



## MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

APRIL | 2021

Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	HIGHLIGHTS <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building <b>(Learn)</b>	Training	<p><b>BARANGAY-BASED TRAINING ON CORN-BASED INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM WITH STARTER KITS Batch 2 - March 24-26, 2021 - Pamutic, Pidigan, Abra</b></p> <p>This training undertaken was designed for the corn and cassava farmers to discover the greatest potentials of integrated farming system when they consider them as a practice that will increase the resiliency and long-term sustainability of the production system. Likewise, this training course served as an avenue to exhaust effort in the documentation of corn-based farming system practices in the corn-producing municipalities of the region.</p> <p>Ms. Perpetua B. Ancheta Municipal Agiculturist, discussed on the Farming System's, Definitions, Concepts and Principles, Technologies/Practices sharing on corn-based farming system, Documentation of good practices, Principles &amp; concepts of farm enterprises, and Corn and corn-based enterprises. The Cropping Patterns/Cropping Methods was also shared by Mr. Pocholo P. Palcpec, Agricultural Technologist. The second batch was completed by 26 farmers from Pamutic, Pidigan, Abra.</p> <p><b><i>Impressions:</i></b></p> <p><i>"The technologies on farming which were shared are very practical and can be replicated in our locality. Through this training, I have learned that the integration of corn and vegetables increases our production and income. Also, we are not only focused on one community since vegetables is included which will also provide food for us. This training also taught us the proper utilization of our farm area through the application of cropping patterns. This would sustain the productivity of our soil." - Ms. Rowena U. Billedo, Farmer, Pamutic, Pidigan, Abra</i></p> <p><i>"On behalf of Pamutic Farmers Association, we thank you to ATI-CAR and OMAG-Pidigan, for the privilege to be chosen as your training participant. Thank you for sharing your expertise and for your patience in facilitating this 3-day activity. Through this training, I gained more updates on the farm management system that really applies on our farm areas. This will help us sustain our production and income. We hope for more training or technologies that continue to support us in our livelihood." - Mr. Richard V. Pisquesa, Farmer, Pamutic, Pidigan, Abra</i></p>



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<p style="text-align: center;">Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building <b>(Learn)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Training</p>	<p><b>BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY: “TRAINING ON SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR BARANGAY BIOSECURITY OFFICERS (BBO)</b></p> <p>The ASF disease problem is continuously devastating the Swine industry. Last year, the ATI-ITCPH piloted the Batangas province, in the implementation of the multi-stakeholder engagement Bantay ASF sa Barangay Project. It aims to re-classify the red zones to yellow zones by early 2021 and transform 90% of Batangas small hold pork producers into a more bio secure enterprise. The project aims for business continuity by preventing loss of livelihood of both smallholder and commercial swine farmers and assisting in the repopulation of swine farms in infected areas where feasible, and also to assist in the control and spread of ASF from infected to non-infected areas, protecting pockets of small holder and commercial swine farms in a given barangay of municipality free of ASF but located in provinces where ASF has been reported.</p> <p>Generally, the activity aimed that the capacitated Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) should be able to demonstrate skills in collecting specimen for laboratory testing. Specifically, it sought to apply appropriate handling and restraining technique; prepare supplies, materials, tools in collection and transport of specimen; prepare animals for collection; demonstrate skills for collecting different specimen; and demonstrate proper handling, packaging and transport of specimen.</p> <p>On April 22, the 4<sup>th</sup> batch of Training on Specimen Collection for Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBO) was conducted in Butigue, Paracelis, Mt. Province. This was attended by 19 participants.</p> <p>Learnings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ proper handling of affected swine so as not to spread the virus</li> <li>✓ collection sites and how to collect blood samples from pig for laboratory test</li> <li>✓ proper restraining of pigs for blood collection</li> <li>✓ Live hogs and meat products from swine entry in the municipality should be strictly monitored and should have proper documents</li> </ul>



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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building <b>(Learn)</b></p>	<p>Training</p>	<p><b>ONLINE TRAINING OF TRAINORS ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) FARM INSPECTION FOR AEWs OF CAR</b></p> <p>Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Compliance and Certification is an urgent practice that needs to be understood well by the extension providers specifically the agricultural extension workers, farmers, community policy makers and other stakeholders in view of the implementation of Asian Free Trade Agreement (AFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade-World Trade Organization (GATT-WTO).</p> <p>Being one of the major producers of highland vegetables and fruits, continues and massive advocacy and information dissemination on GAP principles and GAP Inspection protocols is an urgent need in the region despite various GAP orientations and trainings being done. There has to be continues training and updating of the partner Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) until the knowledge on GAP will reach all the farmers in the Cordilleras. This will enable them to adjust and comply with the GAP standards. Thus, the partner AEWs assigned under the High Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP), GAP Focal Persons and members of RGT-CAR undergone this training to be equipped on the basic information about the provisions of the GAP standards, implementation mechanisms, and inspection and certification protocols.</p> <p>Throughout the month, 2 batches were conducted. Details were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="600 716 1098 824"> <thead> <tr> <th>BATCH</th> <th>DATE</th> <th>NO. OF PAX</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Batch 1</td> <td>April 20-23</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batch 2</td> <td>April 27-30</td> <td>25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Generally, this activity aimed to let the AEWs assist and guide farmer clients in their compliances to the GAP standards and on their application on GAP certification effectively.</p> <p>Topics discussed and resource person were <i>Food Safety Law and Hazards</i> – Ms. Cristine B. Esnara Sr. Agriculturist/RGT/DA-ATI-CAR, <i>First Aid and Accident Management</i>, Mr. Klyne Galas Lorena, <i>Contact Tracer/Philippine Red Cross-Benguet Chapter</i>, <i>The PNS on GAP on Fruit and Vegetables</i> – Mr. Doweno Santiago, Jr., RGT/DA-RFO-CAR, <i>FPA Regulations on Fertilizers and Pesticides Handling and Management</i> – Ms. Rowena Billig, RGT/FPA-CAR, <i>GAP Certification Guidelines/Protocols, Compliances; GAP Inspection</i> – Mr. Samuel Fontanilla, BPI-CO, and <i>Risk Management and Exercises</i> – Mr. Inocencio Bernard, Agri II/RGT/OPAg Benguet.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>“Thank you for this opportunity to learn. It is my first time to attend such training and I’m very thankful.” - Flora D. Pera, MLGU-Licuan-Baay, Abra-Agricultural Technologist/ HVCDP Coordinator</i></p> <p><i>“We are very thankful for the additional knowledge we learned during this training. We experienced how to fill up the forms (GAP Inspection forms)/ checklist and we experienced how GAP inspection is done. With these experiences, we will not only assist our inspectors but we will now be part of the team. Thank you very much!” - Denialyn Pis-et, MLGU-Kibungan, Benguet-Agricultural Technologist</i></p>	BATCH	DATE	NO. OF PAX	Batch 1	April 20-23	27	Batch 2	April 27-30	25
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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building <b>(Learn)</b></p>	<p>Training</p>	<p><b>CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT FOR FARMERS: TRAINING ON INTEGRATED RICE-DUCK FARMING SYSTEM FOR FARMERS WITH PROVISION OF STARTER KIT</b></p> <p>One of the programs of the agriculture sector is to give capability training to farmers to enhance their knowledge on how to increase their productivity in a sustainable manner and for these farmers to have ready source of food within the locality. On April 15-17, the Training on Integrated Rice-Duck Farming System with Provision of Starter Kit was conducted to 20 farmer members of Nacagang Data Taccong Agro-Industrial Partners Association (NADATA). The training aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills on rice-duck farming system to augment their source of income.</p> <p>Moreover, for an organization to sustain their livelihood, leadership roles to empower the leaders and members were revisited. This also aimed for a better management of the organization and will enable them to implement programs and projects successfully.</p> <p>For this four-day activity, the topics discussed were on <i>Duck Farming System, Rice-Duck Farming System, Rice Production Cost, Basic Leadership Development Course - Part 1 and 2, and Cost and Return Analysis of Rice-Duck Farming System vis-à-vis Traditional Rice Farming</i>. Resource persons from the Provincial Agriculture Office of Mt. Province were Dr. Josephine Dao-wan, Supervising Aquaculturist, Ms. Regina B. Panilas, Agricultural Technologist, and Mr. Rolando Bragado, Agriculturist II.</p> <p>The activity was conducted in Data, Sabangan, Mountain Province.</p> <p><b><i>Impressions:</i></b></p> <p><i>“We thank you ATI for funding this training, for our facilitators for giving your best in this training, to our co-participants for being active and cooperative in all activities. We also thank you for the venue which is always open for us. We would also like to thank you for the food which is delicious and nutritious. We will do our best to apply what we have learned most especially on leadership.” - Liceria Sudicalan, Daycare Worker</i></p> <p><i>“This is the first time that I was given a starter kit for livelihood, and for this, I thank you very much. To the funding agency, and the facilitators, we would also like to extend our gratitude. We may not pass the exams but we have learned so much from this training.” - Alexander Liclic, Farmer</i></p> <p><i>“We thank you for this training and for the livelihood that you have given to us. The topics on leadership is very timely for us to improve our organization.” Ophelia Angisa, Farmer</i></p>



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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building <b>(Learn)</b></p>	<p>Training</p>	<p><b>REFRESHER COURSE TRAINING ON HYBRID RICE SEED PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION FOR SEED GROWERS</b></p> <p>On April 26-30 a <i>Refresher Course Training on Hybrid Rice Seed Production and Certification for Seed Growers</i> was attended by 25 farmers on April 26 to 30. This activity generally aimed to let the participants improve their knowledge and skills, and attitude on hybrid rice seed production and thereby their production. Specifically, it sought to explain the latest developments and technologies related to hybrid seed production; practice hybrid rice production management and its principles; discuss the seed certification process; and share insights from their field exposure/observation that would enhance their capabilities as seed growers.</p> <p>Topics discussed were an Overview and Updates of Hybrid Rice Seed Production in the Philippines Buffer Stocking by Mr. Edwin Franco, AC II, DA-RFO-CAR, Glimpse of Hybrid Rice in the Philippines; Practices and Principles of Three Line System and Nutrient and Pest Management; Postharvest and Seed Processing, by Mr. Fidel Ramos, Sr. SRS, PhilRice, Isabela, Seedbed and Seedling Management and Seed Health by Engr. Christian Paul De Leon, SRS I, PhilRice, Isabela, and Seed Certification and Seed Health - Harvesting and Final Field Inspection by Ms. Jena De Guzman, OIC Head, BPI-NSQCS-CAR Satellite</p> <p>This five-day activity was conducted in Tabuk City, Kalinga.</p> <p><b>Impressions:</b></p> <p><i>“During this training, lagi akong busog dahil sa pinapakain nila and with that mas ginaganahan akong making sa mga lectures ng ating mga magagaling na resource persons. Maganda din itong training at merong new updates sa mga technologies na tinuro nila and at the same time, na review tayo doon sa mga dating, alam na natin. <b>Mr. Peter Wandag, Farmer</b></i></p> <p><i>“Thank you for this training because I did not only gain new things but I was also able to see your faces again and learn with you.” <b>Ms. Balbina Badikan, Farmer</b></i></p> <p><i>“Maganda itong venue natin dahil sinunod nila ang guidelines at masarap din ang pagkain. For our trainers, they explained well the topics. For the TMT, they were attentive of our needs. Sana lahat ng natutunan natin dito ay magamit natin sa ating pagsasaka ng sa gayon ay mas lalo pang mapataas ang ating ani at matulungan natin ang ating gobyerno at kapwa magsasaka.” <b>Richard K. Estacio, Farmer</b></i></p>





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Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations <b>(Exhibit)</b>		3 Learning Sites were endorsed for validation to the Partnership and Accreditation Services Section (PASS)
Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services <b>(Advise)</b>	Farm Business Advisory Services	This month, there were 16 queries responded. Queries included inquiry on job hiring (1), Urban Agriculture Project concerns (3), RBO concern (1), 4-H related inquiry (3), e-Learning related concerns (2), training related (3) and LSA related (3).
Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services <b>(Disseminate)</b>	Information dissemination through online media platforms	<p>DA-ATI-CAR intensified its online promotions with 10 posts in social media. Postings were on <i>Calcium Phosphate (animal bone)</i>, <i>Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs)</i>, <i>High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) Week Technical Contest</i>, <i>DA-ATI-CAR 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Performance Review</i>, <i>Internal Quality Audit (IQA)</i>, <i>Creative Cooking</i>, <i>HVCDP Launching</i>, <i>Rabbit as alternative to Pork recipe</i>, and <i>DA-ATI-CAR's LSA kwek-kwek</i>.</p> <p>With the said uploads, there were 18,392 individuals reached and 1,976 page views.</p>
	Development and distribution of quality Knowledge Products (KPs)	<p><b>Knowledge Products (KP) Reproduced and Distributed</b></p> <p>Throughout the month, 2,000 copies of print materials were reproduced and distributed.</p> <p><b>KP Digitized</b></p> <p>5 KPs digitized this month were on Urban Agriculture, Container Gardening, Simple Bin Composting, Home Composting, and Ampalaya Production. These KPs are now available online through the ATI-CAR's corporate website (<a href="https://ati.da.gov.ph/ati-car/">https://ati.da.gov.ph/ati-car/</a>).</p>



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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE <b>(Support)</b></p>	<p>Performance Assessment</p>	<p><b>DA-ATI-CAR 1st Quarter 2021 Performance Review Activity</b></p> <p>As a regular activity of the Center, the conduct of inhouse quarter review is undertaken to monitor its performance based on its planned targets and accomplishments. Guided with the enhanced Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) Strategic Framework for 2020-2022, the refocused thematic areas, with its respective strategic objectives and performance indicators, was used to measure the progress in achieving expected results or accomplishments of AFE interventions in the region.</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT</b> <i>presented by Ms. Brandy K. Laoyan, PMESU Support Staff</i></p> <p>Per thematic areas, accomplishments for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter were:  <b>Thematic Area 1: LEARN</b> 16 program documents and 5 modules; <b>Thematic Area 2: EXHIBIT</b>- 20 trainings accomplished (5 - Regular; 2 - COC; 2 - HVCD; 1 - OA; and 10- Livestock; 371 participants trained/ coached; and 11 Other AF related activities conducted with 359 participants; <b>Thematic Area 3: ADVISE</b> -2 LSA enhanced (<b>Seanlyn Farm and Fit and Fab Farm</b>); <b>Thematic Area 4: DISSEMINATE</b> - 35 technical assistance provided; and 2711 clients served (2683 FITS Centers and 28 others); and <b>Thematic Area 5: SUPPORT</b>- 7 plans developed; 1 planning workshop conducted with 43 participants; 2 performance assessments conducted with 78 participants; 32 M&amp;E reports prepared; 36 grants approved; 1 learning and development activity with 38 participants; 1 membership to research and extension organizations (<i>CorCAARD</i>); 7 ATI-CAR staff sent to local trainings/seminar for short-term; 1 vehicles registered and insured; 119 maintenance undertaken (4 vehicles, 85 equipment, and 30 facilities) and 16 outsourced services</p> <p>For the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, there were a total of <b>42</b> indicators. Of these indicators, <b>5</b> (11.90%) falls under Low performance rating with percentage accomplishment of 140% and above, <b>6</b> (14.29%) for Medium (111%-139%), <b>25</b> (59.52%) indicators were under High (100%-110%), and <b>6</b> (14.29%) were Below 100 %. Considering Medium (111%-139%) and High (100%-110%) accomplishments, the Center obtained <b>74%</b> accomplishment rating for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT</b> <i>presented by Ms. Glorinita B. Lasuden, Budget Officer Assistant</i></p> <p>Under the Current Appropriation, the Center have allotment of Php 36,296,227.82 for CY 2021. For the Continuing Appropriation under MOOE, an allotment of Php 150,000 was not yet disbursed. This is under the Corn Program. Overall, the total allotment for CY 2021 was Php 36,446,227.82. Budget obligated for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter was Php 5,781,010.31 which was 99% disbursed (Php 5,723,405.31). Undisbursed budget for the quarter was Php 57,605. There was no reversion for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.</p> <p><b>PRESENTATION OF THE DATA RESULTS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND OF URBAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT BENEFICIARY PROGRESS MONITORING</b></p> <p>Data results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Urban Agriculture Project Beneficiary Progress Monitoring shall be presented on the Management Review. With the refocused set of thematic areas, a brief orientation on the 5 Thematic Areas will also be undertaken for the guidance of each staff for along these themes, the Online Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation System (OPMES) was also enhanced as basis of inputting the work and financial plans of all ATI Regional Training Centers (ATI-RTCs) and Central Office Divisions.</p> <p>The review was conducted on April 15 at the Aspulan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR participated by 36 staff.</p>



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FITS Center and Magsasaka Siyentista (MS)	Monitoring	<p>Farmers' Information and Technology Services (FITS) and Magsasaka Siyentista (MS) of Buguias and Atok were monitored along with the distribution of MS seeds and prizes of the radio broadcast winners.</p> <p>For FITS Buguias, a display areas for farmers' products is available near the entrance of the office. At present, there is no FITS Corner for the OMag as the space is limited but provides FITS Services including the provision of printed IEC materials during field works, technical assistance, referral, linkages, among others. MA Delfin Rufino was interviewed. FITS Atok is already in-placed situated at the entrance of the Agriculture Office, with readily available printed IEC's with TV and logbook. It was advised that they may submit a formal letter nominating Mr. Daniel Sacley as their new MS.</p> <p>Monitored MS were Mr. Brenson Dagwat and Mr. Cornelio Benigno Jr. Mr. Dagwat has continuous production of vegetables based on his crop programming. Present crops were chinese cabbage, bell pepper, tomatoes. Also, the plastic mulching that he is doing is now being adopted in their area. On the other hand, Mr. Benigno decided not to continue being an MS for now as he stopped his farming due to land issues. He was advised to submit initial liquidation report.</p>
Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Rice Extension Services Program (RCEF-RESP)	Case Study	<p><b>RCEF-RESP Case Study</b></p> <p>As to the update on the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Rice Extension Services Program (RCEF-RESP), the case study design prepared by the DA-ATI-CAR RCEP team was already approved by TCD Flores last April 30, 2021.</p>
Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension System (PAFES)	Regional Meeting	<p>The meeting was conducted on April 16, 2021 attended by DA-RFO-CAR, DA-ATI-CAR, BSU, and BFAR-CAR.</p> <p><i>Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On the deployment of MAYA interns, they will start to report in BSU on April 19, 2021 for straight three months</li> <li>✓ Electronic copy of the MOA was already sent to BSU</li> <li>✓ Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP), Purchase Request (PR), and other preparations for the procurement of needed supplies and materials for the project was already prepared by BSU but cannot proceed to procurement pending the download of fund.</li> <li>✓ As per advised from the Central Office, the fund will be downloaded the following week (April 19-23)</li> </ul> <p><i>Actions needed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ DA-ATI-CAR will set the final date of the orientations with MLGUs of Benguet. Venue will be at the DA-ATI-CAR.</li> </ul>

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