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PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	HIGHLIGHTS <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program Online in CAR</p> <p>Through the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other agencies, the government and even the private sector consistently undertakes various interventions in uplifting and fully developing the agribusiness industry. To enable and capacitate the stakeholders, especially farmers and other players in the food supply chain and help they engage in the market competitively, the government consistently provides and develops programs, such as the Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program (KAMMP). KAMMP is a program of the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE) or Go Negosyo in partnership with the Department of Agriculture. It aims to nurture and sustain agribusiness in the country through mentorship. Industry practitioners serve as mentors that provide guidance and assistance in building-up the entrepreneurial capabilities of agricultural cooperatives and various farmer organizations, thereby strengthening their business operations, scale-up their farming businesses, and become successful agripreneurs. Go Negosyo partnered with the DA and developed the KAMMP Online as the practical delivery mechanism for the same mentorship modules to propel agripreneurs to survive and flourish amidst the setbacks caused by the pandemic.</p> <p>25 participants attended this training online via Zoom on June 10, 2021 to August 4, 2021. During the 40 days training, the following topics were discussed: Entrepreneurial Mind setting and Values Formation, Business Improvement Plan, Marketing (Digitalization of Agri Market Place), Accounting and Finance Management, Farm Operations Management, Agri Supply and Value Chain, Obligations and Contracts, Business Ethics and Good Business Practices, Business Plan Development</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Before I joined KAMMP Online, I kept my farm as a survival garden wherein I produce only for my family's consumption, and any excess is sold to my neighbors. It did not occur to me that my little farm could generate income more than I expected. It is but fitting that our first topic is about Mind Setting. It realigned my thinking into a new and better perspective. It made me realize my value as a farmer and how I can radiate this value to others. I am deeply motivated by the words of one of our mentors, Sir Eric Atanacio, "Para kanino ka bumabangon?" To ensure that our business will survive and grow, KAMMP Online teaches us how to plan our business and manage it well by gathering our farm data and analyze it to know how our business is going and what action should be taken. Making our business model canvas is equally essential. It summarizes our business activities and showcases them on a single piece of paper which could attract the interest and attention of would-be partners and investors. KAMMP Online provided me with know-how and opportunities and elevated me from being a farmer into an agripreneur. Now I am ready and more confident to face challenges in the coming new normal."</i> Marzan Fermin, Farmer, Baguio City Farmers Agriculture Cooperative</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Capability Enhancement for Farmers: Skills Training Course on the Operation and Maintenance of Selected Agricultural Machineries</p> <p>The Administrative Order No. 27 Series of 2020 of the Department of Agriculture aims to establish farm and fisheries clustering and consolidation program (F2C2) towards greater inclusive agri-business development in the country. The F2C2 program seeks to advance the interest and condition of Filipino farmers and fishers by encouraging them to adopt the strategy of farm clustering and consolidation of their production, processing and marketing activities as community business enterprises, including the pooling of assets, labor and other resources in order to a) effectively achieve and benefit from economies of scale in commodity production, b) forge stronger linkages among farms and fish producers to their commodity's markets and the bigger global value chain, c) improve bargaining and market power of primary farm and fishery producers, d) establish better access to sources credit and financing investments, e) ensure greater availability and wider utilization of agri-aqua technologies, farm mechanization, logistics and transport support and postharvest facilities and f) effectively raise the overall productivity of the sector and the income of Filipino Farmers and Fishers.</p> <p>After the series of consultation and workshops, Western Tabuk Rice Cluster in Kalinga was organized composed of five (5) associations with an initial total of 400 individual farmer members. In addition, Participatory Priority Investment Plan was initiated, and result showed that one of the capability-building needs is to enhance their skills on the operation and maintenance of agricultural machineries. Many of the machineries availed by the organization was poorly maintained and inefficiently utilized due to lack of operating and maintaining skills by the operators. To address this issue on mechanization among associations and to support, build or strengthen our farm clusters in Kalinga, the Agricultural Training Institute in collaboration with the DA-RFO and the LGUs, implemented this need-based training intervention for our clients. There is a total of 26 participants consisting of 23 farmers and 3 LGU extension workers. The training was held at TAMPCO Inn and Training Center, Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga on August 17, 2021 to August 19, 2021. Lectures and discussions were on Drying and Milling, Planting, Harvesting and Threshing, Bayanihan Agi-Clustering, and Land Preparation.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"First of all, I'm very grateful to be part of this training because I have learned again the different kinds of agricultural machinery/technologies used in farming. Although I'm familiar with the other machines, I realized that some terms that we are using in our locality are wrong so at least I have learned the correct terms. Moreover, it is interesting to know the different machineries, their parts, functions and how to use them. I appreciate the hands-on part when we tried to operate the machines on our own. In addition, some machines can be used or operated by a man and woman. That's why it's more advantageous than that of manual.</i></p> <p><i>I realized in this training that using farm machines reduces the duration of farm work, and lower labor cost and crop loss. It can also result in higher production. Again, thank you so much for the facilitators, ATI family and other government agencies who organized and made this training possible. Our expectations were met and rest assured that all the learnings will be turned into actions."</i> Arthur Binuluan, Farmer, Tabuk City, Kalinga</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>Training of Trainers on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for PGS Core Group in CAR</p> <p>Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) are quality assurance initiatives that follow the production-to-consumption approach in providing guarantees on the integrity and quality of organic products. PGS are locally relevant and adapted where product distribution prioritizes local food availability for local people. It is an organic guarantee system that is widely used and accepted as a quality assurance system in the organic agriculture sector, wherein farmers provide direct assurance to consumers regarding the integrity of the product. Also, as an alternative to third-party certification, the PGS plays a vital role in rural development and farmer empowerment through active engagement of farmers in the whole process of verification, decision making, and marketing. PGS is built on the trust and integrity of farmers and consumers who conduct the certification process themselves through adherence to certification standards, guidelines, regulation, and processes, similarly observed by third-party certification.</p> <p>In this activity, participants are expected to adopt and comply with the PGS requirements and be accredited as PGS core group. Also, establish and operationalize PGS groups consistent with the organic agriculture standards and corresponding technical regulations. This 10-day activity was undertaken on August 16-27, 2021. It was actively attended by 11 organic practitioners from Tublay, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“It is a privilege for us Tublay Organic Farmers’ Practitioners Association (TOFPA) Cooperative to be chosen as a pioneer in this Participatory Guarantee System. We were challenged to comply with the PGS requirements. But more than the difficulties are the improvement this training will bring about for our organization. Indeed our goal is to be PGS certified. With all the workshops, guidelines and the knowledge and skills on the internal standards and manual of operations, we will surely get our way to that certification.”</i> Mr. Ben S. Domingo, TOFPA Cooperative – Farmer/Member, Daclan, Tublay, Benguet</p> <p><i>“It was a fruitful training for all of us. We enjoined and survived the 10-day Training of Trainers on this Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for the core group in CAR. On behalf of TOFPA Cooperative, we humbly thank you for your training us - to the funding agency DA-ATI-CAR, the MLGU-Tublay and the knowledgeable resource persons. As we take the challenge of complying with our non-conformities, we hope to attain our PGS certification in the end. This training is very important to us as organic farmer practitioners because of the opportunities that it offers. We can use this in the near future – to improve our market linkage and assure and promote healthy living. Thank you very much.”</i> Mr. Domingo Awas, TOFPA Cooperative- Farmer/ Manager, Daclan, Tublay Benguet</p>



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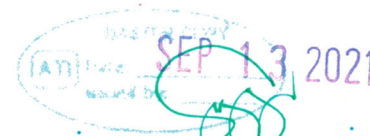
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Training on Organic Agriculture (OA) Production with after Training Support for Farmers' Association Members of Kalinga</p> <p>“Go Organic” has become the battle-cry of many people. Organic farming follows the essential principles of organic agriculture in soil building and conservation, pest management, and heirloom variety preservation. It is based on holistic, ecologically balanced agricultural principles involving soil fertility, crop rotation, and natural pest control.</p> <p>With the implementation of Organic Agriculture Act of (RA 10068) which aims to promotes, propagate, develop and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines, continuous education and awareness plays an important factor towards organic agriculture enhancement. Thus, this three-day LGU conducted activity on August 10 to 12 was completed by to 19 participants. This was conducted in Mansaja-aw Eco Farm, Bulo, Tabuk City, Kalinga.</p> <p>Agreements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each participant will prepare their own concoctions for their vegetable gardening, livestock and poultry production endeavors 2. Promote organic agriculture in the locality, adopt and practice organic farming through actual and continuous application of technologies towards a bountiful and healthful community. 3. Participants implement individual re-entry plans to ensure sustainability of the program. <p>The participants became aware of the Organic Act of 2010/R.A. 10068 and the Philippine National Standard for crops and livestock. Throughout the activity, the participants realized the importance of going into organic farming especially to human health.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“I am privileged to share my learnings and insights from this training because of the technologies taught by the speakers. I learned a lot but most especially on the actual preparation of concoctions and feed formulations. Also, maximizing the use of locally available materials in preparing natural farming inputs for the production of safe and nutritious vegetables and minimizing expenses on farm inputs. The proper management of soil through amendments of plant debris and composted farm animal manures for the rejuvenation of soil from acidic to productive soil. Preparation of compost as fertilizer and botanical pesticides as plant pests and diseases control. I hope more training on modern technologies on organic agriculture would be conducted for the farmers so that we could cope up with trends and be updated continually.” Ms. Carolina K. Kidangan, Farmer, Bulo, Tabuk City, Kalinga</i></p> <p><i>“I am impressed by this training because of the knowledge and skills gained that would benefit me in applying the recommended technologies and practices of organic agriculture. Due to the high risks and ill-effects of chemical/synthetic farming like pesticides’ residue accumulation, soil degradation and continuous improper application of synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and hazardous pesticides, it causes environmental pollution and human health problems. With these risk-associated problems, organic agriculture production technologies if practiced will balance and promote environmental soundness, increase population of beneficial insects/organisms and production of safe, healthy & nutritious food. Let us all promote and support organic agriculture with honesty, patience and dedication for the restoration of our degraded environment.” Ms. Rosenda Grail C. Calderon, Teacher/Farmer, Bulo, Tabuk City, Kalinga</i></p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Training on Basic Swine Production for PWDs of Mountain Province</p> <p>The Philippine pig industry is traditionally a backyard dominated operation. Despite the presence of large-scale swine farms in some areas of the country, backyard hog raising still predominates in the rural areas; about 83% of the total hog populations are in the backyard farmers. Despite being dynamic and the technological advances achieved by many swine farms, the local swine industry is still faced with various challenges. Among these challenges are high cost of feeds and other inputs, diseases, and inefficient marketing structures and practices. The globalization of meat markets has also brought new challenges of the local swine industry. Partnership between and among government agencies and hog raiser groups have been forged to develop strategies and programs to overcome these challenges. Dissemination and adoption of improved swine production technologies in local swine farms especially for backyard farmers are among the major activities that are believed to enhance productivity and production efficiency to ensure global competitiveness of the local swine industry.</p> <p>This year, during the consultation for the PWDs and Senior Citizens of the Region, one of the expressed needs of the PWDs of Mt. Province is on Swine Production. Their family members expressed their willingness to attend in support to those who cannot attend physically. It is hoped that not only the PWDs will benefit but their families as well. There are 15 participants attended the training, its conducted at Pearl Inn & Cafe, Bontoc, Mountain Province on August 12 to August 13, 2021. Wide array of topics on swine productions was discussed, these includes, PH Swine Industry; Selection, Breeds and Breeding; Reproduction Cycle of Swine; Principles of Feeding and Nutrition; Housing and Equipment; and Waste Management, Herd Management; Herd Health Management; Demonstration on Feed Formulation</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Thank you so much for the patience of everyone who made this training possible. This activity that disturbed us for two days was worthwhile. I learned so much in return. Before, I usually sell my pigs and no longer wait for them to give birth because I really don’t know how. Whenever I would ask my neighbors, they would just urge me to sell it anyway and never really teach me how. This is why I find this training very relevant because I was able to know and understand the lessons I really wanted to learn about. Our speakers and facilitators were also very approachable, they did not let us feel that they are higher than us. We were not ashamed of raising our concerns because they were quick to respond and were considerate. Thank you and God bless.” Caridad Cadwising, PWD Representative, Sabangan, Mt. Province</i></p> <p><i>“Good afternoon to each and everyone. Again, I would also like to express my gratitude for being invited to this training. With this, I was able to learn the ideal housing for swine and how to care for pregnant sows and gilts. All of us were able to understand and relate to the lectures very well because our speakers were also kankana-eyes who discussed using our own dialect. Thank you also to my co-participants for being cooperative and for bringing the materials needed for the demonstration. I hope that we meet again in other activities such as this.” Remedios Dulnuan, Sabangan, Mt. Province</i></p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Training on Fruit and Vegetable Processing, Preservation, and Packaging with GMP for RGT Farm Family and RIC Members</p> <p>With the limited movement of people in compliance with health protocols and guidelines set by the IATF due to the COVID 19 pandemic, movement of agricultural products was affected resulting to oversupply of food, specifically fruits and vegetables in some areas here in CAR while resulted to lack of food supply in other areas. Having this situation, innovation and cooperation amongst members in a community is vital. Processing and preservation of fruits and vegetables will help provide sufficient supply of food. If skillfully done, this practice can help address the issue on oversupply or lack of supply of fruits and vegetables. Also, these can be an added income or livelihood to RBOs, their family and community as a whole.</p> <p>For food safety and quality of processed and preserved food products, the principles of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) must be observed. GMP is a quality assurance system aimed at ensuring that products are consistently manufactured, packed, repacked or held to quality standards appropriate for the intended use. During the consultation, RBO identified the need of training on Fruit and vegetable processing, preservation, packaging & costing with GMP. There are 19 farmers completed the training. It was held at Mansaja-aw Eco Farm, Saudi, Bulo, Tabuk City, Kalinga on August 24, 2021 to August 26, 2021. Lecture-discussion on Good Manufacturing Practices and Food Safety Packaging, Labelling and Costing Demonstration on Fruit and Vegetable Processing Open forum/ Critiquing of finished products was facilitated and discussed by Tessie B. Lingbanan, training resource person</p>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>Training on Farm Enterprise Development for the Rice Business Innovations System (RiceBIS) Expansion Site</p> <p>Inspired by the concept of agro-enterprise, the program Rice Business Innovations System is defined as a community of practice geared at developing rice and rice-based enterprises to address farmers' needs from production to processing to marketing in a resilient and sustainable manner ensuring available and affordable rice. Thus, the name RiceBIS community.</p> <p>Why RiceBIS? From the typical supply chain, after harvest farmers tend to sell their produce to the traders/ agents. But with RiceBIS, farmer will be the one to sell his products to individual consumers or institutional buyers. There should be a paradigm shift, farmers need to treat farming/ agriculture as a business. Start planning and organizing farming activities by taking advantage of business and marketing opportunities. This will help farmers not only on their production concerns but also on how they deal with market and business development service providers. This course is designed to enhance the entrepreneurial competencies and skills of participants that intends to improve and expand existing agri-business enterprises.</p> <p>The training was attended by 20 farmers held at Alfonso Lista, Ifugao on August 23, 2021 to August 27, 2021. The 3 days is comprised of several modules and topics, which includes, Module 1: Self-awareness Module 2: Business Opportunity Identification Module 3: Establishing and Managing a Group Enterprise Module 4: Introduction to Business Plan – Facilitated by Edmund Benavidez; Module 1: Self-awareness Module 2: Business Opportunity Identification Module 3: Establishing and Managing a Group Enterprise – Facilitated by Amelia Aspuria Gas-ib.</p>

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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>FARMERS FIELD SCHOOL FOR HEIRLOOM RICE IN SUPPORT TO THE FAO PROJECT ENTITLED "DYNAMIC CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF AGROBIODIVERSITY IN TRADITIONAL AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS OF THE PHILIPPINES (BATCH 1)</p> <p>Rice is one of 14 global food crops prioritized by Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for genetic resource conservation worldwide. Rice constitutes the staple diet of 90% of the population of the Philippines. In addition to direct consumption, it is processed into rice flour, fermented to make rice wine (tapuy) and many other delicacies. Rice by-products are used as animal feed, substrate for mushroom production and raw material for paper and particle board manufacture. Rice hulls are used as fuel and bran as animal feeds. 3.1% of the rice production in the Philippines is from traditional varieties, but in areas such as Hungduan and Hingyon municipalities in Ifugao province, 90% of the rice area is still planted to traditional varieties.</p> <p>Traditional rice is traded for other commodities. More recently, some indigenous rice varieties of the Cordillera are grown in large areas to meet the growing demand for traditional and native staples in the international market. The Revitalize Indigenous Cordilleran Entrepreneurs (RICE) was able to export 7 tons of Tinawon native rice from Ifugao and Unoy native rice from Kalinga to the United States (Cariño 2008). The Department of Agriculture through the Local Government Units had selected two traditional rice varieties from several provinces. These varieties have a market in the US because they are "heirloom" varieties and their pigmented grains are believed to possess antioxidant properties.</p> <p>Generally, the FFS aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills on the application of dynamic rice-based Agricultural Biodiversity conservation practices and their relation to cultural heritage. 20 farmers participated in this training on December 16, 2020 - August 24, 2021 at Poblacion, Hungduan, Ifugao.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for this opportunity to learn. We were reminded again of the proper care and management of rice plants especially the recommended distancing. It was fun and participative training. We hope to gain more knowledge on farming through other trainings or seminars. Thank you very much" – Pacita Ibat, Farmer, Hungduan, Ifugao</i></p> <p><i>"I am thankful that I was able to join this FFS training because I was able to enhance what I already know about rice farming. We were taught about insect pests and their control measures. It was emphasized to us however that there are also beneficial insects. We were given the chance to go on field, observe and count beneficial insects against insect pests. I cannot enumerate all the lessons learned but I know each one of us learned so much from this FFS" – Geraldine Ognayon, Farmer, Hungduan, Ifugao</i></p>

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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>FARM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY URBAN AGRICULTURE MODEL FARMS (CUAMF) BATCH 2</p> <p>In 2019, the DA-ATI-CAR Partnership and Accreditation Services Section (PASS) conducted a Training Needs Survey (TNS) and it showed that the Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA's) and School for Practical Agriculture (SPA's) need to be capacitated on Entrepreneurship and Product Development. Further, as per guidelines, ATI shall provide continuous capability building interventions for LSAs and SPAs in the form of training, coaching, exposure to various learning activities such as field visits/ educational tours, farmer exchange programs, seminars, conferences, congresses, conventions and other learning modalities. Hence, this training for CUAMF conducted on August 10-12 in Aspulan Hall, ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet, aimed that the participants shall be able to innovate agricultural enterprises in their farms applying the entrepreneurial competencies.</p> <p>Topics discussed were Leadership and Values Restoration and Values Orientation and other Social Technology, Youth Development Program by Mr. Jener Dizon, Training Specialist II; Entrepreneurship Defined Entrepreneurial Process Business Development Cycle and Wealth Creation Farm Business Analysis and Apiculture Bookkeeping by Mr. Edmund Benavidez, Director, SLU-Extension Institute for Small Scale Industry Foundation, and Johari Window Qualities of a Successful Entrepreneur Personal Entrepreneurial Competencies (PECs) Project Identification and Community Organizing/ Development Entrepreneurship/ Marketing Project Management by Ms. Amelia Gas-ib, Program Coordinator, SLU-Extension Institute for Small Scale Industry Foundation</p> <p>Completed by 16 farmer participants.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Thank you for these Resource Person who wholeheartedly taught us. The food crew who prepared our meals for three days. To ATI- thank you for your endless support to organizations like us despite our weaknesses. We all know that as humans, we are not perfect but we are thankful that this training has included values and leadership. All organizations are used to having conflicts and it comes inevitably. We are grateful of the government because they have recognized this need. Glory to God.” - Ms. Julie Padilan</i></p> <p><i>“Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to thank especially our Resource Person: Mr. Edmund Benavidez-thank you for the opportunity to learn. The venue is nice including the food.” - Ms. Angelina Fuendaliza</i></p>



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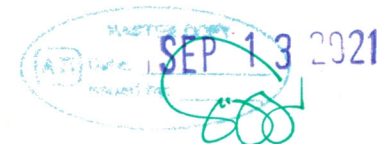
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>COACHING ON URBAN AGRICULTURE/HOME GARDENING FOR PWDS OF ITOGON, BENGUET</p> <p>The launching of the Plant Plant Plant Program of the Department of Agriculture in 2020 had benefited both the urban and the rural communities of the Cordillera Region. The Urban Agriculture Program was likewise launched targeting the urban dwellers to produce food even in small areas for food and income and lessen their dependence from the provinces' produce. This was the immediate action of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to make sure that the people can have easy access to food while there are still imposed restrictions on mobility. Last year, the DA-ATI-CAR conducted a total of 66 urban agriculture coaching activities supporting these programs of the DA. Apart from providing immediate food for the family which is the general objective of the program, the implementation also brought out innovation from the participants in designing their home gardens and it also became a part of reconnecting and bonding families. The Center also provided incentives and awards to deserving individuals who have successfully established their home gardens applying the principles and learnings discussed during the coaching.</p> <p>This year continues the implementation of the program to cater to the groups who have expressed their intention to be involved in the program because of the observed outcome and results from the previous year. Starter kits will also be provided to the participants for them to utilize in application of the modules to be delivered to them. Complete starter kits is composed of five (5) sachets seeds, 10 kg of compost/vermicast, 2 pieces of seedling tray, 1 piece of hand trowel, 1 watering can, polyethylene plastic (PEP) pot, 1 eco-bag and print materials. On August 26, 17 participants attended this coaching in Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet.</p> <p>Learnings as written by the participants were design/landscape available spaces to encourage others do home gardening, plant different variety of vegetables, ferment fruits and vegetables for fertilizer and good produce, compost to produce to enhance soil, preparation of concoctions, signs of a fertile soil, how to prepare compost and what not to include, landscaping and recycling, and sunflower as insecticides. Generally, it aimed that the participants should be able to establish their urban agriculture ventures for their household consumption.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"When I have heard about home gardening, I thought of how I can apply this at home. Through this training, I realized that I have been inviting insects when I just leave my vegetable and fruit peelings in my plants. Thank you because I have learned how to properly prepare compost and how to properly fertilize our plants. Because of this knowledge on proper composting, I think I can do better in planting vegetables. In conclusion, our ability is greater than our disability."</i> – Ms. Noemerlita Almerol</p> <p><i>"Thank you po for all the knowledge we have learned. I think we cannot really say we have learned something unless we leave from this room and apply what we have learned. For me, the first thing for me to do is to lessen my flowers and do more of this edible landscaping. For me, in trainings like this, we really have to be open minded because learning is dynamic. What we already know might not be applicable already. There are already many farming technologies that we can learn right now because knowledge is advancing. When I go out, I think I become a better Christian because we can take care of our environment without destroying it. This is very timely training for us."</i> - Ms. Mildred Penchon</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING ON MEAT PROCESSING WITH GMP FOR ST. JOHN ORGANIC FARM FAMILY ORGANIZATION (SJOFFO)</p> <p>Meat is very susceptible to spoilage due to chemical and enzymatic activities. The breakdown of fat, protein, and carbohydrates of meat result in the development of off odors, off-flavor and slim formation which make the meat objectionable for human consumption. Several factors such as moisture, light, microbes, atmospheric oxygen, temperature, and endogenous enzymes influence the freshness of shelf life of meat, hence the need for processing. Processing involves taking the meat in its raw form and turning it into another product that is marketable, safe for consumption, and attractive to consumers.</p> <p>On August 18-20, a training on meat processing was undertaken by 25 farmers in St. John Church, Halog, Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao. This three-day training generally sought to develop participants' skills in processing meat, applying the GMP for home consumption and livelihood.</p> <p>Based on the re-entry plan of the members of the organization, they are pushing on their plan to open a restaurant to be located somewhere within the vicinity of St. John Church. They plan to name it "Long Life Restaurant", where organic foods will be served with the application of the food processing and preservation that was taught to them. The raw materials will be bought from the produce of the member's farms. Follow-up on this plan will be programmed.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Good morning to everybody. I'm happy with my groupmates because they took care of me since I'm the oldest in the group. They don't let me participate in the preparations but I told them I want to be participative as much as I can. I enjoyed very much being with you, having fellowship with you including our resource speakers. I hope what we learned in this training will be put into action for our family and personal livelihood or as an organization. Thank you to our resource speakers for teaching us and I appreciate that we used organic products in meat processing we did throughout this training. Thank you very much!" – Ms. Mary P. Dulay, Member, St. John Organic Farm Families Organization</i></p> <p><i>"We appreciate this training especially all the meat processing & preservation demonstrated which are very useful. We hope for more trainings in the future." - Hazel Joy B. Saguilot, Member, St. John Organic Farm Families Organization</i></p>





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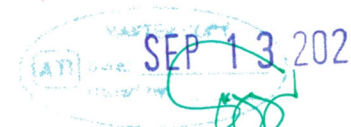
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p>Tree Planting Activity for CY 2021</p> <p>Tree Planting Activity is conducted yearly by the center as part of the organization’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that ensures our active compliance in giving back to the community and to the environment in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Community Environment and Natural resources Office (CENRO). The activity is an act of support and recognition of the center in the importance of planting and saving trees. It is also our way of expressing our concern to the environment to lessen the unfavorable effects of climate change.</p> <p>This activity is participated by 34 ATI staff and 3 EASY Agri Scholars on August 13, 2021 at Bobok-Bisal, Bokod, Benguet. The team planted 300 seedlings of pine tree.</p>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p>2021 CAR-LGU AGRICULTURE OFFICE MANAGERS ASSOCIATION MEETING AND UPDATES</p> <p>Agriculture and Fisheries Extension is a system which assist farming communities through educational processes and sharing of best agricultural and fisheries practices in improving farming methods and techniques, increasing production efficiency and income and lifting social and educational standards of the farmers, fisherfolks, agricultural processors, traders and consumers, with priority given to economically and socially disadvantaged groups (Sen. Loren Legarda).</p> <p>The provision of direct agriculture and fisheries extension services at the Provincial and Municipal/City levels are mainly provided by Local Government Units headed by the Provincial Agriculturist, Provincial Veterinarians, Municipal and City Agriculturists and Veterinarians and Municipal Agriculture Officers. These head of offices recognized their need to be united and strengthened, thus they formed themselves into an association called the LGU Agriculture Office Managers Association (LGU-AOMA). As newly organized association, there is an urgent need to finalize their policies and guidelines which was delayed due to pandemic. Further, with the approval of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Mandanas’ Ruling, the head of Agriculture Offices need to be updated and informed in order to come up with concrete plants and directions in the future years to come.</p> <p>The meeting was conducted on August 31 with 40 participants.</p>

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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Other AF	<p>Clean and Green Project: Climate Change Mitigation Quarter 3</p> <p>In response to the mandate prescribed under the E.O. 118 mandating government agencies to actively participate in urban greening and require government agencies to adopt streets/parks within urban centers and assume the responsibility of greening them by planting appropriate vegetation, using their respective manpower and other sources. The DA-ATI-CAR has been conducting quarterly Clean and Green Activity within the Center premises and in the ATI Urban Garden Learning Site for Agriculture in lieu of adopting a street/park.</p> <p>The activity was participated by 32 ATI-CAR staff at ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet on August 6, 2021. The outpouring of rain and the gustiness of the wind is no different with the previous days but this did not hinder the ATI-CAR staff to continue the planned clean and green activity for the third quarter. But unlike the two previous clean and green activities conducted this year, this quarter was focused in securing the Center against damage/s caused by the continuous rains and typhoons being experienced and to be experienced in the locality.</p>
Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)	Learning Site for Agriculture (LSAs)	<p>Agriculture and Fishery (AF) Extension is central to growth and development of the agriculture and fishery sectors, hence, managing its extension services is crucial in empowering the farmers to have the competitive edge.</p> <p>The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), as the Extension Support, Education, and Training Services (ESETS) arm of the Department of Agriculture (DA), is responsible for conceptualizing training and extension modalities and innovations. Development and utilization of Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) is one innovative extension modality conceptualized by ATI where farmers and other participants interested to learn agriculture are brought for actual experience/ hands-on training to complement classroom training. Further, the government through the DA-ATI, has funds allocated for interventions through its modality, the LSA, covering its establishment and continuous development support.</p> <p>LSA Enhanced/ Maintained</p> <p>Under Regular Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Romelda Paturay Farm 2. Flora Agri-Tourism Farm 3. Maddie's Aquaponics 4. Layog Country Farm 5. Salt and Pepper Farm <p>Under Livestock Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANAEM Farm 2. BIAG Farm 3. Miner's Garden <p>Under HVCD Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raskin Timmangao Orchard





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Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)	Farm Business Advisory Services	This month, there were 15 queries responded to. Queries included inquiry on training Facilities (1), LSA concern (1), training on Livestock (1), Scholarship (1), IEC concern (3), certification (1) and various training concerns (6)
Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)	Information dissemination through online media platforms	The Center intensified its online promotions with 12 webpages upload on composting (2), announcements (2), training/center related activities (5), corporate website related updates (3). With the said uploads, there were 19,428 individuals reached and 2,045 page views.
	Development and distribution of quality Knowledge Products (KPs)	<p>Knowledge Products (KP) Reproduced and Distributed</p> Throughout the month, 720 copies of print materials were reproduced. <i>(512 under RICE and 208 under Regular)</i> and 1,220 copies were distributed <i>(500 under HVCDP, 512 under Rice and 208 under Regular)</i> . On popularizing knowledge product, the Center published Tubbog iti Nagasang a Sili ken Baraniw (Hot Pepper and Lemon Grass Extracts)





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Learning and Development</p>	<p>3rd Quarter Staff Development for CY 2021 (Training on Standard First Aid and Emergency Preparedness)</p> <p>The Philippines is a disaster-prone country. Natural disasters can strike at any time, even in the middle of a pandemic. Fires constantly occur while the threats of earthquakes cannot be discounted owing to the Philippines being in the Pacific Ring of Fire. With this situation, fire and earthquake drill should be conducted at least once a year by the agency. The said drill is an information and education campaign to ensure individual awareness in case of an earthquake or fire happens. Also, first aid training for the staff is at utmost importance as it helps to maintain the safety of employees if they fall ill or encounter a sudden injury. Knowledge and training on first aid for the staff is essential as it demonstrates the agencies care and commitment in protecting employees and readiness in case of disasters.</p> <p>The training is participated by 43 ATI-CAR employees on August 3, 2021 to August 4, 2021 at the Aspulan Hall, ATI-CAR Bldg. La Trinidad Benguet. The 2 days training is composed both theoretical and practical skills and knowledge sharing on First Aid, Health Hazards and Risk, Bleeding and Shock, Soft Tissue Injuries, Poisoning, Environmental Emergencies, Bone, Joint and Muscle Injury, Medical Emergencies, Special Situations, Emergency Transfer and fire and earthquake drills.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Hello, thank you for this opportunity to learn which is very relevant and timely. Personally, this is one of the must have trainings especially that our work is more on field and really don’t know what will happen and there are circumstances that we cannot control. At least, through this training we are equipped with knowledge and skills. We are not for any bad situation but emergency circumstances confronted us, we know how to react and respond. So, thank you so much to our speaker who taught us with practical exercises, very adult learning and easy to understand. Once again, Thank you so much.”</i> Desiree A. Esteban, RCEF Info Officer</p> <p><i>“Hello, good afternoon to everyone, thank you the Resource Person and team who give their time to teach us. I am also thankful to my colleagues, they are nice. I am really thankful, the only thing I can say is thank you.”</i> Angelito C. Pejo, Utility Worker</p>

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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring	<p>MONITORING ON FARMER BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRAINING ON RICE-BASED INTEGRATED FRAMING SYSTEMS CONDUCTED IN AUGUST OF 2020 The monitoring team visited 14 farmers-beneficiaries from the municipalities of Tadian, Bauko, Besao and Bontoc, Mt. Province. Finding are as follows:</p> <p>Ducks are productive in laying eggs, majority of the beneficiaries had successfully hatch brood, processed duck salted eggs, sold ducks and/or egg produce or for home consumption and to control <i>kohol</i>.</p> <p>Some recipient asked if they can dispose ducks that haven't been laying eggs productively and some farmers already butchered the ducks for the reason that duck aren't productive in laying eggs and they don't have budget to buy feeds. It was recommended that they may opt to transfer the ducks to other interested farmers willing to raise the ducks.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring	<p>FIELD MONITORING THE VILLAGE LEARNING SITES, LEARNING SITES FOR AGRICULTURE AND SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE APPLICANT, August 11-13, 2021, Ifugao and Tabuk City, Kalinga</p> <p>A team from DA-ATI-CAR composed of staff from Admin, PASS, CDMSS and Top Management conducted this monitoring. Results were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> FORTRESS FARM SCHOOL owned by Ms. Florence Cabauatan in Padopopan, Lamut, Ifugao During the monitoring, Ms. Cabauatan was not around, thus the team was accommodated by her parents. It was found out that she was not yet able to establish her proposed project as per agreement in the MOA. Mr. Sagudan reiterated that farm schools shall serve as training field to raise knowledge, attitude, and skills of rice farmers in rice production. Through phone call, Ms. Cabauatan assured the team that construction will push through by September, as per agreed with the carpenters. She was reminded that she needs to start the construction the soonest to be able to start its functions as LSA under the RCEF program. CAWAGDAN INTEGRATED FARM owned by Mr. Chuck Cawagdan in Mabatobato, Lamut, Ifugao Mr. Cawagdan was not around during the field monitoring due to prior agreed appointment but left one staff to accommodate the team. Accordingly, they had cleared the pig pen for almost year due to African Swine Fever (ASF) that affected the area. They are now waiting for the availability of the piglets in the area. The farm looks organized, with at least 50 heads chicken and lowland vegetables and few bananas planted in the area. The farm was also accredited by TESDA for Driving with NC II. The proposed biosecurity, triage area and farm facilities amounting to P300,000 under the Livestock program is ongoing. IVAN BAGUILAT FARM owned by Mr. Ivan Baguilat in Lamut, Ifugao The farm had been continuously improving as to farm lay-out and landscape for learning site, Agri farm tourism and educational purposes. Some of the improvement observed was the constructed pathway going to the farm, the holding area with complete facilities and classrooms for driving school, the resto serving their own special menus. In the farm, they planted various fruit crops such as pineapples, guapple, melons, root crops, and many others. They also planted various ornamentals on the beautiful landscapes such as sunflowers, Amarillo, Zinnia, frog grasses, etc. for tourism.





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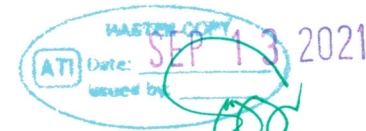
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		<p>The farm had been accepting visitors especially during the sunflower blooms even during the pandemic with an entrance fee of P50.00 per head. They have also been conducting trainings funded under the TESDA. Semestral report forms and logbook was left for continues record keeping and submission to the Center.</p> <p>4. AQUILINA SAGUILOT SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE (SPA) <i>owned by Ms. Aquilina Saguilot in Nayon, Lamut, Ifugao</i> The proposed two-storey building is currently being constructed, expected to be done within the year subject to availability of funds as her counterpart. As for the farm operations, Mrs. Saguilot was being assisted by her sons and daughters. They had just disposed their pigs to avoid the ASF infection, except for their native pigs. She believed that the native pigs are safe since they are following safety protocols. Crops planted includes various vegetables, cacao, herbs and ornamentals. As member of the St. John Organic Practitioner, they had been participating in the Multi Fresh Company where they were provided with seeds and the produce were being procured by the company. The farm also engaged in table processing from their own produce. The team encouraged her to diligently submit her semestral reports, forms and logbook were left for her continues record keeping and submission to the Center. She was also encouraged to improve the landscapes and lay-out of her farm to create a better learning atmosphere.</p> <p>5. PUH-HAYS FARM <i>owned by Mr. Peter A. Puh-hay in Boliwong, Lagawe, Ifugao</i> The farm is composed of open field planted with various vegetables, herbs and fruit crops, twin greenhouse provided by DA CAR planted with various vegetables, herbs and spices. Just like the St. John Organic Practioner, Mr. Puh-hay also participated in Multi Fresh Company. When ask about its needs in the future, he is requesting for the construction of comfort room and finishing of the multi-purpose training hall to cater more clients. He also mentioned about the need for a shredder for compost production. The team reiterated the submission of semestral accomplishment report by December 2021. He was being provided with record book, columnar pads and ballpens. He was also encouraged to join the group chat created for all the learning sites for information and updates.</p> <p>6. AYPI-ONG FARM <i>owned by Mr. John Martin in Poblacion, Mayoyao, Ifugao</i> The holding area was constructed and ready for use. The farm is an integration of livestock, fish ponds and crop production. It is currently being planted with rice and various vegetables such as green onions, okra, squash, pechay, and others. According to Mr. Martin, the crops produced were utilized as consumption during the previous months. There were no visitors since travelling was prohibited due to pandemic.</p> <p>As learning site, he was been invited as resource speaker on organic farming, jojo production and concoct ion preparation trainings conducted by the MLGU Mayoyao. He was encouraged to continuously encouraging others as ATI learning site. The team reiterated the submission of semestral accomplishment report by December 2021 and He was provided with record book, columnar pad and ballpen.</p> <p>7. VILLAGE LEARNING SITE FOR AGRICULTURE <i>Project-In-Charge: Engr. Eugene Culimay in Busilak, A. Lista, Ifugao</i></p>





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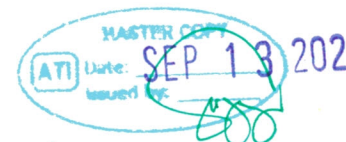
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		<p>The monitoring activity was done on August 12, 2021. The project was a pilot project through the initiative of Dr. Arlene Flores. It composed of five (5) corn farmers, located in a contiguous area, amounting to P 1,450,000.00. The project aims to upscale the situation of corn farmers in the municipality through the establishment of a village learning as venue for learning. Each beneficiary was given an amount of P300,000.00 for the establishment of their proposed needed facility that completes the value chain within the village. The beneficiaries are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="542 443 1568 767"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="542 443 915 496">Name</th> <th data-bbox="915 443 1568 496">Value Chain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="542 496 915 549">1. Jose Benemerito</td> <td data-bbox="915 496 1568 549">Marketing and promotion of by-products</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="542 549 915 601">2. Rosalia G. Daguio</td> <td data-bbox="915 549 1568 601">Holding area</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="542 601 915 654">3. Esteven S. Daguio</td> <td data-bbox="915 601 1568 654">Lodging area</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="542 654 915 707">4. Marison D. Gamit</td> <td data-bbox="915 654 1568 707">Corn By-Product Processing</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="542 707 915 759">5. Saldy B. Pilar</td> <td data-bbox="915 707 1568 759">Enhanced Corn Production area</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>During the field monitoring, all the identified beneficiaries, project in-charge and corn focal person were present. They expressed their appreciation to the Center for the opportunity or intervention provided to them. The construction of their proposed marketing building, processing, lodging and holding area is ongoing while Mr. Pilar who is in-charge in corn production was able to procure small equipment. The status of the corn crop is now on its flowering and repining stage. The VLSA is a five year operation, strategically located in the area. Mr. Charlie Sagudan explained the rationale, purpose and expected output of the project.</p> <p>8. AYUMAN ANGGANI FARM owned by Mr. Camilo T. Lammawin, Jr. in Bulanao, Tabuk City, Kalinga Ongoing construction of multi-purpose Farmer training Center amounting to P20,000,000.00 sourced out from the Magsasaka Partylist. When asked about the needs for the improvement of the farm, he said that water reservoir. Just like the other, he was reminded of the semestral report.</p> <p>9. BACAYAN'S FARM owned by Mr. Michael Lumas- in Bula, Tabuk City, Kalinga Bacayan's farm is one of the newly established learning site under the RCEF Program. The establishment of its multi-purpose holding area is almost done and been utilized as training venue. The farm is an integration of rice, tilapia, and ornamentals.</p>	Name	Value Chain	1. Jose Benemerito	Marketing and promotion of by-products	2. Rosalia G. Daguio	Holding area	3. Esteven S. Daguio	Lodging area	4. Marison D. Gamit	Corn By-Product Processing	5. Saldy B. Pilar	Enhanced Corn Production area
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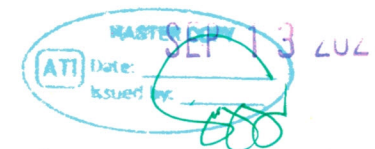
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring	<p>AFE RBME SURVEY</p> <p>The main purpose of the AFE RBME Survey is to determine the results of interventions – policies, programs, and projects – as it answers the “so what” questions. Information that will be gathered will help the ATI management and program implementers come up with better-informed and evidence-based decisions towards continuous improvement and reforms in the implementation of extension services in the region.</p> <p>Prior to the conduct of survey, communication letters were sent to respective municipalities with targeted respondents. The interview was administered for respondents in the province of Benguet. With consideration to safety and health protocols, the team sought assistance from the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) where they were responsible in locating/coordinating with the participants regarding the survey. For the three municipalities’ aforementioned, face-to-face interview were undertaken through a panel group discussion.</p> <p>The objective of the survey was explained with the participants and before proceeding further with the interview, the consent were secured. They were informed that with respect to RA10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, all information gathered will be kept private as the act aims in protecting individual personal information.</p> <p>To facilitate collection of substantial data, each question and information needed were thoroughly explained by the the facilitators. There were also some questions that needed further probing. This allowed the farmer respondents share some best practices and insights on their farming activities.</p> <p>August 17, 2021 Balakbak, Kapangan, Benguet The team coordinated with MAO-Kapangan and they said that list of respondents were also forwarded to Ms. Melecia C. Ciano, Barangay Agricultural Extension Worker (BAEW) of Balakbak, Kapangan, Benguet. Ms. Ciano informed the team that the interview can be held at the Nursery Room. Courtesy call was done at the MAO and barangay hall in Balakbak. There were 25 farmer- respondents interviewed.</p> <p>August 19, 2021 TUBLAY, Benguet 12 farmer- respondents arrived at the MAO and the interview started at 9:30 in the morning.</p> <p>Further, there were two AEWs engaged in farming interviewed. These AEWs remarked that they see themselves continuously using the technologies to assist their clients and improve their performance.</p> <p>August 20, 2021 TALOY SUR, TUBA, Benguet There were 12 respondents interviewed held at the barangay hall of Taloy Sur, Tuba, Benguet. One of the respondents was Ms. Meana Geraldo, owner of ANAEM Farm. The farm was accredited as a Learning Site for Agriculture last year. Mr. Meana has been accommodating fellow farmers and been sharing experiences and technology. Further, he fabricated their own grinder for leaf meal, corn, and other feed ingredients including own mixer since the farm operator is advocating for organic livestock production.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Institution Representation Report (IRR)	<p>2nd RTWG and RRDC Meeting, August 9-10, 2021, via Zoom</p> <p>Activities undertaken during the meeting included the Consortium Secretariat Updates, PCARRD Updates, DOST-CAR Updates, and Tribute to the previous RRDC Chairs and Vice Chair.</p> <p>Secretariat Updates:</p> <p>A. R&D Cluster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Seeds and Fertilizer Distribution Transportation Assistance ✓ Endorsement of Journal Articles for the DOST-PCAARRD Publication Incentive Program ✓ Annual Agency In-House Review Schedules <p>B. Techno Transfer Cluster ✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Updates on completed, ongoing projects ✓ Joint M&E of TGP with ATI-CAR <p>C. Knowledge Management Cluster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Re-aligned Budget for Mainstream Knowledge Management For AANR <p>D. Ugnay Award Project Implementation (CorCAARRD through the Years: Bridging and Building the Region's AANR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wellness Program Survey Result - CorCAARRD Secretariat to provide update on the venue of the set activity as a result of the survey <p>E. 2021 Training Needs Assessment Result</p> <p>F. Process of the Proposal Endorsement for PCAARRD Funded Projects</p> <p>G. Consortium Manual of Operation – RTWG to provide inputs for RRDC's approval</p> <p>H. S&T Accreditation</p> <p>Ms. Maria Terese L. De Guzman, Senior Science Research Specialist, DOST-PCAARRD provided updates on directions and PPAs of PCAARRD and Dr. Nancy Bantog provided updates of DOST's programs. Tributes were given to the previous RRDC Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Consortium – awarding of Certificate of Recognition was done online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dr. Feliciano G. Calora, Jr., as RRDC Chair from March 2016 to June 2020 ✓ Dr. Eduardo T. Bagtang, as OIC RRDC Chair from June 9-November 25, 2020 ✓ Dr. Arlene L. Flores, as RRDC 2nd Vice Chair from March 2017 to July 2021 ✓





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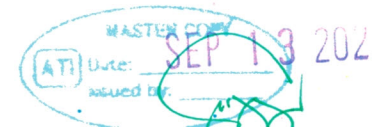
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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Seminar- Worshop</p>	<p>SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE R&P LOFTS, August 25-26, 2021, Virtual</p> <p>The virtual activity was officially opened with the Opening Message of the DA Secretary.</p> <p><i>“DA is privilege to host the first trade fair happening via online flatform breaking the traditional way of bringing the Rural Women into various places where trade fairs are happening. We brought our women’s’ to town fiestas, festivals and special occasions to promote their various products. Today, we are embarking on a digital way of promoting our women’s products and this is the new normal today-bringing our rural women digitally.”</i></p> <p>To have a successful implementation and smooth flow of product promotion, schedules were set on every region to show via a live presentation of their products. Every region was allotted one to two organizations or groups to present with 15-25 minutes time allocation.</p> <p><u>DA-ATI-CAR</u></p> <p>Kerobee Farms presenting their original honey, process dandelion, gotukula tea, chia tea,yuacon teac,guyabano tea, banaba tea, ashetaba tea, ginger tea, turmeric tea, Honey-calamansi juice, Honey-lemon juice and Honey lemon-calamansi juice Si-Jop Kapi of Tuba-Benguet Coffee Growers Association showing their Arabica Coffee beans and process arabica coffee</p> <p>Ms. Joyce Bengo, Head of the Kadiwa Project and Division Chief of the AMAS Market Development in DA-CO officially closed the two-day event by acknowledging and thanking all the participating organizations for their whole hearted support to the said trade fair.</p> <p>Participated by Mr. Bongbong L. Buli-e</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>2nd Quarter RRDIC Meeting with Learning Session, August 26, 2021, via Zoom</p> <p>Ms. Jaila Sagpa-ey attended this meeting conducted by DOST-CAR. Dr. Isagani Paddit of UB facilitated the meeting. Updates and information provided were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Research Association of Research Educators led by CHED-CAR - Jimmy G. Catanes of CHED-CAR 2. University of the Cordilleras Innovation and Nurturing Space (UCIANS) - Ariel Nimo B. Pumecha,UC 3. Center for Mental Health Proposal - Rainier Lacalle, SLU 4. Convergent Resilience Technology Business Incubator-Cynthia Posadas,SLU 5. DOST PCAARRD ATBI IFSU- Moses Appoy, IFSU 6. Assessment of the Ethno Medicinal Plants Survey of Apayao -Ariel Alcones, ASC Conner 7. Updates on the Approved Proposals in the Pipeline - Pepita S. Picpican, RRDIC Head Secretariat & CSRS-DOST CAR 8. Presentation of the Cordillera Weaving Industry Council b) Cordillera Weaving Industry Summit- Pepita S. Picpican 9. Status of the Assessment of Cordillera Research Development Agenda (CRDA) - Virginia Anceno, NEDA-CAR
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Meeting	<p>3rd Quarter Meeting of Government Information Officers in the Cordillera, August 25, 2021, via Zoom</p> <p>The activity was attended by information officers/designate from the NGAs, SUCs, and LGUs. Topics discussed were <i>COVID-19 and vaccination roll-out</i> by ARD Amelita Pangilinan of DOH-CAR, <i>Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa</i> by Ms. Freda Toyoken of NEDA-CAR. The <i>Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) Program</i> was institutionalized to ensure balanced regional development and equitable distribution of wealth, resources, and opportunities through policies and programs that boost countryside development and inclusive growth, provide adequate social services, and promote full employment, industrialization, and an improved quality of life in rural areas.</p> <p>Other discussions were on the <i>Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC)</i> by Mr. Ivan Dalay-on of DILG-CAR, <i>Updates on Mandana's Garcia Ruling Implementation</i>, and <i>Disiplina Muna</i> by DILG CAR, and <i>2022 Election Update</i> by COMELEC.</p> <p>Said activity was attended by Ms. Jaila S. Sagpa-ey.</p>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	PAFES	<p>Presentation of Output of Rapid Appraisal of ACRAFES</p> <p>On August 24, 2021, Benguet State University (BSU) called upon a meeting at the Everlasting Hall, BSU Research and Extension Building to present the result of the rapid appraisal to concerned stakeholders and eventually solicit suggestions towards the generation of an appropriate manuscript to be submitted to the DA-RFO. Attendees were from DA-RFO-CAR, DA-BFAR-CAR, BSU-OES ACRAFES Team, PPDO, OPAG, OPVet, some MLGUs, PGO Benguet and Ms. Vilma, L. Lumbas, PAFES Secretariat and Ms. Cristine B. Esnara, PMC Representative from DA-ATI-CAR.</p> <p>The presentation was spearheaded by Dir. Constantino Sudaypan, Project Leader as follows: Cluster 1: Demographic and Agricultural Socio-Economic Profile of Benguet; Cluster 2: Human Resource and Management; Cluster 3: Local Plan and Budget for Agriculture and Fisheries (AF) Sector; and Cluster 4: AF Programs and Projects. Points were also raised on the ACRAFES by Cluster for the enhancement of the output presented.</p> <p>Next steps noted were: 1. BSU incorporate recommendations raised, 2. concerned LGUs who have not submitted their responses or data are given until August 31, 2021 to submit, BFAR and ATI-CAR to submit in electronic copies their secondary data to be integrated in Cluster 3.8 of the ACRAFES, and another session with BSU will be undertaken relative to the Devolution Transition Plans.</p>
Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Staff sent to local training	<p>National Training of Trainers on Plant Nursery Establishment, Management, and Accreditation, <i>Virtual, August 5-6, 2021</i></p> <p>A two-day <i>National Training of Trainers on Nursery Establishment, Management, and Accreditation</i> is a must training identified during the Banner Program Mid-Year Assessment that should be attended by Focal persons from ATI RTCs, DA RFOs, BPI and NSQCS. Being the training in-charge, the ATI RTCs were mandated to take charge in inviting resource speakers and convene the identified participants for common understanding and planning through re-entry plan. The training aims to provide knowledge and skills on plant nursery establishment, management and accreditation, and also in preparation for the conduct of regional training for the accredited plant nurseries that soon to renew and those interested nursery operators to be accredited. The activity was attended by personnel from ATI RTCs, RFOs, NSQCS and BPI Satellites from the different regions.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Cristine B. Esnara, Ms. Maribeth M. Ladu-an, Mr. Jener Dizon, Ms. Lorna Sawac, and Ms. Resley Ann G. Sumedca.</p>





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		<p>Online Training on the Republic Act No. 9184 and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations for the DA-ATI, Online via Zoom, August 16-20, 2021</p> <p>Republic Act No.9184 is an act providing for the modernization, standardization and regulation of the procurement activities of the government and for other purposes. It is the declared policy of the State to promote the ideas of good governance in all its branches, departments, agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities, including government-owned and/or-controlled corporations, and local government units.</p> <p>Topics discussed included <i>Efficient Procurement Measures During a State of Calamity or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Negotiated Procurement Emergency Cases, Procurement 101, Procurement Planning and Budget Linkage Including Early Procurement Activities, Standard Bidding Procedures for Goods and Infrastructure Projects, and Standard Bidding Procedures for Consulting Services.</i></p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jaila S. Sagpa-ey, Mr. Daniel Dagiw-a, Mr. Maximino R. Aromin, Jr., Ms. Tessie Lingbanan, Ms. Jam Balingan, and Ms. Liza Mablay.</p> <p>Paralegal Training, Module 1, Online via Zoom, August 17-20, 2021</p> <p>The main objective of the training is to raise statesmen and women who will build the moral infrastructure of the nation for the next generation; appreciate the different characteristics of a statesman and stateswoman; and know the importance of being a statesman and woman in nation-building. In capsule, it is said that a statesman has a clear vision of what his country and his people can become and knows where he wants to take them and what it will take to get there. Among the topics discussed were Bill of Rights 2021, Introduction to Criminal Law, The Phillippine Legal System, and Administrative Offices Committed by Government Employees cum Rules on Administrative Cases, Court Proceedings, and Evidences.</p> <p>Attended by Mr. Jener B. Dizon and Mr. Jordan Pilay.</p> <p>PhilGEPS Online Training for Buyers, Online via Zoom, August 30-31, 2021</p> <p>The online training was conducted by the e-Blackboards Learning and Solutions Inc. Participants are various representatives from different agencies in the country. Purposely, the online training aims to provide the procuring entity additional information, and skills of operating or navigating the online PhilGEPS. The main resource person is Engr.Jessie Salvador, MPICE of the Office of the City Legal Service of PhilGEPS.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jaila S. Sagpa-ey, Mr. Daniel Dagiw-a, Ms. Jam Balingan, Ms. Liza Mablay, Ms. Tessie Lingbanan, and Mr. Edward Saldivar.</p>



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