaluate the effectiveness of the QMS in ensuring that ATI-RTC-CAR is continually meeting the set objectives and customer requirements</p> <p>In his opening message, Mr. Charlie C. Sagudan, Training Center Director said that the IQA is a year-in-year-out activity and that we should embody in ourselves the ISO thing – to carry out our mandate and deliver these to our clients guided by the standards we set in the quality management system and also in our quality policy. We have to support our IQA team because they help us fix our records, besides they are not there to see “faults” instead they are there to assist us in fixing our documents and records. We should provide whatever the IQA may ask us and we ask for clarifications on whatever findings they found in us. If there are “loopholes” then we should fix it, it is for our improvement.</p> <p>Mr. Bongbong L. Buli-e, the Audit Team Leader presented the objectives, rationale, scope and schedule of the audit and the assigned auditors of each process. Relative to this, he said that Ms. Vilma Lumbas, though she is still a member of the audit team will not join because she opted to have an early retirement come February 8, 2023. For this reason, Ms. Vicky May Guinayen, the incoming member to join the group. Ms. Aiza Abdul, is also joining the group as an observer-mentee.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Surveillance Audit	<p>SURVEILLANCE AUDIT February 27, 2023, ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>The activity was planned to take place in November 2022, however due to the third party's (TUV-SUD) tight schedule, it was pushed back to 2023. M23-02-123, covering on-site and remote audits from February 15 to March 2, 2023, was received. The audit for ATI-RTC-CAR was done remotely.</p> <p>The opening meeting was held at the Aspulan hall, with all ATI-RTC-CAR staff gathered there, while the primary processes to be audited were stationed at their respective offices. The board room served as a meeting place for the major processes. Because their services were in support of the top management, the top management, the PME, IQA, and DCC were gathered as one group. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Adorable, the lead auditor for top management, and Mr. Xavier Lance Dy, the lead auditor for PAS and CDMS. Ms. Adorable through a presentation slide shared via Microsoft Team platform Ms. Adorable stated that the audit will last from 9:00 to 12:00 noon because they will be auditing other companies.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m., with no major nonconformities or OFIs reported.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring and Meeting	<p>CBF-MAFF PROJECT MONITORING, February 6-7, 2023</p> <p>The first cycle of potato production is about to reach its market potential. The potato plants have already reached the maturity level 93 days after planting. Its tubers were already beginning to harden before harvest so that the skin wouldn't be easily scraped during both harvest and market delivery. The potato harvests of the three FCAs were also ready for harvest.</p> <p>They keep the farm tidy and pay attention to agricultural sanitation while conducting field monitoring. The potato vines' weeds were cut through the yellowing, browning, and drying of the leaves. Expected harvest will be 4 on the 2nd week of March.</p> <p>FIELD MONITORING ON THE STATUS OF CBF MAFF PROJECT AND LSAs IN MANKAYAN AND SAGADA and MEETING with FCAs and SWG under CBF MAFF PROJECT, February 9-11, 2023, Balili Mankayan</p> <p>The monitoring was led by Ms. Cristine B. Esnara and Mr. Romualdo Bantag. Details of farms visited were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Potato garden owned by Ms. Henalyn O-oc, one of the 1st cycle cooperators from the Manpat-a Association. The 1000m² potato garden is currently on its tuber development stage, ready for harvest on the 2nd week of March. According to Ms. O-oc, vegetative stage was prolonged due to cold weather and the winds. ✚ Lay-odan Farm, owned by Mr. Hector de la Cruz. Aside from being an LSA, the owner also caters food for guests and training activities. As the ATI's learning site, he was tasked to cater the lunch to showcase/promote his services and food specialties to the group. <p>The team also visited the monolithic dome where the FCAs do their crop consolidation. They displayed all the highland vegetables they produced such as potatoes, carrots, cabbage, beans, peppers, tomatoes, cut flowers etc.</p> <p>MEETING with FCAs and SWG under CBF MAFF PROJECT</p> <p>With the presence of the ATI Directorate, meeting was conducted. Dir, Charlie Sagudan, introduced all the participants from ATI, the partner FCAs and the LGU partners. He also gave a brief orientation on CBF MAFF Project. Messages of encouragements from the retirees and directorate were also delivered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dir Evelyn Aro Esquejo (retired) encouraged ATI staff to continuously perform their tasks and for the FCAs to trust government for the partnership. She wishes for the FCAs to increase in number



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring and Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dir. Arlene Flores (retired) encouraged the FCAs to continue and complete the value chain. She wished for the partnerships between the organization and the government to prosper and she assured that despite they are retired, their support will always remain ○ Ms. Edith Biduya, CMDS Chief, expressed her happiness to see that the plans are almost on the reach. She said that if the partnership will prosper, it will be copied to other provinces or municipalities in the country ○ Ms. Mawi Cosico gave announcement on the next visit of the CBF MAFF Team Leader from Japan that is scheduled this coming March 5-9, 2023, with training component. She also reminded the FCAs to iron out their prices per commodity to be discussed during the final meeting with SIDC to be scheduled by ATI ○ Ms. Niet Arceo, the Assistant Director appreciated the FCAs as a cluster group. She was glad that ATI was able to connect them with SIDC, a good and strong cooperative. She hoped that the project won't end but it will be sustained so that the produced from Mankayan will reach throughout the Philippines. She then reiterated the partnership of the FCAs to the Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative for sustainable marketing and source of farm inputs and other services. <p>The FCAs were also given the chance to voiced out their concerns that includes sustainable marketing of their produced, improvement of their farm to market road, provision of cold chain truck, farm inputs, processing and so on. Dir. Recoter assured them that all their concerns will be discussed with RFO Director. She also asked the FCAs to put their concerns into resolution especially the infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The Directorate continued their monitoring from Mankayan to Sagada, Mt. Province. The Directorate visited 3 learning sites for Agriculture namely, Salt and Pepper, Langbayan's Farm and the Bee Farm at Sagada Heritage. The visit aims to encourage the partner LSAs to develop their farms to be more productive showcasing new technologies and soon partner with the LGUs in doing Agri extension services. Also, part of the travel is visit to the Agri-tourism sites in Atok, the Northern Blossom and the Sakura Farm. Both farms are engaged in cut flower production with beautiful and unique landscape, promoting agriculture and tourism in the province.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Project Visit	<p>ATI-DIRECTORATE PROJECT VISIT IN BALILI, MANKAYAN, BENGUET, February 9-11, 2023, Mankayan, Benguet and Sagada, Mt. Province</p> <p>On February 9-11, 2023, TCD Charlie C. Sagudan accompanied ATI-Directorate to meet and visit the MAFF CBF project in Balili, Mankayan, Benguet and meet with farmer beneficiaries of the said project. Present during the visit were ATI Director Remelyn Recoter, Deputy Director Antonieta Arceo, former ATI Assistant Director Evelyn Esquejo, and former ATI-RTC-CAR Director Arlene Flores, and they gave their support to the project.</p> <p>Lay-odan Farm, GAP LSA under the Center, was also visited. Abovementioned officials had an interaction with Mr. Hector Dela Cruz, LSA Operator. LSA's in Mountain Province were also visited. These LSA's included Sagada Heritage Farm owned by Mr. Jayson Cam-ed, Albert Langbayan Farm owned by Mr. Albert Langbayab, and Salt and Pepper Farm owned by Mr. Andrew Pekas.</p> <p>Action needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assist the FCAs in Mankayan in drafting of a resolution regarding farm to market road that would connect packing Center (Monolithic Dome) to the nearest paved road ○ Continually assist the LSAs in terms of marketing and in the packaging of their produce. ○ Providing the necessary support to the project and to the established LSA



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>MEETING WITH THE SOROSORO IBABA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE (SIDC) WITH FCAS AND SWG UNDER CBF MAFF, February 7-8, 2023, Balili, Mankayan</p> <p>Face-to-face initial meeting was conducted because of the agreement during the first virtual meeting with SIDC, arranged by ATI Central Office last Feb 3, 2023. The initial meeting of Site Working Group (SWG) with the SIDC staff was conducted on Feb 7, 2023, at ATI RTC CAR. This is the first meeting conducted to come up with possible partnerships especially on marketing, strategies and plans between SIDC and the FCAs as well as to polish issues and concerns that could be encountered along the partnership. The SIDC team also introduced their objectives and services offered, including their goals and missions to ATI. Field visits and meeting were arranged for SIDC Personnel to validate the capability of the FCAs to produce various crops and introduce SIDC services. Part of the agreement is field visit/validation of SIDC to the production sites and the FCAs scheduled on Feb 8, 2023. The activity was attended by the following personnel of SIDC, ATI CO, MLGU Mankayan and RTCs as follows: Mr. Rico B. Geron – CEO; Maria Graciela Belen Jaurique - Marketing Officer; nJeremie Abraham - Procurement Staff; Nino Dimaaw – Driver; Germilyn Galatic – MLGU Mankayan; Emerson S. Yago – ATI CO; Cristine Esnara – Project Officer; Romualdo Bantag – Technical Staff; 25 FCAs Officers and Members.</p> <p>President Basilio Ngaseo acknowledged and welcomed the SWG team from ATI RTC CAR. The activity was held at the Monolithic Dome where the FCAs displayed their fresh products of different sizes and classifications. Products displayed includes potatoes classified according to their size, carrots, chinese cabbage, cabbage, garden peas, snap beans, tomatoes, bell pepper, broccoli, cauliflower, sayote and tops. Part of the activities were Introduction of SIDC. wherein Ms. Jaurique presented to the group what is SIDC.</p> <p>The agreements on the said meeting are FCAs to compute the possible prices to offer to SIDC. Ms. Esnara reminded the FCAs to base their computation on the production cost per kilo computed by the DA RFO. They were then asked to remain to do some computations. They also agreed on the required cut, sizes, weight, and packaging of various commodities. They agreed on weight per delivery, Prices per commodity (to be reviewed ASAP), Payment scheme, Transport or delivery, Frequency of delivery, Ms. Esnara were tasked to provide copy of the productions cost for FCAs reference, and the SIDC will have final meetings with Dir. Remelyn Recoter about the partnership.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Consultative Activity	<p>Joint DA-ATI and RFO Regional ESETS Consultation Meeting with Partner LGUs for CY 2023-2025</p> <p>The joint consultative meeting and planning with its partners in the grassroots is a yearly activity, conducted during the first quarter of the year. The partners were AEWs of the LGU which play an important role in the successful implementation of programs and projects of the Banner Programs work plans. They are the frontliners, recognized as efficient and productive partners in organizing and implementing the programs and projects that help address the Departments' issues and concerns. The effectiveness of the delivery of extension services and projects, then are largely dependents on these partners.</p> <p>The yearly consultation activity serves as convergence point to harmonize all agricultural interventions of both the DA-ATI and DA-RFO with the partner LGUs. It also aims to provide program updates, gather feedbacks and come up with harmonized plans and targets for 2023-2025 that are aligned with the program thrusts and priorities of the Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>With the current issues and concerns on Mandanas'-Garcia ruling and and One DA program, series of consultation meetings to iron out activities and plans is necessary to ensure that all agriculture and fishery extension (AFE) interventions will be accordance with established guidelines. Also, come up with a complementary delivery of extension services while creating a sustainable working relationship among the stakeholders of partners.</p> <p>Learnings and agreements: HVCD ESETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions to be aligned on RFO & ATI Directives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority commodities • PCIP, CPAFEP, DTPs • increase GAP certified farms • ATI to take charge of TOT for AEWs and RFO for POTs. • Focus interventions to organized groups, CSOs and encourage Farm Clustering. • Award for Top Performing AEWs – RFO & ATI to craft guidelines and to be cascaded before the implementation. • To propose the inclusion of coconut (Ifugao), However, participants are reminded to consider their Development Transition Plans, Provincial Commodity Investment Plan. • To include also FBS and FFS training for farmer organizations.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Consultative Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested LGUs on Home Gardening to submit requests ASAP. • LGU-AOMMA meeting to be conducted October 2023 for LGU Managers of Benguet to attend. • E copies of presentations and guidelines were provided to the participants. <p>COC ESETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions to be aligned on RFO & ATI Directives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority commodities • PCIP, CPAFEP, DTPs • To utilize Learning Sites on Corn during activities such as meetings and trainings • To include Farm Business School on Corn in upcoming trainings • DA-RFO-CAR model farms may be utilized during the Season-Long TOT on Corn Production in 2025 • Focus trainings on enterprise development and participants should be FCAs that have potential to succeed <p>RBO and 4H ESETS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggested Activities for the 4H Regional Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herbal production and processing into drinks and beverage ex. Milk tea and infused tea • Flower arrangement, Fruit Carving, Table setting and skirting • Leadership/GMRC • Business Model Canvas Preparation (BMC) • Project Proposal/ Farm Development Plan 2. Suggested Activities for RBOs (MLGUs and PLGUs)



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Consultative Activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Environmental Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Planting/Bamboo Planting • Landscaping and Beautification • Rural Gardening/ Gulayan sa Paaralan 4. Search for outstanding rural women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To intensify and continue developing our rural women 5. To include DA RFO in monitoring of ATI programs and interventions 6. To include in the orientation of the beneficiaries of interventions regarding the role and responsibility of PLGUs/ MLGUs in the projects given to them 7. To see the possibility of conducting provincial RIC, P4MP Convention with registration fee in preparation for National Conventions <p>RICE ESETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEWs agreed to continue with the implementation of the Season Long Training on Rice Production Technologies for 2024 as there are new AEWs who should attend. • Additional 3 training for AEWs on top of the 5 pre-identified training for 2024. • Additional 4 training proposals for farmers on top of the 6 proposals for 2024. • Identified LGUs to conduct FFS for 2024, this will follow a co-funding set-up between RFO (100,000 from RFO) and the LGU. • Conduct PalayCheck System training this year for LGUs who will conduct FFS for 2024. The module on Balanced Fertilization Strategy will be inserted as a topic under the nutrient management on the PalayCheck System module. • Reconfirm RCM geotagging with PhilRice and DA CO since RSBSA will launch its own geotagging. If the data will be synced. As per PhilRice/ DA-CO, a memo will be sent to the RTCs regarding the conduct of the geotagging activity of RCM and RSBSA.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Consultative Activity	<p>OA ESETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reiterated that the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) should be at least composed of 5 members wherein the said members must be a practicing farmer engaged in Organic Agriculture. Also, 1 Core PGS Group is encouraged per municipality whereas it will serve as a certifying body for the other groups within their coverage. • The Organic Agriculture Scholarship Program, while it is open for College Graduates or Out-of-School Youths and has a grant for a start-up capital, the applicants must qualify with the requirements set in the policies and guidelines. In the case of Land Area which is stipulated to be 1 hectare for the Interns, the agreement in the Central Office was already fixed and cannot be rectified. In the part of Farm Partners, they should also abide with the said policies and guidelines. • The AEWs incentives were already removed according to DA-RFO-CAR in which the fund is diverted for livelihood projects instead. • The registration of an LSA in the LGU as part of its tourism program does not have issues as per initial observation since it could give an added revenue to the LGU.
		<p>LIVESTOCK PROGRAM CONSULTATION MEETING FOR CY 2023-2024, February 8, 2023, via online</p> <p>The Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of the Local Government Unit (LGUs) play a crucial role in the implementation of agricultural programs and the development of backyard livestock and poultry raisers. As the front liners in the grassroots level, they perform varied roles in their respective areas in the hope of bringing changes in the life of farmers. The effectiveness of the delivery of extension services and projects, then, largely dependent on these AEWs.</p> <p>Thus, this consultation on livestock program conducted via online on February 8, aimed to ensure that activities and trainings will be in accordance to extension workers' needs, also to synchronized schedules. This consultation was also very crucial in the preparation and finalization of work and financial plan for the coming years. Said consultation was attended by 40 participants nationwide. Learnings and agreements made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation will be a regular activity of the Livestock Program. 2. All training for 2023 is lodged at the ATI, no training on the livestock program of the DA-RFO-CAR. 3. Include Biosecurity Assessment Forms under IEC for Benguet. 4. Program additional IEC for 2024. 5. AEWs who are interested to attend Training on Pig Farming as an Enterprise will be endorsed to ITCPH and those who are interested to attend season long training on AI on Large Ruminants will be endorsed to NDA/PCC. 6. Include more extensive topic/activity on taxidermy topic for the TOT on Rabbitry as an Enterprise. 7. Clarify regarding the Training on Fabrication of Improvised Farm Tools and Equipment scheduled for 2024 as it is not accepted by BAFF. 8. LGUs with existing slaughterhouses and those with proposed slaughterhouses to NMIS will be prioritized for the training on BMIC. 9. On the training on Feed Milling with after training extension support, endorsement letter from the LGU/PVETs for organizations for validation as recipient of the extension support. 10. Only one batch of training for BBOs was scheduled, request/proposal training to be sent earlier to the ATI for consideration from savings. 11. TOT on Meat Processing to be included in the indicative plan 2024 and AEWs to train INSPIRE beneficiaries as it is expected that supply for pork will significantly increase with the INSPIRE projects implemented last year and this year. 12. Provinces are encouraged to fast track documents for the upgrading of the ASF zoning from red to pink.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Consultative Workshop	<p>ATTENDANCE TO THE 2023 ATI-NLP CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP FOR PLANS AND ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2024- 2025, February 13-17, 2023, ATI-RTC-8 Baybay, Leyte</p> <p>The 3-day ATI-National Livestock Program (NLP) Consultative Planning Workshop focused on the implementation of various education support and training services at the regional and local government levels. It also aimed to streamline activities and complement resources for an efficient and focused delivery of such specific technical support. This activity was also a venue for aligning the NLP commitment and priorities with the emerging developments in the livestock industry, as well as with the policy pronouncements and directives of the present administration.</p> <p>Actions needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ATI-RTC-CAR will review and check the existing guidelines of FITSC whether it can be integrated in the information center for livestock. Consequently, they will draft the guidelines for the Information Center. <p>Activity was attended by Ms. Maribeth Ladu-an and Mr. Maximino R. Aromin, Jr.</p>
	Attendance to the 1 st La Trinidad Organic Agriculture Festival Week	<p>ATTENDANCE TO THE 1ST LA TRINIDAD ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FESTIVAL WEEK, 1ST ORGANIC PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM OF LA TRINIDAD, AND ORGANIC PRODUCTS MARKET DAY, February 23-24, 2023</p> <p>With the theme: <i>“Organikong Agrikulturang Sinaliksik: Buhay na Maunlad Garantisado</i>, the activity was in consonance to the Organic Agriculture (OA) Ordinance of the municipality of La Trinidad that aimed to highlight the organic agriculture production in the municipality of other OA ventures.</p> <p>Honorable Roderick Awingan, Municipal Vice mayor and Hon. Romeo K. Salda, highlighted that they are full support to the OA practitioners most especially to the Organic Participatory Guarantee System of La Trinidad (OPGSLT) as embodied in the Municipal Organic Agriculture Ordinance. Moreover, Hon. Romeo K Salda expresses his gratitude to the key personnel/Core PGS Group of the OPGSLT for their efforts and sacrifices in acquiring their OA-PGS Certification. On the other hand, Ms. Precil M. Sales, DA-RFO's Focal person also congratulates the 5 Core PGS and she encouraged them to continually pursue their organic farming activities and aim for PGS accreditation as Organic Certifying Body. She also added that the Department of Agriculture is supportive to all registered organizations most especially PGS Certified/ Accredited Organizations in availing Livelihood assistance. Likewise, other projects like infra, production & post-harvest equipment and facilities may be provided however it should be supported by project proposals.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Attendance to the 1 st La Trinidad Organic Agriculture Festival Week	<p>Mr. Edwin Dickson, expressed full support of ATI-RTC-CAR to the OPGSLT Organization in their organic agriculture endeavors as well as congratulates them for their pursuit in acquiring the OA-PGS Certification. He also invited the Group to participate in the TOT on Participatory Guarantee System for PGS Groups' Expansion. In addition, he also gives advice to the OA farmers to maintain the integrity OA by maintaining the quality, safety, and healthiness of their products. Ms. Delinia Juan, Provincial Agriculturist of Benguet also added that Provincial Government of Benguet is in support with the group in terms of technical and financial. She also encouraged them to maintain weekly organic marketing because many customers are already looking for truly organic certified products.</p> <p>Moreover, one of the highlights of the OA Festival was the awarding of Recognition to the Peer Review Committee/ Core PGS Group OPGSLT, Elderly Organic Practitioner and Youngest Organic Practitioner. Likewise, ceremonial turnover of production assistance to the OPGSLT members. During the first General Assembly of OPGSLT, Mr. Ricky Chiok, Municipal OA Coordinator, Convened the members and extent his congratulations for sustaining their OA production and marketing operations. He further announced that a building is being refurbished for the marketing of OA and other agricultural products. The marketing committee also presents the OPGSLT Organic Day Sales. Mr. Oliver Pe from DA-RFO-CAR also discussed the targeted assistance of the DA to organized OA Groups. Before the activity was officially closed, LGU-La Trinidad staff distributed of vegetables seeds and farm tools by LGU-La Trinidad to the farmer-participants.</p>
	Meeting	<p>MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LGU-LED SUSTAINABLE HYBRID RICE SCALING MODEL IN ABRA AND APAYAO, February 23, 2023, Dammuhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR</p> <p>PhilRice, as a research and development institution, continues to generate rice and rice-based technologies to increase the yield and income of Filipino rice farmers. Mestiso 1 and 20 are public hybrids developed by the Philrice and has performed well under the climatic condition of Apayao and Abra province. This meeting was called upon to iron out the commitment of each agency involved. The meeting was attended by LGU Apayao, LGU-Abra, PhilRice-Isabela, BPI-NSQCS, DA-RFO-CAR, and ATI-CAR.</p> <p>Actions needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Provide funds for the training proposals of the LGUs for 2023. ✚ Include in the 2024 indicative plan the training for farmers.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Trainings Attended	<p> SHIFTING GEARS: DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRAINING INSTITUTE'S (ATI) CORPORATE PLAN, February 14-17, 2023 </p> <p> The workshop's primary goal is to draft ATI's 6-year AFE Customer-centric Strategic Plan with clear pathways to more responsive Programs for Farmers and Fishers and field facilitators like AEWs. Further, it intends to Revisit the strategic intent of AFE in the Philippines; Customer targeting, segmentation, and positioning; Formulate strategic goals and success metrics; Co-design and co-develop appropriate AFE programs. </p> <p> The participants proposed an AFE program during a group workshop using the following models: </p> <p> WHY WON'T THEY CHANGE? Understanding factors that influence individual behavior Ability-motivation-opportunity (AMO) is a high-level model that suggests a variety of factors may combine to influence individual behavior. If one of these is missing, it may act as a barrier to change. </p> <p> One of the models on behavior adoption explaining the elements that impact people's choices </p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Trainings Attended	<p>ADVANCE TECHNICAL, REPORT AND POLICY WRITING IN-DEPTH TRAINING WORKSHOP, February 22-24, 2023</p> <p>Excessive globalization and digitalization have led to an increase in the dependency of people on electronic gadgets and on the internet for work, education, and entertainment on a daily basis from basic necessities to luxury items. The definition of everything is constantly changing and was made more urgent and complicated through the recent pandemic. From the ways of marketing to the means and techniques of sale, level of entertainment, and the depth of new discoveries, everything is leading towards more reliability of digital contents and lesser one-to-one human interaction. These circumstances fuel the demand for readily consumable and end user friendly information making technical writing one of the fastest-growing career opportunities.</p> <p>Topics discussed during the three-day training were The Maps of Technical Writing, Overcome Writer's Block, The Technical Writing Product, Proposal Writing, and Policy Writing</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Brandy Banda-ay and Mr. Adrian Chris P. Velasco.</p> <p>Post training expectation: After the training participants are expected to be able to do/perform the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. write effective memos, business letters, and reports with emphasis on how memos and letters can be interpreted in a positive way and how technical documents can be used to call for action; b. write comprehensive policy documents in their organization.

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