



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AUGUST | 2023

Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING FOR CERTIFIED PARTICIPATORY SYSTEM (PGS) GROUPS TOWARDS ACCREDITATION AS ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES (OCB)</p> <p>The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) is a quality assurance initiative that follows the production-to-consumption approach in providing guarantees on the integrity and quality of organic products. To achieve the end goal of accreditation as an organic certifying body, the core PGS group has undergone inspection towards certification of the 5 core PGS group members, and assessments towards accreditation of the PGS group. After certification, the PGS group applied for accreditation within one year. Recognizing that PGS groups are primarily composed of small farmers and fisherfolks, there is a need to upgrade their capacity and capability to operate as an organic certifying body. The ATI and BAFS have identified a set of activities to prepare the PGS groups for their accreditation as Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB). The PGS groups with certified core farmer members shall be capacitated on the improvement of their draft manuals of operations and internal standards, the accreditation procedures, and the PGS peer review and certification process. With this, ensuring the core PGS groups' capacity in the establishment and practice of PGS is deemed necessary.</p> <p>In this training, participants were able to experience the actual application of Peer review certification and enable the Organic farmers to be updated and knowledgeable of the Internal Standards and MOP so that Organic Integrity can be maintained, followed, and put into practice. Two (2) batches of training were held this month at La Trinidad, Benguet, and Itogon, Benguet that was completed by a total of 41 farmers of Benguet.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="739 951 1389 1088"> <thead> <tr> <th>Batches</th> <th>Date</th> <th>No. of Pax</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 1</td> <td>July 31-August 4, 2023</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 2</td> <td>August 21-25, 2023</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="right" colspan="2">Total</td> <td>41</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Impressions: <i>"Thank you again ATI-RTC-CAR and OMAG La Trinidad for conducting this training. I'm grateful also for having me as one of your participants. In this training, I have learned what to prepare before the peer review and comply with the PNS before applying for certification. I have a deeper understanding of the updated PNS and I hope to share also what I have learned to the other members and farmers so that the more Organic Farmers, the more safety food to eat."</i> Ester Caga <i>"I am proud to share that I have learned a lot about the Peer Review Certification Process, from opening meeting to closing. The learnings had empowered me to embrace new challenges and further our commitment to organic farming. Our goal is to diligently pursue certification for our products, ensuring they bear the prestigious label of being certified organic. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to ATI-RTC-CAR for providing this valuable training, which has been instrumental in enhancing our knowledge, particularly in the meticulous preparation of the Manual of Operations and Internal Standards. Thank you for your support and guidance on this journey towards excellence in organic farming."</i> Leonardo Mayao, Jr.</p>	Batches	Date	No. of Pax	Batch 1	July 31-August 4, 2023	21	Batch 2	August 21-25, 2023	20	Total		41
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Other AF	<p>CLEAN AND GREEN PROJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION SEM 2</p> <p>The DA-ATI-RTC-CAR has been conducting Clean and Green Activities within the Center premises and at the ATI Urban Garden Learning Site for Agriculture over the years to comply with Executive Order No. 118, series of 1993. Aside from the outside beautification of the Center, 5S in the respective offices is also necessary for the Clean and Green. Hence, after the groups are done outside, each will proceed to their offices to do the necessary sorting and cleaning.</p> <p>Clean and Green activity for the first semester marks the Center's preparations for the ATI Anniversary celebration. The second semester's clean and green activity, on the other hand, will be in preparation for the rainy season when strong typhoons will be expected. The highlight will be on the securing of the Center Buildings, properties, and files to avoid or minimize the destruction caused by the onslaught of typhoons.</p> <p>Participated by 40 ATI-RTC-CAR staff on August 4, 2023, at ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>SPECIALIZED TRAINING: TRAINING ON INTEGRATED RICE FARMING SYSTEM FOR FARMERS BATCH 3</p> <p>The Rice-Based Integrated Farming System (RBIFS) has been practiced by the indigenous peoples of Kalinga and Ifugao for thousands of years. This traditional farming system involves the simultaneous cultivation of rice paddies, fishponds, vegetable gardens, and livestock production in the same agricultural land. The RBIFS is a sustainable approach to agriculture that maximizes resource efficiency, increases productivity, diversifies income, and promotes climate resilience. In this training, the participants were able to learn the proper application of fertilizers, the benefits of the PalayCheck System, and how to integrate backyard poultry and vegetable production into their farming. This three-day training was conducted on August 15-17, 2023, at Palaad, Mayoyao, Ifugao, and attended by 30 rice farmers.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"This training session has enlightened us about various correct methods for planting rice and has equipped me with insights into effective livestock management and production. This experience has helped me recognize the significance of adopting an integrated farming system. This approach expands our focus beyond single cropping, thereby enhancing our overall production methods. I am hopeful that my fellow participants will embrace and apply the techniques and technologies we've learned in their own farming endeavors. Additionally, we are eagerly anticipating further training sessions to build upon the knowledge gained during this activity."</i> Jose Banhan, Rice Farmer- Mayoyao, Ifugao</p> <p><i>"This training has equipped us with a range of agricultural techniques that we can effectively share within our community and among our constituents. We received guidance on the appropriate timing for fertilizer application. Throughout the training, I came to realize that there are a lot of available resources which are beneficial for my rice production. One lesson that caught my attention is the Transformational Leadership, underscoring the importance of unity and collaboration among organization members to attain shared goals and objectives."</i> Joan Padiangan, Rice Farmer- Mayoyao, Ifugao</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR FARMER LEADERS BATCH 3 (TRAINING ON RICE-BASED INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEMS WITH STARTER KITS)</p> <p>Pinukpuk, the second-largest municipality in Kalinga, has made significant improvements in enhancing agricultural productivity through the adoption of advanced technologies. The integration of these agricultural technologies has revolutionized the sector, boosted productivity levels, and mechanized traditional farming practices. The introduction of agricultural technologies in Pinukpuk has ushered in a new era of production advancement and mechanization. However, it is crucial to continue providing training opportunities to further enhance agricultural productivity, improve farmers' livelihoods, and contribute to the overall development of the municipality. By empowering farmers with the necessary skills and knowledge, Pinukpuk can ensure sustainable agricultural practices and secure a prosperous future for its farming community.</p> <p>This training was completed by 21 rice farmers on <i>August 15-17, 2023</i>, at Pinukpuk, Kalinga. The participants learned the proper application of fertilizers and the different key checks under the PalayCheck System.</p> <p>Impressions: <i>"We've worked hard for many years to take care of the land. We've learned from old teachings passed down to us for a long time. Our strong farming traditions are a big part of who we are and help us know a lot about the fields. We've combined this important knowledge with new ideas and ways of doing things to improve our farming. This mix of old and new will help us grow crops and make more money, all while keeping the important traditions alive."</i> Maria Dammay</p> <p><i>"When I learned about this training, I got excited because I got to learn how to increase rice-vegetable-poultry production. We were clueless about the topics presented to us, but we are grateful because we learned a lot now. The PalayCheck System gave us in-depth knowledge on how to manage our rice fields and integrating vegetable and poultry production with this will give us additional income. We are beyond grateful for the learnings we acquired in this training."</i> Regina Mabanag</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CORN CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>The country's farming and fishery sectors have consistently posted very high levels of poverty, including the 38-40% poverty ratios reported by the PSA for 2015, as most of the country's 10 million farmers, fishers, and agricultural workers are still engaged in informal, atomistic, traditional, and subsistence production. As part of its New Thinking for Agriculture and the new strategic thrusts under the Eight Paradigms, farm clustering, and consolidation were institutionalized under the Food Security Development Framework. The goal of the program is to have empowered and prosperous farming and fishing clusters that can be achieved through the three major outputs: Cluster Development Plans developed and funded; Market Facilitation and Linkage Established; and Capacity Building and Extension Support Delivered. With this, as the front liners in the field, Agricultural Extension Workers in the local government units are capacitated which enables them to identify, develop, and mentor farm clusters.</p> <p>In this training, participants were able to learn how to formulate a Cluster Development Plan that serves as a guide in the successful implementation of the F2C2, they also learned the advantages of joining a cooperative such as tax exemption, preferential right to supply agricultural commodities, preferential treatment for agricultural inputs, management of public markets, loans from government financial institutions, exemption from pre-qualification bidding requirements, legal representation, and special window for financing housing. This three-day training was attended by 16 LGUs from different municipalities of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and was held on <i>August 16-18, 2023</i>, at ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"On behalf of the participants, we would like to extend our gratitude to the Training Management Team for this very informative training. This marks my first experience with the corn program, having previously been involved in the rice program for several years. It was only this month that I was transferred to the corn program. The concept of F2C2 has posed a challenge to me but thanks to this training, my understanding of the corn program has significantly deepened. The training has provided us with valuable insights that can aid in addressing the issues faced by our corn clusters in Aguineldo. While there may be future challenges and concerns regarding the F2C2 and CDP formulation, I know that ATI and DA-RFO will always be there ready to help. So, thank you so much and may God bless you more."</i> Inez Bongalon, Municipal Rice Coordinator, Aguineldo, Ifugao</p> <p><i>"On behalf of LGU-Apayao, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the highly approachable TMT, RP, and the informative topics they covered, as well as to the cooperative co-participants. When F2C2 concepts were introduced during one of the Corn Assessment activities conducted in La Union, I initially found it challenging to comprehend. I thought it might be just another workload for the LGUs. However, over time, thanks to this training, I have come to understand that F2C2 is a strategic approach aimed at achieving economic scale. Moreover, I am thankful for the enhancement of my knowledge in financial management through this training, a knowledge that I can apply in our office. Once again, I extend my sincere appreciation for inviting me to be a part of this valuable training opportunity."</i> Gely Jen Layugan, Engineer II/Municipal Corn Report Officer, Flora, Apayao</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>CAPABILITY BUILDING IN SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY ESTABLISHMENT ON URBAN AGRICULTURE BATCHES 21-25: PRODUCE ORGANIC CONCOCTIONS AND EXTRACTS</p> <p>Administrative Order No. 3 series of 2022 is the creation of the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP) which is a banner program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), it is a policy direction of the DA to increase food production and lessen the logistics cost to soften the impact of global concerns like food security, climate change and the rising costs of fuel and other inputs. Sustainable Urban Agriculture (UA) is the best solution to these challenges since it does not degrade the environment. Due to the insurmountable rising cost of inorganic fertilizers, the farmers must look for an alternative measure to sustain their farming business profitability. Thus, ATI-RTC-CAR conducted a series of webinars on concoctions for Urban Agriculture which is also in support of the NUPAP. The use of various concoction is the heart of natural farming techniques. It is the replacement of chemical-based fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, repellants, chemical-based growth enhancers, and other synthetic food ingredients for animals and plants.</p> <p>The participants were able to learn that excessive use of pesticides and fertilizers contributes to the depletion of the soil and kills beneficial insects. Moreover, they learned the Natural farming inputs like the different concoctions which include Fermented Fruit Juice (FFJ), Fermented Plant Juice (FPJ), Fish Amino Acid (FAA), Indigenous Microorganisms (IMO), Kuhol Amino Acid (KAA) and Oriental Herbal Nutrient (OHN).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Batches</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Title of Trainings</th> <th>No. of Pax</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 21</td> <td>August 15, 2023</td> <td rowspan="2">Laya West, Tabuk City, Kalinga</td> <td>Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 21: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 22</td> <td>August 15, 2023</td> <td>Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 22: Organic Vegetable Production with Provision of Starter Kits</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 23</td> <td>August 16, 2023</td> <td rowspan="2">Matucnang, Ipil, Tabuk City</td> <td>Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 23: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 24</td> <td>August 16, 2023</td> <td>Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 24: Organic Vegetable Production with Provision of Starter Kits</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 25</td> <td>August 17, 2023</td> <td>Suyang, Tabuk City, Kalinga</td> <td>Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 25: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>136</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Impressions: <i>"On behalf of the group members of the Vita Green RIC formerly known as Laya West RIC, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to ATI-CAR and to the OCAS staff for this activity. We have gained and been refreshed with knowledge and skills which we know is needed in sustaining our community garden."</i> Josephine Manzano <i>"I want to request to all my fellow participants that we should not forget what has been taught to us. These learnings and skills must be kept in our minds as these are things that we can apply in our community garden and to our own farms. We hope and pray that you won't be getting tired of teaching us new learnings. Thank you to ATI-RTC-CAR, OCAS, OPAS, and DA-RFO-CAR."</i> Luciana Sayduen</p>	Batches	Date	Venue	Title of Trainings	No. of Pax	Batch 21	August 15, 2023	Laya West, Tabuk City, Kalinga	Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 21: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts	26	Batch 22	August 15, 2023	Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 22: Organic Vegetable Production with Provision of Starter Kits	26	Batch 23	August 16, 2023	Matucnang, Ipil, Tabuk City	Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 23: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts	28	Batch 24	August 16, 2023	Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 24: Organic Vegetable Production with Provision of Starter Kits	28	Batch 25	August 17, 2023	Suyang, Tabuk City, Kalinga	Capability Building in Support to Community Garden Establishment on Urban Agriculture Batch 25: Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts	28	Total				136
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>DIGITAL FARMERS PROGRAM (DFP 103)</p> <p>The DFP 103 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. It aimed to equip farmers with knowledge and skills on how to use basic digital tools including social media, climate and weather monitoring applications, and online payment options. It consists of a ladderized approach to helping farmers make better farming decisions, access more market opportunities, and increase their livelihood and income. The participants learned how to use the Canva app to develop promotional posters and how to use digital applications and websites to monitor and gain information about rice/farm products. Moreover, they also became aware of the text scams, and the dos, and don'ts of digital marketing. It was conducted at Abra by the team of Ms. Jaiila Sagpa-ey and Bongbong L. Buli-e. Throughout the month three batches were conducted:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="652 619 1494 813"> <thead> <tr> <th>Batches</th> <th>Date Conducted</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>No. of PAX</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 4</td> <td>August 15-16, 2023</td> <td>Pidigan, Abra</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 5</td> <td>August 16-17, 2023</td> <td>Tubo, Abra</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 6</td> <td>August 22-24, 2023</td> <td>Villaviciosa, Abra</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>67</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Impressions: <i>"I can share what I have learned to my father like I will teach him how to use the cellphone for his farming activities. The SPIDTECH app will give us information on how we treat pests and diseases on our own farms. Thank you, Office of the Municipal Agriculturist, of LGU Villaviciosa for the patience to teach us. And we hope that there will be another part so that more youth and farmers will also attend."</i> Jaylard Padaoil</p> <p><i>"I can share what I have learned to my father like I will teach him how to use the cellphone for his farming activities. The Payong Pagasa app will give us advance information about our weather conditions here. Thank you for the patience to teach us. And we hope that there will be another part so that more youth farmers will also attend."</i> Randy Palino</p>	Batches	Date Conducted	Venue	No. of PAX	Batch 4	August 15-16, 2023	Pidigan, Abra	26	Batch 5	August 16-17, 2023	Tubo, Abra	21	Batch 6	August 22-24, 2023	Villaviciosa, Abra	20	Total			67
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Other AF	<p style="text-align: center;">TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON BALANCED FERTILIZATION STRATEGY AND GOLDEN RICE BATCHES 5 AND 6</p> <p>Golden Rice is a new type of rice that contains beta carotene, a pigment that the body converts into Vitamin A as needed. This compound gives this grain its yellow-orange or golden color. The beta-carotene in Golden Rice, which was made possible by the addition of two new enzymes, is identical to the beta-carotene found in green leafy and yellow-colored vegetables, orange-colored fruit, and even in many vitamin supplements and food ingredients. Like ordinary rice, Golden Rice does not require any special cultivation practices and generally has the same yield and agronomic performance. Concerning fertilizers, the Philippines is dependent on the importation of inorganic fertilizers since it does not have enough resources to produce the fertilizer that can supply the country. Due to the increase in fertilizer prices, the Department of Agriculture launched the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program, which pushes for the use of combined organic and inorganic inputs. The BFS Program is seen to enhance the agricultural production landscape with improved soil structure, and the judicious use of fertilizers towards a food-secure and resilient Philippine agricultural industry, with empowered and prosperous farmers and fisherfolk. In this context, the Agricultural Training Institute in partnership with DA-PhilRice conducts technical briefings for the update and information to the public that golden rice is safe and ready for cultivation.</p> <p>The participants were briefed on the ATI-RTG-CAR programs, projects, and services, Malusog Rice or Golden Rice such as its characteristics, parental background or varietal lines, agronomic characteristics, cooking techniques, benefits, and deployment. The Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BSF) Program was also discussed which is to address fertilizer issues and concerns specifically the discussion on organic concoctions for the enhancement of soil fertility.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"While we still value and reminisce about what was shared with us by our forefathers, the teachings/lessons were just the same. We just gained additional knowledge. Let us also teach our children to keep this program going and to sustain our source of food" Cresilio Ticlic</i></p> <p><i>"I would like to thank you for this activity because the explanation of the resource person was very clear. All the speakers explained the topic well in layman's term thus I was able to catch up with the topic being discussed. Thank you to PhilRice for Malusog Rice, the problem of Vitamin A Deficiency is now being addressed. Not only it was incorporated in the rice but also its affordability and adaptability in our locality" Amor Benabese</i></p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Exhibit)	Field Monitoring	<p> Site visit to VLSA site On August 18, 2023, Mr. Edwin Dickson visited the Village Learning Site for Agriculture (VLSA) farmer cooperators to discuss the set enhancement of VLSA and re-orient them on the concept of VLSA. As VLSA, each cooperator should showcase each the component along value-chain production, harvesting, post-harvest, marketing- to include lodging if possible. </p> <p> Throughout the month various monitoring for LSAs and CUAMFs were undertaken </p> <p> August 14, 2023 Chalalo, Aguineldo, Itugao </p> <p> The sole applicant for Feed mill Machine in Aguineldo, Itugao. The site was owned by one of the members of Nehemad Farmer Association (NFA), supported by the agreement that he would lend the land to the organization. The NFA was endorsed by the Hon. Mayor Gaspar Chlagan, Jr. The NFA is a beneficiary of the INSPIRE project funded last 2022 by DA RFO. The members were oriented on the requirements of the Feed Mill project. They must construct a building to house the machine and the organization must have the capability to operate the mill. With this, the members requested to have a meeting this weekend and raise the issue to their officers and members. Agreements will be informed to ATI through the Municipal Agriculture's Office. </p> <p> Validation of CUAMF Applicant August 16, 2023 Dagupan Centro RIC </p> <p> This organization has total members of 46 but only 26 are active, mostly retired, and senior citizens. They were identified and endorsed by the City Agriculture Office. The organization is registered at DOLE in 2018. They had been operating their 300m² community garden since 2019. Located in Dagupan Center. The garden has existing crops such as eggplants, tomatoes, onions, herbs and spices and chickens. Facilities include mini-nursery, chicken cages. Based on validation, they need a multipurpose holding area for meetings, packing, and others, stronger nursery for seedling production, farm tools, composting boxes, water tanks or drums. Recommendations include: written agreement with the owner for five years or more; maintain the farm and make it productive for at least 5 years; keep records and submit semestral reports; practice organic farming system; keep in touch with CLGU especially result of meeting with the owner; training will be conducted prior to the start of project. </p> <p> Bantay Potot RIC The farm is located at the end of rice fields in Barangay Iplil, Tabuk City. The garden was planted with various lowland vegetables such as eggplants, ampalaya, long bean, winged beans, sweet corn, and sweet potato. Facilities include a mini shed for resting and packing and the area was fenced for protection. Part of the validation is an orientation of Community Urban Gardening. According to the members interviewed, they were able to register their organization to DOLE. </p> <p> Catanan RIC </p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Exhibit)	Field Monitoring	<p>There are 28 active members of the RIC. The organization is registered at DOLE and has been operating their community garden since 2018. They have almost a 2000m² garden owned by the Barangay Captain of Calanan. Accordingly, they have an agreement with the owner that they can operate in the area. Since the area is very wide, Ms. Esnara suggested fencing to minimize the entry of animals. Also, since they will practice an organic farming system, they need to establish a composting area for compost production. Other needs include water tanks or drums, farm tools, water hose or sprinkler, seedling nursery for seedling production. In terms of capability training, they need more training on organic vegetable production, edible landscaping, natural farm inputs such as sprays and concoctions, record keeping, entrepreneur and organizational strengthening. Part of the agreement is for the officers and members to conduct meetings for final planning and identify their needs to be incorporated in the proposal amounting to 100,000.00, whatever excess will be the organization's counterpart. Documents will also be prepared and submitted to CLGU for submission to ATI.</p> <p> Kalinga Young Farmers Association (KYFA) </p> <p>The KYFA is a youth organization endorsed by the Office of Provincial Agriculture to take over the Community Urban Garden from Bulanao Women Organization that will end this October 2023. As per the agreement with Engr. Baklian, the team will be coming back to conduct the last training in support of CUAMF and meet the KYFA Officers and members for a brief orientation and training prior to the start of the project. For the sustainability of the urban garden, the KYFA will be given funds for Nursery establishment for seedling production, for distribution and sale at cost for the community. Not for free, so that the buyers will really plant the seedlings and at the same time, generate income for the youth.</p> <p>Validation of USA applicant</p> <p> August 17, 2023 Indigenous Path Foundation </p> <p>This farm is owned and managed by Ms. Haret L. Tenda, located at Purok 3, Cabartian, Tabuk City Kalinga. The farm is a newly established hydroponics garden from March 2022. It is planted with lettuce and some herbs. According to Ms. Tenda, the farm had been partnering with the DepEd to teach young students about SMART Agriculture. Part of the validation is orientation. Part of the recommendations were: Apply for GAP certification through the help of CLGU and OPAS; Apply for RSBSA; Install a foot bath at the entrance; Separate the educational room from the production room. Humans may be carriers of microorganisms; they should not enter the production area; and signage installation.</p> <p>Monitoring activities of CUAMF established</p> <p> August 18, 2023 Laya West RIC </p> <p>This was established as CUAMF last 2022 and provided with 100,000.00 intended for the improvement of their garden purposely for seedling nursery and farm tools. From near the road, they relocated their garden at the back of Laya West Elem School. As per status, they already established their seedling nursery and planted various vegetables such as legumes, eggplants, leafy</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Exhibit)	Field Monitoring	<p>vegetables, corn, etc. Accordingly, the organization is renting almost 1.0 acres of farm owned by Laya West Elem School, paying P10,000 per year. Aside from the Community Urban Garden, they also planted corn and rice as additional sources of income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matucrang RIC <p>This was also established in 2022 with a fund of 150,000 from the HVCD fund. During the visit, the garden has just experienced a drought followed by heavy rain and wind of Egay. The plants are still recovering. The group recommended installing a composting site, seedling nursery, improving their irrigation system and may elevate their beds using indigenous materials to protect the soil, using the remaining fund in their accounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suyang RIC <p>This was also established in 2022 without capability building provided for them. Still, they were able to develop and beautify their urban garden with the support of their barangay Officials and husband. A water tank for irrigation was provided for them. During the monitoring, the garden is planted with various vegetables with lay-outs and designs. All the visited Organizations were requested to submit their liquidation, accomplishment, and organizational profile.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Advise)		<p>No advisory services provided for this month</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Disseminate)	Evaluation Survey	<p>SOA-SRA Results Evaluation Batch 1</p> <p>The SOA-SRA Results Evaluation was conducted to assess its effectiveness in facilitating massive and sustained education of smallholder farmers on smart rice agriculture by determining the extent of knowledge gained and adoption by the participants as well as the challenges met during the implementation of the program. The study also seeks to identify the best practices/strategies used by partners as well as their recommendations/suggestions to further improve the program. In CAR there are 316 respondents from the 1500 graduates in 2022. The 158 farmer respondents and nine (9) SOA Coordinators were interviewed one-on-one by the interviewers. However, two (2) coordinators were not present during the interview at San Juan and Manabo. This represents 11 of the 21 municipalities that participated in the SOA-SRA in 2022. The evaluation survey was conducted on <i>August 22-25, 2023</i>, at 11 municipalities of Abra (San Isidro, Pidigan, San Quirino, San Juan, La Paz, Lagayan, Lagangiliang, Boliney, Manabo, Villaviciosa and Bangued). The team was headed by Mr. Maximino R. Avonin Jr., as the project officer.</p>
	Development and Dissemination of Knowledge Products and Services	<p>Throughout the month, a total of 1,200 copies of Knowledge Products (KP) were reproduced and disseminated.</p> <p>DA-ATI-RTC-CAR intensified its online promotions with 35 webpages uploaded in social media. With the said uploads, there were 74,678 individuals reached and 1,281 page views.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Resource Person	<p>RPSHIP ON SOA- ON BALANCE FERTILIZATION STRATEGY (EDD)</p> <p>On August 18, 2023, both Mr. Dickson and Mr. Buli-e headed to Abra to serve as a Resource Person on "Balanced Fertilization Strategy" as one topic of SOA-SRA on DZPA Radio Station.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	SWAIB Project	<p>FIELD MONITORING AND INSPECTION ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SWAIB PROJECT</p> <p>Engr. Windel Baaten conducted a field monitoring and inspection of the ongoing implementation of the infrastructure component of the INSPIRE Program, Swine Artificial Insemination sa Barangay (SWIAB) Project Housing and Facility, funded under the Department of Agriculture – National Livestock Program. The infrastructure project is being implemented by the ATI-RTC-CAR in partnership with the Provincial Local Government of Mountain Province thru the Provincial Veterinary Office which is the primary beneficiary of the Program and is being constructed at the Provincial Nursery, Otucan Norte, Bauko, Mountain Province.</p> <p>The said monitoring and inspection were done on <i>August 3-4, 2023</i>, in Otucan Norte, Bauko, Mountain Province with the coordination of the Provincial Veterinary Office of Mountain Province. It was revealed that the physical accomplishment as of the date of monitoring and inspection is 16.39% and it shows a slow project progress due to the unworkable working days caused by the recent Typhoon Egay and Southwest Monsoon affecting the area. To overcome the slow progress of the project, it is recommended that the work must be resumed and the use of PPEs to also ensure safety on site and during heavy rains, the work must be stopped.</p> <p>Another follow-up monitoring and inspection were conducted on <i>August 24-25, 2023</i>. Physical accomplishment as of date is 30.29%. As for the weather condition, the weather is fair, however with anticipated torrential rains on the weekends due to Typhoon Goring.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	FYFIPT Batch 3	<p>ATTEND THE FYFIPT SEND-OFF CEREMONY AT ATI CO, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY</p> <p>The FYFIPT is an 11-month internship program in Taiwan for qualified young Filipino farmers. The program aims to support the youth to gain skills and knowledge about modern agricultural and fisheries techniques, marketing strategies, and cooperative management, among others.</p> <p>On <i>August 8, 2023</i>, Ms. Veronica Slioy, RBO/4H Focal Person together with three trainees headed to ATI-CO, Diliman, Quezon City for the FYFIPT Send-off Ceremony. ATI Director Remelyn Recoter welcomed the trainees and an inspirational message from USEC. Domingo Panganian that highlights the role of the youths in agriculture and the programs wherein the youth can be a contributor to achieving food sufficiency in the country.</p> <p>The 23 trainees were presented and congratulated for successfully passing the Screening and Pre-Departure Orientation Course which was conducted at ATI-RTCs and ATI CO for almost 2 and ½ months. The trainees then recite their Pledge of Commitment of FYFIPT Batch 3 led by Mr. Khemer Anabiez, President, and the awarding of Certificates of PDOC Completion, followed by an intermission number of the trainees.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	INSPIRE Program	<p style="text-align: center;">BID OPENING FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT OF THE DA-NILP-INSPIRE PROJECT ESTABLISHMENT OF "30 SOW-LEVEL SWINE MULTIPLIER AND TECHNO DEMO FARM PROJECT"</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture thru the National Livestock Program (DA-NLP) launched the INSPIRE Program to help mitigate the effects of ASF in the country. One of the beneficiaries of the Program is the Municipal Government of Luna, Apayao thru the Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center, Cordillera Administrative Region (ATI-RTC-CAR). The MLGU Luna, Apayao will receive a total amount of PHP 10 million from ATI-RTC-CAR for the implementation of the project, of which 60% or PHP 6 million has already been downloaded by ATI-RTC CAR to MLGU Luna as initial operational cost in accordance with the MOA signed by both parties.</p> <p>August 7-9, 2023</p> <p>The procurement of the infrastructure component of the 30 Sow Level Swine Multiplier and Techno Demo Farm Project was declared and recommended for approval by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) as a failure of bidding having no bid proposals submitted to and received by the BAC secretariat up to the deadline of submission of bids. The BAC resolution affirming the recommendation of the BAC to declare failure of bidding was approved by the Head of Procuring Entity (HOPE), which is the Municipal Mayor. Thus, for the 2nd posting of Invitation to Bid (ITB) to the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) website.</p> <p>August 29, 2023</p> <p>The first bid opening that was conducted last August 8, 2023, was declared a failure of bidding by the LGU BAC due to no bid proposal submitted, thus the conduct of 2nd bid. Due to the inconsistency of required documents and attachments, the BAC recommended that the bid of FIRST RELIABLE BUILDERS be rated "failed". As there was no representative by the bidder to contest the BAC recommendation, it was motioned and was seconded to declare the 2nd bid opening a failure of bidding. Following the 2nd failure of bidding, the BAC thru the BAC Chairperson recommended a third posting of ITB to the PhilGEPS website and not to use the option of negotiated procurement. The justification for such a recommendation was that during the 2nd bid opening, there was a potential bidder who submitted a bid. If in case during the 2nd bid opening, there was no bid submitted like in the 1st bid opening, then the BAC will use the option of negotiated procurement.</p> <p>Attended by Engr. Windel Baaten, Project Engineer on, at MLGU Luna, Municipal Hall.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	4-H National Convention	<p style="text-align: center;">70TH FARM YOUTH 4-H NATIONAL CONVENTION</p> <p>The 4-H Club of the Philippines, one of the RBOs coordinated by ATI, is an organization composed of out-of-school youth and in-school youth, singles, ages 7-30 years old who are involved in agriculture for the four-fold development of the Head, Heart, Hands and Health. It aims to provide the youth opportunities to "learn by doing" through individual, group, and community projects; enhance productivity and self-reliance through gainful projects; instill in the youth the spirit of volunteerism, cooperation, and dignity of labor; enable the youth to use their time, talents, and energies wisely; develop youth's potentials and promote fellowship, understanding, and goodwill.</p> <p>One of the ways the institute ensures the active participation and involvement of young farmers is through the conduct of the 4-H National Convention. The convention provides 4-H members with the opportunity to represent their regions and gain exposure to more opportunities to develop and increase their agri-fisheries skills and knowledge. The activity also instills the values of volunteerism and cooperation and empowers them to use their time, talent, and energy wisely. This year marks the 70th Farm Youth 4-H National Convention with the theme "4H EVOLVE: Expanding the Value of Leadership and Volunteerism Over 70 years of 4-H Excellence". The said convention focuses on how the 4-H adapts to the changing times, embracing innovations, and leverages the 4-H values and skills to help address the persistent and impending challenges in the agriculture sector.</p> <p>This four-day activity was attended by Ms. Veronica Siliy, RBO/4H Focal Person on August 1-4, 2023, at Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3RD QUARTER 2023 RDC SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING</p> <p>The following agenda was discussed during the meeting: the Matters Arising wherein Dir. Tibaldo, observed that almost all provinces have flagged down projects and to prepare a timeline was suggested in support of Medical Marijuana; the Proposed Amendments to E.O. 325 (s. 1996) for approval and endorsement to RDC CAR wherein the comments about E.O. 325 is being solicited until September 15, 2023; the Endorsing the FY 2023 Farm-to-Market Roads (FMR) Registry wherein the proposal was approved and endorsed to RDC; the Support for the Cordilleran Weavers by DOST-CAR wherein the proposal was unanimously approved and endorsed to RDC CAR; the Creative Industry by DTI-CAR wherein PIA suggested that they should harmonize with DOT for parallel promotion however, the program has already its own branding that limits them from collaborating with other agencies; the Guidelines on the Formulation of Local Investments and Incentives Code by DILG-CAR wherein out of the 6 provinces, only Kalining has no data because they did not submit their report; the Updating of the Regional Investment Priority Plan wherein there are 158 investment area with 17 top priorities; the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program by DOST CAR wherein only Baguio and Tabuk were included, as of now, lastly, the PSA Data Enclave on Firm Level Data by PSA CAR wherein PSA releases data in bulk or summarized form thereby limiting the details of the report – thus the importance of microdata.</p> <p>Attended by Mr. Maximino Aromin Jr., ISS Head on August 17, 2023, at NEDA-CAR RDC Hall, Baguio City as a representative of DA-ATI-RTC-CAR.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>Attended by Mr. Maximino Aromin Jr., ISS Head on August 17, 2023, at NEDA-CAR RDC Hall, Baguio City as a representative of DA-ATI-RTC-CAR.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Graduation Ceremony	<p style="text-align: center;">ATTEND GRADUATION CEREMONY RE: TOT ON PRODUCTION OF HIGH QUALITY INBRED RICE AND SEEDS, AND FARM MECHANIZATION AND DATA PROFILING</p> <p>From July 31 to August 5, 2023, Mr. Randy Soriano, RCEF Focal Person headed to Ifugao to attend the graduation ceremony of "TOT on graduates on Production of High-quality Inbred Rice, Seeds Certification and Farm Mechanization" and delivered his inspirational messages that were centered on the principles of 4-H (Head, Hearts, Hands, Health) to 175 graduates coming from different Farm Schools/Learning Sites of Agriculture of Ifugao. Hon. Edralin Alipio (Alfonso Lista), Municipal Agriculturist Engr. Eugene Culimay, Engr. Michael Tegui-in, Jr. (Lamuy), Mr. Robert P. Changwayan (Aguinaldo), Ms. Melita Pinic (TESDA-Ifugao), and Dr. Andres Dela Cruz (PhilRice) were also present during the conduct.</p> <p>To maximize the travel Mr. Soriano attended meetings with TESDA and Farm Schools Operators and provided updates on the status of the implementation of the RCEF-Extension Component. Moreover, the data profiling of FFS graduates for Ifugao was also conducted. This data information was used as a reference in the crafting of the RCEF two-year development plans (2024-2025).</p> <p>T2-ES2PPP Study</p> <p>The Extension Support to Mt. Province as among the 22 Provinces with the Highest Poverty Incidence in the Philippines (T2-ES2PPP) aims to increase agricultural productivity in support of the administrator's thrust of ensuring food security and poverty alleviation, particularly in the agriculture and fisheries sector. The survey is used to determine the results of the interventions conducted by ATI-RTC-CAR to know whether the desired changes have been achieved or not. Mr. Ian Watawat together with Rosiana Paduyao and Xenna Napat-a from ATI-RTC-CAR/PMU Administrative Support Staff headed to Natonin, Mt. Province on August 14-18, 2023, to conduct the T2-ES2PPP Evaluation Survey.</p> <p>In general, it was observed that most of the groups (7 out of 11) had successfully implemented their rollover scheme. However, the overall implementation has encountered setbacks, with certain groups opting to discontinue their initial project, as identified in the program. This raises concerns about the cohesion of their rollover implementation, which appears more like a reactionary response to the scheduled monitoring rather than a proactive scheme. Furthermore, challenges associated with group dynamics tend to be more prevalent among groups that have chosen to implement layered egg production and broiler production. These challenges often stem from disparities in opinions regarding management strategies and the varying skill levels found within these groups. Consequently, these differences can frequently result in disagreements during the processes of decision-making and task allocation.</p>
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	RBME Study	<p>RBME Study</p> <p>The main purpose of the Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Result-Based Monitoring and Evaluation (AFE RBME) System is to determine the results of ATI interventions- policies, programs, and projects. The information gathered from the AFE RBME System can help ATI personnel, especially the ATI management and program implementers, to have a better understanding and knowledge of how interventions work. The respondents attended the following trainings: Coaching on Urban Agriculture/Home Gardening for Sablan Residents; Coaching on Corn/Cassava-based Integrated Farming System; and Training on Integrated Rice-Duck Farming System for farmers.</p> <p>As of this month, two RBME survey evaluation were conducted by Mr. Ian Watawat together with Rosiana Padyao and Xenna Napat-a, Administrative Support Staff:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Municipality</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">No. of Respondents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Barlig, Mt. Province</td> <td style="text-align: center;">August 14 and 18, 2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sablan, Benguet</td> <td style="text-align: center;">August 29, 2023</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Total</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">28</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Municipality	Date	No. of Respondents	Barlig, Mt. Province	August 14 and 18, 2023	15	Sablan, Benguet	August 29, 2023	13	Total		28
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	EXPAND Study	<p>EXPAND Study</p> <p>The EXPAND intervention in Sablan, Benguet aims to provide extension support to the proposed extension interventions of LGUs, NGA, SUCs and the private sector through catalytic finance or grants and counter-parting scheme. In addition, it seeks to strengthen the capabilities of farmers and fishers and their communities through appropriate interventions and provide information, communication, and other support services to stakeholders. The survey is used to determine the results of the interventions conducted by ATI-RTC-CAR to know whether the desired changes have been achieved or not. Ms. Khareen Tigui-ling, Mr. Ian Jade Watawat, Ms. Rosiana Padyao and Ms. Xenna Napat-a, ATI-RTC-CAR/PMEU Staff headed to Kamog, Sablan, Benguet on August 29, 2023, to conduct the said survey. A total of 28 respondents were surveyed.</p>												
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	CBF MAFF Project	<p>ASSISTED THE FCAS ON THEIR MEETING PRIOR TO THE TRIAL MARKET TESTING TO KENNEMER FOODS INTERNATIONAL AND 3RD CYCLE OF POTATO PRODUCTION UNDER CBF MAFF PROJECT August 5, 7, and 8, 2023</p> <p>Mr. Romualdo Bantag assisted the officers and members of the three FCAs who attended the meeting at Bailii, Mankayan, Benguet. They agreed to use the Manpat-a Farmers Agricultural Cooperative as their supplier's name and their documents. As for the monitoring of the third cycle of potato production, the potato crops already emerged, and it was not damaged by typhoon Egay. Moreover, two of the farmers who implemented the 2nd cycle of potato production had just harvested their potato crops.</p>												

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Individual Staff Development Report (INDCCR)	<p style="text-align: center;">INSTILLING KNOWLEDGE ON STRATEGIC RICE-BASED ENTERPRISE CLUSTERING APPROACH: TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON AGRO-ENTERPRISE CLUSTERING DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>As part of the Institute's efforts to improve the extension services for the benefit of the clients, capacitating the Rice Program focal persons on the rice-based clustering approach of DA programs is necessary to be able to strategically address the emerging gaps and challenges in the rice sector in the succeeding years.</p> <p>The training is composed of three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1. Organizing and Information Gathering for Business Plan Preparation Phase 2. Agro-enterprise Planning for Clooective Marketing Phase 3. Agro-enterprise Plan Implementation and Improvement <p>Attended by Ms. Resley Ann Sumedca, Rice Focal Person, on August 7-11, 2023, at Gardens of Malasag Ecotourism Village, Cagayan De Oro City.</p> <p>SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT COURSE TRACKS 2 AND 3</p> <p>Supervisory Development Course is a training that aims to enhance one's supervisory and managerial skills. It focuses on the critical competencies needed to effectively perform supervisory functions. The 32-hour webinar engaged the participants to strengthen supervisory leadership skills, enhance competencies, and develop and enhance skills in making powerful presentations, planning, and leading productive meetings. As a continuation from SDC track 1, there were four (4) modules tackled the participants were Ms. Jam R. Balingan, Mr. Randy T. Soriano, Ms. Khareen B. Tiguiling, and Ms. Brandy L. Banda-ay. The training was conducted virtually on August 14-18, 2023, through Zoom application.</p> <p>TRAINING – WORKSHOP ON DATA VISUALIZATION</p> <p>The training aimed to provide support in creating data visualization using Tableau Public software other than Microsoft Excel. The participants were able to register on the website of Tableau and familiarize the functions and icons in the software. Moreover, they also learned the step-by-step process of creating data visualization such as bar graphs, line graphs, and Geographical. Through this, participants learned the creation of an interactive visualization and building a story to present for reporting the data gathered.</p> <p>Attended by Mr. Edward Saldivar, Network Controller I held at the BSU, Research and Extension, Everlasting Hall on August 16, 2023.</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting/ Orientation	<p style="text-align: center;">3RD QUARTER PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL</p> <p>Members of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the DSWD FO CAR met on August 24, 2023, at the DSWD CAR Training Center in Baguio City, for the third quarter meeting. The RAC members delivered updates on the programs and services offered to the beneficiaries in the various sections of the region as partners in assuring the delivery of essential social services to the beneficiaries and vulnerable sectors in the Cordillera. ATI-RTC-CAR commitments are to provide copy of Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) on the establishment of integrated urban agriculture garden to DepEd-CAR and to provide a list of LSAs together with the services they offer to be sent to DSWD CAR.</p> <p>Agreements were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination between DOH-CAR and DSWD-CAR will be conducted for the discussion of Data Sharing Agreement (DSA). • DA-CAR will be coordinating with DSWD-CAR to discuss the DSA with a list to be used in the SAAD program of DA-CAR. • DOH to provide a list of results of research of mental health cases to DepEd. • Dep-Ed-CAR will provide a list of priority schools to DA-CAR for the provision of Gulayan sa Paaralan. • TESDA-CAR will provide an update on the requested DSA MOA to DSWD once finalized. • DSWD to request DSA with other DPOs and will include in the signing of DSA in the next RAC Meeting. • DSWD to review the MOA between DSWD, DENR, and DPWH on the Tree Planting Replacement Program. • Dir. Quintilla proposed to incentivize COVID-19 vaccination this May and align with the DOH vaccination schedule. • LGU-Asipulo will send the detailed and specific top needs to DSWD for inclusion in the RAC resolutions. <p>For the KALAHI-CIDSS to investigate the infrastructure side of the presented needs of LGU Asipulo and to push clustering of KC projects in the municipality.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3RD QTR CDS MANCOM MEETING, PAFES NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND HRD WORKSHOP IN BICOL REGION</p> <p>ATI-RTC-CAR Training Center Director Charlie C. Sagudan attended the MANCOM on August 13-19, 2023, at Bicol Region. The discussions were composed of the updates from the previous meeting and action points, updates on human resources concerns, reports on pathways to performance and success, financial status of the agency as well as center level and concerns on various programs/activities and projects. Secondly, on the PAFES National Assessment all regions were able to present their accomplishment at last CY 2022 wherein PAFES Cordillera emerge as the best performing region in terms of PAFES implementation. Lastly, for ATEMMA HRD meeting/workshop the CDS were able to draft the HRD of the ATEMMA on August 17-18, 2023. The workshop was facilitated by a team of Professors from CBSUA.</p>

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