



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON SMART AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGIES (SATS)-DIGITAL AGRICULTURE PHASE 2</p> <p>The training on Smart Agriculture Technologies (SATS) - Digital Agriculture intends to create future-ready rice farmers by introducing SAT. Likewise, this training hopes to show farmers the importance and benefits of SATs and how they can easily and quickly answer different rice farming challenges throughout the entire rice farming process. In Phase I of this training, participants learned the different web and mobile apps designed by the Department of Agriculture applying them in social media marketing in their agriculture-related activities. Phase II of this training now concentrates on Agricultural Drone Technology Demonstration in Rice Production. Adopting drone technology helps the farmer organizations for economic feasibility as the wider the area of production, the cheaper will be the cost. This training was attended by 20 participants on <i>September 14, 2023</i>, at Jacob's Farm, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao.</p> <p>Impressions: <i>"Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to experience this technology firsthand right here in our barangay. This might seem so distant from becoming a reality a few years ago but now it is already here so that is how fast technology works and we must get the most out of it."</i> Joseph C. Lista, Namnama, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao</p> <p><i>"It is indeed a privilege to be one of the participants in this activity and as one of the trainers here in Jacob's Farm I got more and new insights on how farm mechanization, specially through drone technology, can be realized, can be made real and practical right in the farm. This will further encourage us to put more emphasis on farm mechanization during our learning sessions and of course this will also give us some idea on how we can craft and execute better plans for our own farms and for our organizations."</i> Mirriam Bullago, Namnama, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON POST-HARVEST AND FOOD SAFETY, SAFE FOOD HANDLING, GRADING, SORTING AND CLASSIFICATION OF MAJOR HIGHLAND VEGETABLES CROPS FOR ACCREDITED STALL OWNERS OF BENGUET AGRI-PINOY TRADING CENTER - BATCH 2</p> <p>Food safety is very critical to all agricultural fresh produce, especially for fruits and vegetables. The Benguet Agri Pinoy Trading Complex (BAPTC) was established as a Trading Center in the region that ensures compliance and strict adherence to quality standards and food safety regulations and policies among its workers. This training equipped the newly accredited farmers, packers, and porters of the Trading Center with knowledge of the principles of safe food handling, grading, sorting, and classification in their post-harvest operations. It was agreed during the training that participants should disseminate to their fellow farmers or co-workers the lessons learned in the training and the monitoring of the re-entry plans of participants to be followed through. The three-day training was completed by 30 participants on <i>October 9-11, 2023</i>, at DA-ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions: <i>"Thank you so much ATI-CAR and BAPTC for inviting us farmers from different organizations here in La Trinidad. As a farmer for ages, I thought that I had already known all the knowledge in farming. But when I attended this training, my wisdom in farming grew a lot more with the help of our resource speakers and I thank them for that. I would like to also thank my fellow participants for the camaraderie."</i> Joseph W. Mangiben, Farmer</p> <p><i>"I would also like to thank the training management of ATI-CAR for inviting us to BAPTC for this training. I learned a lot of knowledge during the training. It was a great opportunity for me. I hope I can disseminate these topics also to my fellow workers especially on the topic on Values Re-Orientation because that is one of the lessons, we should show our customers."</i> Ofelia D. Galangco, Stall Owner</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT FOR FARMERS: TRAINING ON INTEGRATED RICE-BASED FARMING SYSTEMS WITH STARTER KITS</p> <p>The Integrated Rice-based farming System is a sustainable and innovative approach to agricultural production that integrates various components of farming (crops, livestock, and natural resources) in a holistic manner that aims to enhance productivity, reduce environmental degradation, and improve the livelihoods of farmers. This training enabled the participants to adopt and practice the rice-lowland vegetable integrated rice farming system. Furthermore, they also learned that some traditional farming methods are already ineffective to practice in this time of modern agriculture. Participants also formulated their action plans as their output for the training. A total of 40 farmers completed the training.</p> <p>Throughout the month two batches were conducted:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1039 539 1863 667"> <thead> <tr> <th>Batches</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Pax</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 4</td> <td>October 10-12, 2023</td> <td>Tubo, Abra</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 5</td> <td>October 17-19, 2023</td> <td>Bakun, Benguet</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Impressions: <i>"We are grateful to the team that provided this training to us, enabling us to acquire additional knowledge and resources. With the knowledge and starter kits you have given us, we hope to prosper as a community. We consider this as an obligation to the government, and we are committed to maintaining and multiplying these resources to the best of our abilities." Robert Abiasan, Bakun, Benguet</i></p> <p><i>"Thank you for providing this training. It is my first time learning about the PalayCheck System and its KeyChecks. I hope that our learning experience doesn't end here, rather, we should apply the knowledge gained to improve our farming activities and improve our farming activities and improve any aspects that require improvement in our current practices. Given that most of my fellow participants are women, we should share our newfound knowledge with our husbands, who are doing the fieldwork." Junnie Danggalan, Tubo, Abra</i></p>	Batches	Date	Venue	Pax	Batch 4	October 10-12, 2023	Tubo, Abra	20	Batch 5	October 17-19, 2023	Bakun, Benguet	20	Total			40
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>EXPERIENCE BASED ENHANCEMENT COURSE (EBEC); TRAINING FOR RCEF LSA OPERATORS AND STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>Experienced-based Enhancement Course (EBEC) training for RCEF Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) Operators offers significant benefits. It provides unique opportunities for operators to gain practical knowledge and firsthand experiences in diverse rice production practices. By participating in these educational learning tours, LSA operators engage in experiential learning, witnessing the application of different cultivation techniques, irrigation systems, and pest management strategies on real-life rice farms. This hands-on experience deepens their understanding of rice production and equips them with effective communication and guidance skills for farmers at the learning site.</p> <p>Moreover, it inspires and motivates LSA Operators by showcasing success stories and best practices in rice production. These experiences ignite enthusiasm and a sense of purpose, leading to improved performance and enhanced outcomes at the learning site. After the training, the participants convened that with the learnings gained from the benchmarking activity, they committed to process and try to replicate some of the practices on their farm. This three-day training was held on <i>October 9-11, 2023</i>, at SOCSARGEN (Region 12) and completed by 31 participants.</p> <p>Impressions: <i>"I am very thankful to the training management team for allowing us to experience this kind of activity. This activity gave us unique learnings and experiences which are worth treasured for. The various farm schools we visited inspired us to be more and to strive harder for the betterment of our own farm schools. We cannot compare our practices and our experiences in the highlands since we have a different geographical area and type of climate. Thus, thank you for all those benchmarked learnings and realizations which I can use as I go back to our community." Clinton Calingayan, Trainer, Lubong-Marcela Integrated Farm School</i></p>																



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		<p><i>"On behalf of Kalinga group, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome of ATI-RTC-12 in the leadership of Sir Abdul Daya-an. This training gave us a lot of learnings and realizations. We have a lot of resources in our region but are not properly utilized but with this training it widened our imagination of how these unused resources be beneficial in our own locality. Also, one important practice that I saw is to have close coordination and partnership with you respective LGUs."</i> Alma Mae Cortez, Farm Owner-Healthy Harvest Integrated Farm</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON FEED FORMULATION FOR FARMER ORGANIZATIONS OF CAR</p> <p>With the rising cost of commercial feeds for livestock, local livestock raisers resort to using alternative feeds as an alternative source for commercial feeds. Aside from being economic, it is also sustainable such that alternative feed ingredients could be produced closer to home and could benefit local producers. In this connection, the ATI-Cordillera conducted a Training on Feed Formulation for Farmer Organizations of CAR held on <i>October 17-19, 2023</i>, at the Dam-muh-han Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compd., La Trinidad, Benguet. A total of twenty (20) farmers completed the said training course and equipped them with concepts, basic principles, and practices on alternative methods of feedstuff propagation, feed production, and processing.</p> <p>To better engage the participants, they were exposed to benchmarking activities at the different learning sites practicing alternative feedstuffs such as the Benguet Animal Learning Site under the Benguet Provincial Veterinary Office located at San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet; the ANAEM Farm at Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet; and the Miner's Garden at Minac, Tuding, Itogon, Benguet. All farms are Learning Sites for Agriculture (LSA) certified by the ATI-RTC-CAR. At ANAEM Farms, Mr. Geraldo A. Meana, the farm owner, showed how to process feedstuffs into pellets while Mr. Romeo D. Casilia, owner of the Miners Garden taught the participants how to make probiotics-inocula.</p> <p>Impressions: <i>"We enjoyed this training, especially the actual feed formulation and pelletizing. The methodologies of this training, which are lectures followed by demonstration and practicum, are a remarkably effective way of learning. I saw that our facilitators are professional also the speakers. Thank you very much!"</i> Federico G. Maguiwe, Aguinaldo, Ifugao</p> <p><i>"Thank you, ATI, for this training. With the benchmarking activities, we learned and at the same time, realized that plants we have in our surroundings can be fermented and fed to swine. Miner's Garden's practice is more suitable for me because I also collect vegetable trimmings from the market. It is much easier and cost effective for me. That is all, thank you!"</i> Andrew M. Amdenagan, Tublay, Benguet</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Learn)	Scholarship	<p>SCHOLARSHIP ORIENTATION AND CONTRACT SIGNING FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE (EASY AGRI), BATCH 3</p> <p>The Center is implementing the Educational Assistance for the Youth in Agriculture (EASY Agri) Scholarship Program for the youth. The first batch started in 2020 and the second batch in 2022. This year Batch 3 was rolled out and there are 12 (all females) qualified and deserving scholars coming from the different State Universities across the provinces of the Cordillera Administrative Region.</p> <p>The Scholarship Orientation and Contract Signing for Batch 3 of the EASY Agri Scholarship Program aims to orient the EASY Agri scholars in Batch 3 with their parents and/or guardians on the contents of the Scholarship Service Contract before contract signing. This activity was participated by 25 participants on <i>October 3, 2023</i>, at ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Organic Agriculture (OA) Youth Scholarship</p> <p>Youth Scholarship Grant on Organic Farming (YSGOF) launched in March of this year with 10 scholars and five (5) Farm Partners across Ifugao, Kalinga, and Benguet is a highly specialized 21-month internship program designed to instill and develop the trainees or grantees an appreciation and eagerness for organic agriculture and eventually adopt it as their source of income.</p> <p>The monitoring of the YSGOF was led by Mr. Edwin Dickson, OA Focal Person of DA-ATI-RTC-CAR took place on <i>October 2-6, 2023</i>, to assess the progress of the implementation of the program, address challenges, and offer recommendations, to better serve the needs of both the scholars and the farm partners. The Farm Partners who catered and served as recipients of the program are Camat's Integrated Farm</p>



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		<p>(Poblacion West, Lamut, Ifugao), Aquilina Saguilot's Farm (Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao), Ilichan Diversified and Integrated Farm (Dangtalan, Pasil, Kalinga), Lily of the Valley Organic Farms (Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet), and Cosmic Farm (Beckel, La Trinidad, Benguet).</p> <p>Generally, all farm partners reported that the grantees are performing exceptionally well and seamlessly integrated the farming practices employed on their respective farms. In addition, the grantees remarked that they learned a lot during their stay on the different farms. Moreover, one-on-one coaching on Business Model Canvas (BMC) with Mr. Dickson and the Farm Partners was integrated to guide the scholars in crafting their Business Proposals. The monitoring team extends their sincere appreciation to both the grantees and farm partners for their valuable contributions, sharing insights, suggestions, and recommendations that will be instrumental in enhancing the program.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Exhibit)	Field Validation and Monitoring	<p>Throughout the month various validation and monitoring for LSAs were undertaken</p> <p>VALIDATION OF LSA APPLICANT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>📍 VJ Caps Farm Agriventures OPC (Bantay, Paracelis, Mt. Province)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Mr. Victor L. Gayuchan and has a farm area of 3.4 hectares and practices Integrated-diversified farming. • For GAP certification and was scheduled to be validated by the DA-RFO Regulatory Division. • Mr. Gayuchan is a seaman. With his type of job, which is on and off the country, he is still very willing to be an LSA on cacao production and processing. He has a full-time worker and staff and said he trained them with all the farm work. <p>📍 Bobby Bulayang (Paracelis, Mt. Province)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bulayang proposed two (2) corn farm sites. The 1st farm site is located at Butiguey, Paracelis, Mt. Province and has an area of 3 hectares and about 2 km away from the main road. His 2nd proposed area is located at Barangay Bananao, Paracelis, Mt. Province and is near the main road with a total land area of 0.64 hectares. • There is an existing drying pavement, recirculating dryer, thresher, tractor, and harvester owned by their association granted by Department of Agriculture under Corn Program. He said the machineries, especially the recirculating dryer is open to all farmers for usage. <p>📍 Belfred R. Dela Cruz (Palitod, Paracelis, Mt. Province)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in the year 1991 and has a total land area of 10 hectares, 8 hectares for corn production while the rest is for banana and coconut production. • He is one among the corn seed growers in the province of Mt. Province. He is producing his own corn seeds following the "single cross breeding" which they call "labus". <p>📍 Paingan Integrated Farm (Antadao, Sagada, Mt. Province)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Raymark Manawas, a young Agripreneur, involved in rabbit production and rabbit feed (pellets) • The farm started in 2019 after the outbreak of ASF and already a DTI registered but Feed registration to DTI is on-going including feed analysis for patent. For consideration for the following year as LSA. <p>📍 Rock Inn and Café (Antadao, Sagada, Mt. Province)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Ms. Fely Capuyan, and her farm is offering pick and pay for the citrus. • Advised to be GAP certified for food safety. For improvement and future consideration. <p>📍 Roger Pascual Farm (Flora Apayao)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned and managed by Mr. Pascual, planted with corn, banana, rice, other fruit trees, and integrated with tilapia. • The farm is assisted by BFAR, with 3000m² tilapia.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Esnara instructed him to fill out the self-assessment form, farm profile, prepare his proposal to be submitted to ATI, and asked him to apply for GAP certification. <p>MONITORING OF LSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Batalao Farm (Claire Lalwet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSA was certified in 2021 under no financial assistance practicing organic agriculture. • Construction of composting facility and room was ongoing (recommended during their validation in 2021). • Encouraged to renew their GAP certification. • OLA Farm (Jennifer Rimando) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial assistance received during the renewal of the learning site was supposedly to be used for the construction of comfort room in the farm, however, during the rainy days, he prioritized buying corrugated plastic roofing to protect the sidings of the holding area from the continuous rain and strong winds. It is also for the learners not to be disturbed during lecture sessions. The excess fund is still used for the comfort room construction but is not yet completed. • Informed Ms. Rimando that the Information Services Division of ATI-Central Office will visit them to document their practices from seed to cup on 16th or 17th of November. • Puputi Natures Farm (Pudtol, Apayao) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Glen Puputi & Larry Puputi and the farm was accredited by TESDA as a farm school with 8 trainers, permanent and on-call. • For 2023, the farm school has already conducted 13 days training on hog production, and ongoing accreditation as Assessment Center. • Reminded to follow the Organic Agriculture Philippine National Standards; burning is a non-compliance practice on the PNS; update modules based on the updated OA-PNS; apply for GAP/OA certification or PGS; and submit semestral reports. • Aguimangan Agro Eco Tourism Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Ms. Marivic Aquirre. • Accredited as Farm School for OA NC 2 and ongoing processing of other competencies such as: entrepreneurship, housekeeping, and handicrafts. And they still maintain strong partnership with NGAs and co-LSA's. • Reminded to maintain her records, submit semestral reports, and follow standards. Lastly, apply for GAP certification.
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Exhibit)	Orientation and Awarding	<p>COMMUNITY URBAN AGRICULTURE MODEL GARDEN</p> <p>The group of Ms. Esnara conducted an orientation and awarding of cheques for the identified Community Urban Agriculture Model Farm partners. These partners were previously validated by ATI staff together with staff from the Office of City Agriculturist and Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, following the basic criteria of selection. In preparation, these partners were trained in organic vegetable production, and natural farming inputs and were provided with minimal farm inputs such as seeds and compost under the NUPAP Program. A total of five (5) organizations (Kalinga Young Farmers Association, RIC-Bantay-Putot, Calanan RIC, Luyukan Farmers Association, and Balong Centro RIC) were oriented and awarded cheques.</p> <p>The activity was attended by 25 participants on <i>October 25, 2023</i>, at Tabuk City, Kalinga.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Disseminate)	Success Story	<p>Empowered Woman in Agriculture: Kathryn T. Baroga's Journey from Fields to Facilitation and Beyond</p> <p>In the municipality of Alfonso Lista, Ifugao, where Kathryn T. Baroga's farming journey begins. She shared her inspiring stories, on how the experiences and the different series of training she attended molded her as a farmer, a trainer, and a facilitator in a Farmer Field School. Driven by her enthusiasm to help her fellow farmers, she assumes the role of trainer at J and E Integrated Farm and serves as a facilitator at Bayawon's Farm. Dedicating some time to farmers is a sense of fulfillment for she was able to assist her fellow farmers and changed their perspectives regarding the modernized type of farming.</p> <p><i>"Learning is a continuous journey that never ends. Hands-on exercises are the best strategy to impart knowledge. Embrace the opportunity to engage actively in farming, as this will make us understand deeper about the things we do. Do not be afraid to make mistakes, for they are part of the process. Mistakes served as my steppingstones that guided me towards improvement. Through these errors, we gain insights that prevent us from repeating them in the future."</i>- Kathryn T. Baroga's</p>
	Success Story	<p>ATI AgriTalk on Arabica Coffee</p> <p>From <i>October 16-20, 2023</i>, the team of Mr. Adrian Chris Velasco, ATI-RTC-CAR Information Officer II with the Information Services Division of ATI-Central Office, headed to OLA Farm to document their practices on Arabica Coffee from seed to cup. MA Carmen M. Fomeg-as gave an overview of the municipal coffee industry of Sagada. In her overview, Municipal Agriculturist Fomeg-as highlighted that Sagada produces varieties of Arabica coffee including Typica, Bourbon, and Catimor. She encouraged the group to consider the arabica coffee strains or varieties, their characteristics, and why farmers have preferences as to these varieties in the development of the learning materials. She added that these varieties are available at the OLA Farm.</p> <p>Part of the activity is a data and information gathering session, through an interview, on the actual practices of the OLA Farm in Arabica coffee production and processing. This was done to validate the script previously prepared for the succeeding video shoot. During the interview, the group learned that there are many more details and processes in arabica coffee production and processing than what was initially covered in the original script. Mrs. Rimando, owner of OLA Farm gave an overview of the structure, design, and operations of the farm. The video shoot followed starting from seed selection right at the mother coffee tree, seedbed preparation, seedling care, nursery management, transplanting, fertilization, pest management, harvesting, and overall coffee farm maintenance and management. In addition, Mrs. Rimando gave a demonstration on honey and the natural method of coffee berry processing. Finally, she also shared methods and techniques in coffee brewing.</p>
	Evaluation Survey	<p>SOA-SRA Results Evaluation Batch 2</p> <p>The SOA-SRA Results Evaluation is being conducted to assess the effectiveness of the SOA-SRA 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 or suggestions to further improve the program. In CAR, there are 316 respondents from the 1500 graduates in 2022.</p> <p>There were nine (9) interviewers for the study composed of two PMEU staff, one staff from AFU, five staff from ISS, and one staff from Supply. One hundred thirty-one (131) farmer respondents and eight (8) SOA Coordinators were interviewed one by one by the interviewers. This represents 11 of the 21 municipalities that participated in the SOA-SRA in 2022. The activity was conducted on <i>October 2-6, 2023</i>, at Abra.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Disseminate)	Development and Dissemination of Knowledge Products and Services	Throughout the month, a total of 45 copies of KP were disseminated, 1 corporate material was developed, and 1 success story was published. DA-ATI-RTC-CAR intensified its online promotions with 35 webpages uploaded in social media. With the said uploads, there were 67,772 individuals reached and 354 page views.
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Assessment	Assessment of Itogon Integrated Organic Farmers Association (IIOFA) for Accreditation as an Organic Certifying Body In 2022, the LGU - Itogon invited DA-ATI-CAR and DA-RFO-CAR-OAP to train a group of farmers (IIOFA) on the Participatory Guarantee System. The group continued with the process of becoming an Organic Certifying Body assisted by the MLGU and the DA-RFO. On <i>October 16-18, 2023</i> , an audit was held at the IIOFA Office in Maligaya, Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet. The peer reviewers are Marilyn R. Peningeo, Romeo D. Casilla, Nectar M. Copero, Jocelyn V. Lasdacan, and Mildred S. Fianza. Commendable findings were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Positive outlook and willingness to improve the operations of the group in ensuring continued compliance with accreditation as an organic certifying body. 2. Printed Process Flow for Membership and Certification Applications provided guidance to the group. 3. The Peer Reviewers made sure to check each provision of the Internal Standards. 4. The group members showed camaraderie and cooperation. 5. There is strong support from the LGU, and the DA Regional Office. In summary, there were 29 findings - 12 major noncompliance, 11 minor noncompliance, and three (3) observations. The deadline for the submission of the Correction and Corrective Actions is October 25, 2023. According to BAFS, upon submission of objective evidence to the NCs, and acceptable plans for the corrective actions for the same NCs, the IIOFA is recommended for the issuance of an Accreditation Certificate for the scope of Crop Production and Animal Production, subject to verification of effective implementation of corrections and corrective actions. With this, the DA-RFO-CAR requested the group to convene the following day to start responding to these findings which the IIOFA members agreed to. Participated by Ms. Vicky May L. Guinayen, Training Specialist I of DA-ATI-RTC-CAR.
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Evaluation Study	T2-ES2PPP The Extension Support to Mt. Province as among the 22 Provinces with Highest Poverty Incidence in the Philippines (T2-ES2PPP) is operationalized by ATI to support these 22 provinces which aim to increase their agricultural productivity. On <i>October 16-20, 2023</i> , Mr. Ian Jade Watawat together with Ms. Rosiana Paduyao, and Ms. Xenna Napat-a from the PMEU Section of ATI-RTC-CAR headed to Paracelis, Mt. Province to conduct an evaluation survey of the beneficiaries of T2-ES2PPP of Paracelis. Nine (9) barangays received the intervention: Anonat, Bananao, Bantay, Butigue, Bacarri, Bunot, Buringal, Poblacion, and Palitod. In general, it was observed that most of the groups (7 out of 9) 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. Most of the organization had encountered differences in opinions between members leading to misunderstanding and disbanding of the group. Furthermore, mismanagement and inactive members greatly affected the functionality of the organization. Weather conditions, calamities, and pest infestations were also identified by the beneficiaries.
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Field Validation and Judging	Regional Search for the Modelong Gulayan sa Barangay of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiaries for CY 2023 of the DSWD-CAR From <i>October 17-20, 2023</i> , Mr. Romualdo Bantag of ATI-RTC-CAR together with Mr. Albert Lab-oyan from DA-RFO CAR and Ms. Mary Joyce Butangen from DSWD-CAR served as a judge on Regional Search for the Modelong Gulayan sa Barangay of the 4Ps beneficiaries. The team validated two communal gardens namely: Pantawid Communal Garden (Flora, Apayao) and Bangel 4Ps Garden (Luba, Abra). Both practiced the organic farming system. After validation, the beneficiaries received feedback and remarks from the judges for the enhancement of their communal garden.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>3rd CD MANCOM meeting in CDO</p> <p>The activity was the 3rd ATI management committee meeting with Center Directors held in Malaybalay City Bukidnon on <i>October 18-20, 2023</i>, attended by ATI-RTC-CAR TCD Charlie Sagudan.</p> <p>Following are the meeting highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendment of OA internship guidelines review. 2. Interns for Taiwan validation of candidates for 2024. 3. Creation of the regional federation of LSAs. 4. For SWAIB and multiplier farms 2024, it will be procured by the center. 5. Rice fund budget reduction. 6. COS evaluation this November 2023. 7. Most centers charged their COS to training expenses. 8. Plotting of disbursement plans including other staff benefits such as CAN, PEI, and SRI. 9. Programs with no guidelines yet may not be targeted for implementation yet. 10. Conduct of training on crop diversification under the excess taxes. 11. NBI clearance might be needed for LSA applicants. 12. LSA guidelines for review. 13. Updating the LSAs.
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Graduation Ceremony	<p>Training of Trainers (ToT) on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, and Farm Mechanization</p> <p>On October 17-20, 2023, Mr. Randy Soriano, RCEF Focal attended the graduation ceremony of ToT graduates on the Production of High-quality Inbred Rice, Seeds Certification, and Farm Mechanization to the following Farm Schools or Learning Sites: Apita's Integrated Farm, Tabuk City (100 graduates), DBM Agricultural Farm, Rizal, Kalinga (100 graduates), Shavcers Farm, Tabuk City (125 graduates), Kalinga. Mr. Soriano delivered his inspirational message and challenged the graduates to dream big, learn continuously, embrace resilience, and build strong relationships. A total of 325 FFS graduates attended the ceremony.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Field Monitoring	<p>SWAIB Project Livestock – INSPIRE Program</p> <p>The team of Ms. Maribeth Ladu-an, ATI-RTC-CAR Livestock Focal Person 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 PLGU 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 monitoring was done on <i>October 11-13, 2023</i>, and physical accomplishment as of the date of monitoring and inspection is 70.35%. Expected construction activities in the following days will be the installation of doors and windows, installation of plumbing and fixtures, installation of electrical wirings and conduits, installation of floor and countertop tiles, painting works, and installation of insects at the windows.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Field Monitoring	<p>Farm Family Project Proposal Implementation <i>Farm Family Batch 1</i></p> <p>Farm Family is an ATI Program that caters to 15 farming families in CAR. The program on Farm Family Batch 1 was implemented last year, 2022, which comprises the Father, Mother, and child of the identified family endorsed by the LGUs per Province. The three underwent different training courses on the value chain segment, from production, processing, packaging, and marketing accordingly. The training was done separately, the fathers were on agri-fishery production aspects, the mothers were on processing and packaging and the children were on labeling and marketing. After attending the required training, the family submitted 1 Project Proposal to be implemented in their farms upon the release of after-training support of THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00). These proposals serve as our basis for monitoring if what was proposed was done accordingly. On <i>October 11-13, 2023</i>, the team of Ms. Veronica Siloy, RBO/4-H Focal Person headed to Bauko and Sagada mt. Province to monitor the two Farm Families: Marcos Dumanog Family (Gayunan Mandarin Production) and Felix Baniing Family (Livestock Production-Swine).</p> <p>Overall, the two Farm Families said that there is an increase in income due to better maintenance and proper marketing of products. However, according to Mrs. Baniing, due to the present ASF-free situation of the barangay, residents were encouraged to raise more swine which is now causing an oversupply of live pigs and pork meat in their barangay. Swine agents are now taking advantage of their present plight because the agents now dictate their price which is below the market price. Thus, Mrs. Baniing is now seeking the intervention of the institute if there is a way that we can buy their produce at a better price or the same as the market price.</p> <p>To maximize the travel, the team also interviewed RIC Edna Bendadan (prospect RP for the RIC National Convention). The team documented her history on why and how she started making HAGIS wine and how the processing of wine, jam, and muscovado sugar helped her family financially.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Farm Family	<p>Launching of the Adopt a Farm Youth</p> <p>On <i>October 12, 2023</i>, the ATI-RTC-CAR through the Partnership and Accreditation Services (PAS), launched the Kabataan sa Pukyutan: Adopt-a-Farm Youth to Livestock (Bee Farm) training at the Heritage Bee Farm in Balugan Sagada, Mt. Province. Five (5) out-of-school youths or 4-H Club members representing the CAR were deployed to the bee farm to learn and undertake a 1-month training on Beekeeping.</p> <p>Being the future farmers, "the hope of the Fatherland" the youth need to be taught various agricultural technologies to further boost their knowledge, skills, and attitude towards farming. Through this activity, the participants will have a first-hand experience of the farm activities of the host farmer. In addition, the young farmer participants are expected to adopt and imbibe desirable values reflected by the host farmer.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Panel Evaluator	<p>8th Regional Agriculture Fisheries and Extension Network Symposium Uno</p> <p>Senior Agriculturist Cristine B. Esnara was invited to serve as the Panel Evaluator for the paper presentation posters, together with representatives from RTC 2, 3, Tarlac State University, and Benguet State University. The 8th Regional Agriculture Fisheries and Extension Network (RAFEN) was conducted last <i>October 19-20, 2023</i>, with the theme "RAFEN Uno Agripreneurs: Building Resilience and Sustaining Excellence". The activity was attended by almost 150 participants from partner NGAs, LGUs, private partners, and Learning Sites for Agriculture and Extension Services Providers of Region I. The activity was graced by the Honorable Governor Jeremias "Gerry" C. Singson. There were four (4) papers from NGA members, eight (8) posters, and seven (7) papers from the Local Government Unit partners which were evaluated for the Best Extension Project.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Orientation	<p>Briefing on ATI's Program and Services for Local Chief Executive <i>October 24, 2023, Aspulan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, La Trinidad, Benguet</i></p> <p>The main purpose of this activity is to orient the LCEs of the Cordillera Administrative Region, starting with the Province of Benguet, Ifugao, and the Mt. Province, about the various programs and services of the Agricultural Training Institute so they to know where they can complement or collaborate for the benefit of their constituents. Likewise, it will serve as an avenue where LCEs can bring forth issues and concerns of farmers and fisherfolks in their locality and suggest training needs as expressed by their farmers or fisherfolks, if any. Before the presentation of programs and services of ATI-CAR, Ms. Jam Balingan Chief of the Career Development and Management Section acknowledged the 23 participants from the Provincial Executive Assistant of Benguet, the four honorable mayors of the municipalities of Kibungan, Besao, Sadanga, and La Trinidad, and the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) of the provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, and Mountain Province.</p> <p>The DA needs the complementation of the LGUs to help in the DA's advocacy to transform Philippine agriculture into a resilient, modern, industrialized, and globally competitive sector. The LGUs, particularly the Local Chief Executives, are vital partners in nation-building. With their leadership and support, the lives of fisherfolks and farmers can be alleviated through various programs and interventions. Thus, there is a need to strengthen partnerships with the Local Government Units (LGUs) as they are the primary movers of agricultural development. Mr. Aromin said that strengthened partnership means better collaboration/complementation of resources and harmonized interventions for farmers and fisherfolks. This can only happen if partners know what and where to collaborate, thus the need to orient the LGUs particularly the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) of Cordillera on the various programs and services of ATI.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Core PGS	<p>Attendance to the Core PGS-Lamut Organic Practitioners Agriculture Cooperative (LOPRACO) Inspection by BAFS as Observer</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS) invited ATI-RTC-CAR to participate as Observer during the Conduct of the Inspection of the Core PGS Farmer-Members of LOPRACO, based at Lamut, Ifugao on <i>October 23-27, 2023</i>. The conduct of Inspection to Core PGS farmer-members of LOPRACO was based on the requirements provided in the Department Circular No. 3, series of 2022 "Guidelines for the Accreditation of Core Participatory Guarantee System Groups (PGS) and its operation as Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs)." Also, the participation of ATI in the Inspection is vital and a critical role in the in the implementation of Republic Act No. 11511 or An Act Amending the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, which is to provide technical assistance to farmers through mentoring activity, training/seminar & other related activities.</p> <p>Further, as a pre-requisite to Accreditation, the Core PGS Group Members must undergo Pre-Inspection or Inspection under stage I of the accreditation process. Likewise, the 5 Core PGS Group Members must pass the Inspection and be Certified as Organic Agriculture Practitioners before proceeding to the next level or stage II of the Core PGS Group Accreditation. The scope of Inspection for the 5 Core PGS Members of LOPRACO includes crop production and animal/livestock production.</p>



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Core PGS	<p>On the first day of Inspection, October 23, 2023, Monday, the BAFS traveled from Manila to Lamut, Ifugao where the activity was conducted. In the evening of October 23, the BAFS staff had a meeting to review the itinerary of inspection, assigned staff per Core PGS Member, review the submitted application papers & PGS documentary requirements, and prepared inspection forms and other needed documents. On the other hand, the ATI-RTC-CAR staff traveled to Lamut, Ifugao on the same date to ensure its participation in the said activity.</p> <p>On the second day, October 24, 2023, the Team of Inspectors, BAFS, DA-RFO-CAR, ATI-RTC-CAR, and LGU-Lamut staff proceeded to Maynandros Farm, Mabatobato, Lamut, Ifugao, where the first farm inspection was conducted. As a protocol of PGS Inspection, the BAFS staff conducted the opening meeting, introduction of Inspectors, Observers, and other guests before proceeding to the inspection proper. As part of the Inspection, presentation of the classification of findings may it be major, minor, or observation. The Team Leader assigned was Ms. Geeza Painaga, BAFS technical staff & accredited Inspector, who facilitated mainly the Inspection activities. One of the major activities done was the review of farm records of the Core PGS applicant where inputs, & materials records, production records, daily diary, inventories, sales records among others. After which, a farm walkthrough was initiated to validate the veracity and conformity of the records vis-à-vis the actual set-up or layout of the farm. During the field/farm inspection the BAFS inspectors made some clarifications/queries regarding the farm activities or technologies applied or being undertaken by the Core PGS applicant. To clarify further some concerns relative to the OA practices of the applicant the BAFS staff did some sampling of records based on the observations made during the farm walkthrough and allowing the Core applicant to make amends or justifications with actual/written evidence/s. During the generation of findings, the BAFS staff endeavored to further scrutinize the farm records, documents, map, and other evidence/s submitted by the Core applicant including the farm observations made. However, the Core PGS applicant was advised not to participate in the deliberation/discussion of findings. After almost 3 hours of discussion of findings, the BAFS staff convened the group for the closing meeting and presented the results. With the existing rule on confidentiality and impartiality, Mr. Dickson is not allowed to expose the data/findings generated by the BAFS Inspectors. However, the general PGS Groups' findings is presented under the actions needed to be accomplished by the Core PGS Group and assistance which may be provided by ATI-RTC-CAR. Moreover, it was noted however, that the application of Ms. Diana Gragasin, Core applicant and owner of the farm was positively endorsed by BAFS Inspectors to be granted with Participatory Organic Certificate (POC) upon compliance of the major and minor non-compliances. The applicant may have the option to comply or fulfill the observations made by BAFS since this is optional. Lastly, for the Core PGS applicant to comply with her non-compliances, a Correction and Corrective Action Plan/s (CCAP) per finding was issued to Ms. Gragasin. The latter was instructed to do root cause analysis of the findings, state her corrections and corrective action plans with corresponding date/s of implementation. As regards the findings, the major non-compliance/s must be done within 3 months while minor non-compliance/s must be accomplished within 12 months after the release of approved CCAP. However, it was recommended by the BAFS staff to complete the non-compliances immediately to expedite the processing of application and issuance of the POC.</p> <p>To maximize the participation of BAFS staff during the third and fourth day of Inspections, October 25 & 26, 2023, the Team was divided into two groups, two BAFS staff with observers from DA-RFO-CAR, ATI-RTC-CAR, PLGU-Ifugao & MLGU-Lamut. Also, the participation of Core PGS members were obliged to participate as observers during the inspection of their peer because it's one of the requirements for PGS Accreditation as OCB. The same process, mentioned above, was done to all the Core PGS applicants. However, different strategies/methodologies were done by the BAFS Inspectors per applicant due to the existing local conditions like terrain, climate, and distance among others.</p> <p>On the last day of Inspection, the BAFS staff advised all the Core PGS members to attend the general closing meeting or feedbacking of findings/results. Likewise, the BAFS staff reiterated that the major non-compliances must be completed within 3 months and minor non-compliances must be accomplished within 12 months after the issuance of approved CCAP by BAFS Accreditation Section. Finally, the 5 Core PGS Group were congratulated by BAFS for a job well done because they are qualified and were endorsed to be granted with the Participatory Organic Certificate (POC) after completing their non-compliances. However, the BAFS staff insistently emphasized that only the approved crops/commodities listed in their POC shall be labeled organic.</p> <p>Moreover, during the closing activity, Mr. Rey Oway, DA-OA Program staff, announced the continued support of DA-RFO-CAR on behalf of Dir. Jennilyn Dawayan, DA's OIC-Regional Executive Director, by providing necessary assistance to the Core PGS Group. He also, thanked the Core PGS Members for their commitment to pursue Organic Farming in the Municipality and be certified under PGS. Likewise, Mr. Edwin Dickson, OA Focal Person of ATI-RTC-CAR, expressed his full and untiring support to the Core Group on behalf of Dir. Charlie Sagudan, Training Center Director of ATI-RTC-CAR, through the provision of technical assistance, training, extension & other capability building activities relative to the PGS Groups Certification and Accreditation. Also, Engr. Michael Tigui-in, Municipal Agriculturist of OMag-LGU-Lamut extended his support and congratulated the 5 Core PGS Group for exhibiting their expertise, signifying their interest, and persistently complying with the requirements of the PGS though some non-compliances are still to be completed.</p>



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		<p>Vegetable Specialist Training Course is a training that aims to enhance one's knowledge, skills and attitude to become a vegetable specialist who can conduct training and lectures that assimilate local/experiential and based knowledge in vegetable production for sustainability, productivity and profitability.</p> <p>The output of the training were FFS final report per group, The FFS and TOT implementation Plan , Participatory Technology Demonstration Scientific Research and Re-entry plan.To maximize the learning process generate the desired outputs, lecture discussion, field walks and observation, small and plenary group workshop sessions and roleplay, group output presentation, micro-teaching, open forum, benchmarking or experiential based activities, Participatory Technology Demonstration (PTD) and Conducted Farmers Field School with 25 participants.</p> <p>Post Training Expectation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual self-improvement and assessment. • Conduct trainings as refresher course for Agriculture extension workers • Conduct training on vegetable processing • Attend training on post-harvest handling technology for vegetables • Conduct TOT on vegetable production <p>Attended by Ms. Perla Epie.</p>
	<p>INDCCR (Trainings Attended by Staff)</p>	<p>Training of Trainer on Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture (OA) and Updating of Various OS Plans, Programs and Activities (PPAs)</p> <p>The activity was conceptualized to capacitate the OA Focal Persons & Alternate Focal Persons of ATI-RTCs on the updates of the Philippine National Standard on OA and OA Plans, Programs and Activities. With the influx of applicants relative to OA Certification and Accreditation, the Department of Agriculture, BAFS, ATI and other agencies are geared towards capacitating more staff to be involved in the processes. Also, the BAFS to regularly update/revise the PNS on OA to maintain the integrity of OA products for the consuming public.</p> <p>Post Training Expectation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The OA implementers are expected to disseminate the updated PNS/BAFS 337:2022 to farmers' organization who are applying for OA certification either PGS or Third-party. 2. Adopt the updated forms relative to OA Youth Scholarship/Internship Program and other OA training/extension activities. However, these forms are subject for revision and/or registration under ISO. 3. Advertise the recruitment of second batch of the OA Youth Scholarship/Internship Program for CY 2024-2025. <p>Attended by Mr. Edwin Dickson and Ms. Aida Gama.</p>



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	INDCCR (Trainings Attended by Staff)	<p>National ToT on the Use of MEL Data and Dashboard Analytics</p> <p>The training is aimed at equipping the DA-RFO and DA-RTC with the necessary skills to proficiently operate the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) Tool and its dashboard. As they will be the regional trainers responsible for imparting knowledge on this tool. The MEL Tool is an integral component of the 4DFarms platform, a digital ecosystem designed to facilitate data-informed decision-making in support of the DA's Fertilization Strategy. It achieves this through the provision of cloud-based Rice Crop Manager Advisory Services (RCMAS) and the monitoring of rice extension initiatives undertaken by the DA. This training also emphasized the significance of MEL data and the insights provided by the dashboard analytics.</p> <p>The MEL data and dashboard analytics transform data into visuals and easy-to-understand insights. These insights are essential for policymakers, and program managers, as they can quickly grasp the overall performance of various projects, regions, or interventions especially under the Rice Program. Dashboards provide at-a-glance information, highlighting key performance indicators, trends, and areas requiring attention. This visual representation simplifies the decision-making process, making it more accessible.</p> <p>Topics include: Use of MEL results in Planning, Important features of the MEL application, Hands on MEL analytics dashboard.</p> <p>Post Training Expectation : Conduct the targeted training on MEL for next year and assist in the implementation of 4DFarms-related activities in the region and feedback to the ATI-CAR Management and RCM Focal Person agreements and action points arising from the activity.</p> <p>Attended by Mr. Ian Jade V. Watawat</p>
	IRR	<p>CARE Officers or Board of Directors Meeting and CARE Members Fellowship Event</p> <p>The Cordillera Association of Region Executives (CARE) is a non-stock, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian civic organization. DSWD-CAR Director Leo L. Quintilla presided over the meeting on <i>October 20, 2023</i>, at DPWH Auditorium, Engineer's Hill, Baguio City.</p> <p>Agreement/Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussions at the meeting focused on the changes that should be made to the Scholarship Guideline considering the K-12 curriculum in the Philippines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SUCs upon completion of the document. • identification of success stories from scholars who have graduated. ➤ On July 17, 2023, Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr., who concurrently serves as Chairperson of the Regional Development Council, emphasized the CARE principles of Compassion, Action, Responsibility, and Empowerment as he swore in the organization's new officers. Public employees from several agencies joined the association, and they will participate in the RDC's decision-making, project implementation, monitoring, and evaluation processes for the region's overall development. ➤ SEC Amnesty Application (SEC Memorandum Circular No. 17-2023)- The deadline was extended until November 6, 2023, and CARE will register online through the SEC Portal. ➤ Outreach activity (last quarter of CY 2023) where DSWD-CAR will design the program and fund-raising activity will be held in the 1st Quarter of CY 2024. ➤ Support to the Advocacy on Autonomy of CAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE – one group to spearhead the IEC on the House Bill on Organic Act for the Cordillera Autonomous Region • CARE to pass a Resolution (DSWD-CAR will prepare the draft) <p>Attended by Ms. Brandy Banda-ay.</p>



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		<p>Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) 4th Quarter Regional Convergence Team (RCT) Meeting</p> <p>On the first day of the activity, the presentation and approval of the previous minutes of the meeting were presented followed by the presentation of the Regional and Internal Convergence Team Consolidated Accomplishment Report from January to September 2023. After the presentations, the TNS results from the CBOs were discussed which can be considered by the RCTs in their 2024 plans and lastly discussing the upcoming activities and concerns. The following day, the activity was devoted to learning development: Recalibrating Leadership Styles to Ensure Greater Productivity.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jam Balingan on October 25-26, 2023, at Lafaayette Luxury Suites, #1 Lokan Road, Baguio City.</p>
<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Internal Assessment</p>	<p>Review and Assessment on the Implementation of RCEF Extension Component Sem 2</p> <p>The extension component of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Extension Program (RCEEP) includes various interventions such as the Establishment of Learning Sites/Farm Schools, Training of Trainers on the Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice and Seeds, Farm mechanization, and the conduct of rice technical briefings, farmers field school, techno demonstration, digital farming, nutrient management, and others. These interventions aim to improve the knowledge and skills of smallholder farmers in Kalinga and Ifugao, enabling them to adopt sustainable and modern rice farming practices, improve their productivity, and access to markets.</p> <p>It is essential to conduct a review and assessment of the implementation of the training and extension services provided by the RCEEP to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of these interventions. The review and assessment help identify the strengths and weaknesses of the program's interventions, assess their impact on the farmers' knowledge, skills, and productivity, and provide recommendations for improvement. The activity was attended by 10 participants on <i>October 12, 2023</i>, at SOCSARGEN (Region 12).</p> <p>Overall Agreements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus FFS trainings to participants with no or limited access to training. 2. In the adoption of mobile learning, ensure that quality of training is not compromised. 3. Creation of database of ToT graduates. 4. Integrate GAP Rice topic in the FFS. 5. GAP Certification of LSAs. 6. Farm Schools with "specialization". 7. Development of LSAs towards farm tourism. 8. Establishment of Small Extension Project focusing on rice-based enterprise 9. Maintain close coordination with LGUs. 10. Production and presentation of documented exemplar beneficiaries. 11. Attendance to PhilRice training on pest and nutrient management (Trainers and facilitators). 12. No more establishment of LSAs/Farm Schools.



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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Field Monitoring	<p>Knowledge Management Center (Techno Gabay Program)</p> <p>On October 2-6, 2023, the team of Ms. Jaila Sagpa-ey, ATI-RTC-CAR Information Officer II, conducted a monitoring activity to the FITS Centers of Abra (Pilar, Luba, Bucloc, Daguoman, Sallapadan, Lacub). In general, five out of six have maintained their FITS Centers. Furthermore, some municipalities transferred their FITS Centers to another location since the OMAg office was also transferred, and the ICT equipment provided to them is still functional. Accordingly, most of the heads of OMAg are new thus, Ms. Sagpa-ey re-orient them about the TGP-FITS Center and reiterated the reports submissions.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Attendance to the groundbreaking and unveiling of marker	<p>Attendance to the groundbreaking and unveiling of marker of the Solidarity of Blessed Carlo Acutis Integrated Indigenous Natural Farm</p> <p>An NGO Project "Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage Development, Inc." (APCHDI) led by Mr. Andres Soriano. The project is still a proposal which aims to pilot test In Mapita Integrated School in Aguilar, Pangasinan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The objective is to help improve productivity and profitability of farmers - It aims to replicate the project in the 4th to 6th class municipalities in Regions 2, 3, 4A and CAR - It is also a Culture-based project focused on the indigenous people within the community - Concept would be establishment of Learn Site for Agriculture in the community and then operate as Farm School complemented by the different capability building activities <i>(ATI is already doing this)</i> <p>Participated in the ground breaking ceremony not the traditional way of shoveling the soil but through planting of trees where the proposed LSA/Farm School will be put up. The ceremony means a celebration of community, on the critical role that the project will play in the lives of farmers involved, and so much more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered a short message highlighting the role of ATI in the capacity development of farmers once the project proceeded. ATI, being the capacity builder, knowledge bank is committed to implement extension programs that would uplift the condition of our farmers and fisherfolks. This could also be done through partnership among implementing agencies and other stakeholders performing extension services for our clients. <p>Attended by Mr. Randy Soriano.</p>

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