



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
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Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>TRAINING ON EXTENSION DELIVERY SYSTEM: Basic Course on Agricultural Extension Delivery for New AEWs of CAR</p> <p>Extension is an educational and communication intervention aimed at inducing voluntary behavior change with presumed collective/public good/benefit. It plays a very important role in rural development, from the transfer of information and technology to the higher goal of the total transformation and empowerment of farmers. In the search for the best way to carry out extension programs and projects, various approaches and methods were tried. Being an extension agent, the Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of the Local Government Units (LGUs) play a crucial role in the implementation of agricultural programs. They perform varied roles in their respective areas in the hope of bringing about changes in the life of farmers.</p> <p>The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) has been conducting an Extension Delivery Course for AEWs since the 90s and currently there is an increasing number of new AEWs who have not yet undergone this course. As a new AEW, equipping them with the knowledge and skills on the Basic Agricultural Extension Course will further strengthen the various agriculture and extension implementations.</p> <p>On October 11 to 15, 21 participants from the province of Apayao and Abra completed this training conducted online, with the aim to enhance the competence of the AEWs for an effective extension delivery.</p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>"Iti panagadal ket agtutuloy isunga agyamananak ta nyma ak nga nakajoin iti dytoy nga training. Iti gayam agserbi ket masapul iti anus, masapul met nga awaten ken adalen tayo nga nalain dagiti farmers tayo tapno mated ito usito nga masapul da. Pati gayam iti panagusar iti powerpoint, nu farmers iti isurwan tayo ket masapul nga maawatan tayo isuda as adult learners' ". - Mr. Rolando Gonzales of Tayum, Abra</i></p> <p><i>"Adu gayam dagiy ar-aramidek nga madi kas extension worker. Pati iti panagconduct iti meeting ket mayat nga agpyso nga dapat ket organize. Salamat unay iti inkay panagisuro." - Mr. Jeffrey Bartolome of OAS-Apayao</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>REGIONAL BLENDED YOUNG FARMERS (4-H CONVENTION): RISE OF THE 4-H ERA</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture (DA) family amidst the pandemic continued to train and empower more young "agri-preneur*" to take the reins from aging farm-leaders, help attain food security, and push Philippine agriculture into the future. Since the start of the pandemic, the youth has been providing new perspectives, demonstrating entrepreneurial leadership, and mobilizing new movements that are proving beneficial to farm, fishery, and agribusiness sectors in the countryside. Given the youth's technological intuition and dynamism, the DA is banking on them to steer Philippine agriculture towards the age of digital and smart technologies. This strategy will definitely put the sector on a path of more resilient growth. Last year, 4-H convention was not held due to the impending health crisis. However, the 4-H club members as an active stakeholder of the ATI in extension delivery played a significant role. Their efforts and initiatives will be recognized as entrepreneurs and future leaders. The conduct of this blended 4-H convention was a culminating activity of their contributions and accomplishments prior to the national 4-H convention.</p> <p>Through this activity, the youth have showcased their project initiatives related to COVID-19 through the regional excellent achievers awards 2020 by participating in the blended competitions; competed fairly in the following online oriented skills competition (<i>4-H Promotional Video Making Contest; 4-H 2-Minute Speech Contest; Trivia Contest</i>), identified digital farming practices applicable in this pandemic, listed COVID-19 best farming practices; displayed good moral and values within them and their club; and connect and create linkages with 4-H Young Farmers from another province. This was conducted through blended learning on October 5 and 6, completed by 78 participants nationwide.</p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>"When we were talking with Ma'am Josefa, my coordinator in 2018, she said that time flies so fast. In 2018, I was one of the contestants who represented CAR in the National Convention. After 2 years, I am now tasked as a coordinator. I saw a little difference especially in handling contestants. Anyway, I am proud of my contestants and of course to all participants. Given less time in preparation, they are able to wrap up things and have an output ready for this regional convention. I hope and pray that the next convention will be held face to face for us also to visit the new building of ATI." Ms. Noriebelle Salibad</i></p> <p><i>"Hi po. Agriculture is really seen as paid less attention to but through this convention, we really embodied the 4-H in our club. Head, we were innovative and very creative through the project contest. The heart- even with problems with internet connection we manage to conduct this convention. We would like to commend the ATI for hosting this activity. I think I learned a lot from all our sessions. At the end, we instill volunteerism, cooperation and dignity of labor because we teach our youth to be proactive in these times of despair. It really helps me a lot. It will be used for the improvement of our club." Ms. Tearene Quezon</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competitiveness and Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>TRAINING ON OA PRODUCTION WITH EXTENSION SUPPORT Batch 4</p> <p>Generally, the activity aimed to let the participants adopt and practice the technologies in producing organic crops and livestock to ensure a sustainable supply of healthy, nutritious, and safe food.</p> <p>Organic agriculture is a holistic system of crop and livestock production that promotes the health and welfare of agricultural ecosystems while producing healthy, nutritious and safe food. Also, organic agriculture is an integrated production management system which enhances agro-ecosystem soundness, including biodiversity, biological cycles and soil biological activity. It emphasizes the use of natural inputs (i.e. minerals and products derived from plants) and the renunciation of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. Organic agriculture follows the principles and logic of a living organism, in which all elements (soil, plant, farm animals, insects, the farmer and local conditions) are closely linked to each other.</p> <p>61 participants attended this training conducted via virtual on October 19-21. Topics discussed were Module 1. Overview of Organic Agriculture (OA), Module 2. Soil Management, Module 3. Organic Crop Production, Module 4. Produce Organic Concoctions and Extracts, Module 5. Organic Livestock and Poultry Production, Module 6. Organic Certification, Protocols, Trade, and Policies, Module 7. Farm Planning and Record keeping, and Module 8. Orientation on Climate Change Relative to Crop/Livestock Production.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Good afternoon to every one of us, especially to our director, resource speakers and to the facilitators. I hope we are all doing well in our own working space. I would just like to say thank the facilitators of this activity for allowing us to participate in this training. I was able to accrue various knowledge which I think I can apply while working with my designated position. And I just hope and pray that we will be able to implement training physically, for us to have a chance to meet and get to know each other. Thank you, thank you, thank you."</i> - Ms. Laura Dagacan, OA Focal, OMAG-Sagada, Mountain Province.</p> <p><i>"All I can say is thank you so much to every one of us. Thank you to ATI for giving us the opportunity to venture out with other skills or knowledge that we can apply especially to our chosen profession. This is of great help to us employees of OMAG specifically to the OA focal's, because we are just starting with such a project. We are still locating a specific location to start our farm demonstration. This training gave us various knowledge which we can apply in this project."</i> - Sheryl Dinamling, Extension Worker, OMAG Mayoyao</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>EXTENSION INITIATIVES FOCUSED IN MARGINALIZED WITH EXTENSION SUPPORT (BATCH 1): (COACHING ON HOME GARDENING FOR SR. CITIZENS OF MT. PROVINCE)</p> <p>Coaching on Urban Agriculture/ Home Gardening was also conducted as an extension initiative focused on marginalized groups for the farmers of Mountain Province on October 8, 2021. This was actively participated by 5 AEWs and 7 other participants.</p> <p>Generally, this training/coaching intervention aimed to let the participants establish their urban agriculture ventures for their household consumption. Specifically, the participants shall be able to describe the urban agriculture production strategies and the applicable technologies, explain the production practices of their chosen vegetables and/or animals to raise and explain 5S, food safety, crop programming and records keeping as applies to urban agriculture. Resource persons were Ms. Janice G. Lizardo, Sr. Agriculturist and Ms. Grae S. Balog-as, Agriculturist II.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Thank to you - young ones. I thought that we knew more since we are your elders but now that you are grown-ups, you have proven that the youths are indeed the hope of the nation. Thank you because I learned things that were never taught to us. I will also impart the lessons of this seminar to your aunts and uncles back home."</i> Mr. Simeon Camsoen Andawey, Sr. Citizen Federation President, Sabangan, Mt. Province</p> <p><i>"Thank you for convening us for this coaching because for activities like this, it is usually the younger ones who are being called to attend. Sometimes, they never think of the senior citizens. This is why we are very grateful for making this learning session possible for us. Let us apply and share what was taught to us. Instead of buying, let's make our own fertilizers and ensure our family's safety and health."</i> Ms. Ruby Mangagley, Retired Teacher, Bontoc, Mt. Province</p> <p><i>"There was also a TESDA training conducted in Palatong but we were not able to attend because the venue had to be hiked. This is why I am very interested and thankful for this opportunity. We were able to learn much from this coaching."</i> Ms. Teresita P. Penetrante, Sr. Citizen, Sabangan, Mt. Province</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INTEGRATED PEST AND DISEASE IDENTIFICATION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR FRUIT CROPS BATCH 2</p> <p>The Cordillera is among the regions contributing much production for consumption and industrial purposes in the Philippines. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reports that Cordillera produced about 76.6% vegetables, 7.7% fruits, and 15.6% non-food and industrial crops in 2018. Being one of the major producers of various fruit and vegetable crops including industrial and non-industrial crops, massive advocacy and information dissemination on the principles of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) is an urgent need in the region. Vegetable crops, fruits and industrial crop production are among the major sources of livelihood in the Cordillera. Most of these fruit crops include mango, banana, pineapple, rambutan, etc. and industrial crops such as coffee and cacao, others.</p> <p>With the increasing trade and travel, the risks of plant pests and diseases spreading into new areas across borders is now higher than ever before. Also, wrong farming practices among farmers in addition to climate change are contributing to the increase of the infestation to most crops. Skill in the identification of pests and diseases affecting the crops may result in appropriate control measures and management strategies. As such, there is a need to redouble efforts to deliver more efficient and sustainable management tools and strategies.</p> <p>30 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) attended this TOT conducted virtually on September 28 to October 1, 2021 at the ATI-CAR.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Good afternoon to everyone. We are thankful for the knowledge we gained from this training. Even though we are graduates of Agriculture, we still need this kind of training to refresh us for us to help our farmers. Thank you, the resource speakers, for imparting their expertise and ATI-CAR for spearheading this training. Thank you and God bless.” - Mr. Japhet F. Agbayani, GAP Focal Person, MLGU-Sta. Marcela, Apayao</i></p> <p><i>“First of all, good afternoon to everyone. Thank you to ATI for conducting this training. Even though it is virtual, you challenged us through the practicum activity in collecting and identifying pests and diseases. As an Animal Science major, I cannot say that I'm expert on pests and diseases of crops and these trainings being conducted by ATI capacitates us in the field and in helping our clients. We hope for follow-up trainings or refreshers in the future. Congratulations to my fellow participants. Thank you! Mabuhay!” - Ms. Sheila Mae D. Butic, Agriculturist II, MLGU-Lanut, Jfugao</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>BASIC MEAT INSPECTION TRAINING COURSE</p> <p>The health of the animal is of importance for there are many animal diseases which may be transmitted to man by contact with the animals or with the meat or other products. About 90 diseases and parasites of animals can be transmitted to humans by consumption of improperly cooked meat. In meat hygiene, we are interested in the sanitation of the meat plant, not only from the aesthetic standpoint, but also from the point of view that even good meat may be contaminated by careless handling after dressing.</p> <p>The Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC) is a capability building activity designed for LGU Meat Inspectors, Meat Control Officers and other personnel performing meat inspection work. It is basically an upgrading of skills of people involved in meat inspection in ensuring that meat prepared for human consumption is safe and has undergone the required Inspection. The main purpose of meat inspection is to prevent and detect public health hazards such as foodborne pathogens or chemical contaminants in meat. Meat inspection also plays an integral part in the overall monitoring system of certain animal diseases and the verification of compliance with animal welfare standards. This is an important control point for the early identification of problems that may impact on public health as well as on animal health and welfare.</p> <p>This month-long activity conducted on September 6 to October 26, was attended by 20 participants via blended learning. Some participants were infected with COVID-19 virus hence the delayed graduation.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my impression. Thank you, ATI-CAR, for your dedication and sincerity being our host on this training. Thank you for treating us like a family. We also appreciate the food and snacks. Thank you NMIS for all the lectures, and for imparting your expertise during the online lectures and practicum. We appreciate our good friendship especially to Director Dr. Mignon Umadi for being friendly to us regardless of your position. To my fellow participants, I enjoyed our company like a family helping each other. We shared much in achieving our goals with the unexpected events, we've learned much and we treasure these to improve our job and our service to the public. Thank you and hope to see you on another training course." Mr. Benito D. Caysoen, Meat Inspector I, Tabuk City</i></p> <p><i>"I am glad that we have this kind of training because we have a slaughterhouse here in the LGU but we don't have a meat inspector. I learned a lot in this training with some nervousness, but as time went by, we enjoyed and I appreciate our togetherness with the challenges we faced, we were able to overcome. On behalf of Benguet delegates, we express our gratitude to ATI-CAR and NMIS-CAR for the knowledge and experience. Thank you very much." - Mr. Saturnino D. Tande, Agriculturist II, MLGU-Tublay, Benguet</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT ON THE OPERATIONS OF COMPOSTING FACILITIES FOR BIODEGRADABLE WASTES (CFBW) B2</p> <p>In support to the DA's Plant Plant Program for Food Production in rural areas, the BSWM-Organic Agriculture Program (OAP), under the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) implemented by the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), has launched a massive series of Capacity Enhancement on the Operations and Maintenance of Composting Facility for Biodegradable Waste of which objective is to recycle market and agricultural waste to produce organic compost fertilizer for rice and corn and high-value crops in support to DA's Food Security measure under the present pandemic situation. This facility aims to recycle market wastes to be incorporated as biomass and mixed with other organic materials such as animal manure, rice straw, sawdust, plant fiber and others. A good quality compost fertilizer is produced due to its sweet earthy smell and not pungent as odor is eliminated because of the application of composting fluid.</p> <p>29 participants completed the training conducted on October 26-28 in Sagada, Mountain Province. Resource persons were Mr. Adrian Manalaysay, Project Assistant IV, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), Mr. Troy Paolo R. Espiel, Project Assistant IV, BSWM, and Ms. Sherra Mae P. Garcia, Project Development Officer I, BSWM. Topics discussed included: <i>Advantages of composting, Compost ingredients or substrates, Electric Consumption, Features, specifications and advantages of CFBW, Procedures and how to's in CFBW's and Health and safety measures, Project components of CFBW, Protocols and guidelines relative to CFBW implementation, Proper care and maintenance, Troubleshooting/ minor repair of CFBW Equipment and Vermicomposting, monitoring tools, Monitoring Process, Hands-on practicum on the operations of the CFBW.</i></p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>"Good day to all, I am from the office of the municipal agriculture of Paracelis. For our municipality, when we talk about composting facilities and composting materials, our municipality has a lot of such material. We have a wide area meaning the source of waste materials has a wide range too. It is true that we have a facility but we lack knowledge on the proper utilization, even our knowledge on the ratio and proportion of the waste materials. This training broadens our knowledge on the components and processes of CFBW. We are so grateful since the BSWM did not just give us a machine but what we appreciate is they came to share their knowledge on the different principles of the said facility. This training also gave us ideas on how to advocate for sustainable organic agriculture. So, that is our impression from the municipality of Paracelis and we are hoping that this training will extend more, and thank you to our speakers and our facilitators." Mr. Erwin S. Cusino, Farm Worker-LGU Paracelis.</i></p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL FOR GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) ON VEGETABLE PRODUCTION FOR BAGGAT TRIPPLE I ASSOCIATION</p> <p>Vegetables are recognized as essential for food and nutrition security. Vegetable production provides a promising economic opportunity for reducing, rural poverty and employment in developing countries and is a key component of farm diversification strategies vegetable are mankind's most affordable source of vitamins and minerals needed for good health. Today, neither the economic nor nutritional power of vegetables is sufficiently realized.</p> <p>Farmers Field School (FFS) is a platform and a "School without Walls" for improving decision making capacity of far ming communities and stimulating local innovation for sustainable agriculture. FFS aimed to increase the capacity of Baggat Tripple I Association to test new technologies in their own fields.</p> <p>Assess results and its relevance to the particular circumstances, and interact on a more demand driven basis with the researchers and extensionists looking to these for help where they are unable to solve specific problem among themselves. This activity helped farmers in acquiring long term learning on basic and appropriate technologies on protected vegetable production leading to increasing farmers' productivity and eventually increasing their income hence this proposal</p> <p>This season long activity that lasted from April 23 to October 19 was completed by 30 farmers conducted in Barangay Gymnasium, Tanglagan, Calanasan, Apayao.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"This training is really helpful to us. We've been into farming but there are things we didn't know which we learned in this training. Thank you very much."</i> Ms. Arsenia Amban</p> <p><i>"I've been planting and producing vegetables for a long time, but I came to know that there are things that I still don't know. Through this Field School, I learned a lot that I can apply on my own. Thank you."</i> Ms. Nena Agasen</p>



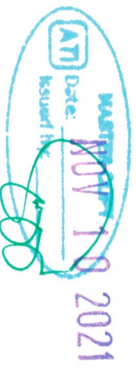


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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>Establishment of urban gardens</p>	<p>ORIENTATION AND AWARDDING OF CHECKS OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY URBAN AGRICULTURE MODEL FARMS, October 25, 2021, Aspulan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture (DA) is mandated to help and contribute for the attainment of food self-sufficiency, sustainability, economic growth and enhancement of consumer's health and welfare (RA 7900 known as HVCD Act). It also promotes the production, processing, marketing and distribution of high value crops through responsive training and extension services. The ATI is responsible in developing and implementing extension support education and training services for clients and partners in the different commodities, specifically, the HVCD program.</p> <p>This activity aimed to orient the officers of the newly established urban agriculture model farms to have a clear understanding of the project and establish effectively their proposed urban projects and also officially award their cheques. Inputs were as follows: <i>Presentation of Rationale, What is Urban Agriculture, Objectives of UAMF, Component of UAMF, Strategies of Implementation, and Obligations of the ATI-CAR, MLGU, and CUAMF as stated in the MOA.</i></p> <p>The partners were asked to submit liquidation reports with receipts after the implementation of the project. For the case of those organizations who are not yet BIR registered, as per agreement, the president or the treasurer will open a bank account to deposit the received cheque of the organization to right away be used in starting the establishment of their project development plan. The CUAMF officers were reminded not to deviate from their submitted and approved project development plan in their establishment to avoid receiving AOM. The CUAMF officers were also reminded of the other pertinent documents of their organization that they need to submit to ATI-CAR.</p> <p>Everyone was encouraged to establish a great community urban agriculture model farm that will motivate the community dwellers and may lead towards Agritourism and encourage to plant in their homes or backyard too. The activity concluded with the awarding of cheques.</p> <p>Actions needed by the Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide continuous capability-building interventions for the Urban Model Farm such as skills training, provision of IEC materials, and technical assistance; ✓ Conduct semestral monitoring on the operations of the project; and ✓ Document and assess the efficiency of the urban farming technologies implemented in the Model Farm.





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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>Establishment of urban gardens</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">URBAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT</p> <p>The four community organizations were successfully established under the Urban Agriculture Project on October 25, 2021. The officers were oriented to have a clear understanding of the project and establish effectively their proposed Urban Agriculture Projects and officially award their cheques. All organizations were qualified to be an Urban Agri Model Farm, and should be dedicated to pursue good agricultural urban farming practices. The model farms are also set to provide agricultural support or services to their respective barangays and others. These community organizations are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TINONGDAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ORGANIZATION (TINPO) INC., the farm has a total land area of 10,100m², and is located in Kaweng, Tinongdan, Itogon Benguet. 2. Our Farmers' Haven, Christ the King Twin Demo Farm, the farm has a total land area of 750m², and is located in Bangho, Daclan, Tublay, Benguet. 3. Baengan Planters Organization, the farm has a total land area of 300m², and is located in Kitna, Baguio City. 4. Bekes-Taang Farmers Organization, the farm has a total land area of 1,500m², and is located in Bekes-Taang, Monticello, Camp 7, Baguio City. <p>The re-orientation for the four (4) community urban was spearheaded by Ms. Cristine B. Esnara, <i>DA-ATI-CAR Sr. Agriculturist</i>, together with the <i>DA-ATI-CAR OIC-Training Center Director</i>, Mr. Charlie C. Sagudan. The financial support amounting to PhP100,000.00 were awarded to the three communities, while the TINPO received a total of PhP300,000.00 under the special project of the High-Value Crop Development Program (HVCDP). As witnesses, Mr. Jeffrey D. Sotero, <i>Tublay Municipal Agricultural Officer</i>, and Ms. Marcelina Tabelin of the <i>Baguio City Veterinary and Agriculture Office</i> attended the activity.</p>



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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>LSA Establishment</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>RCEF</p> <p>ARGUEZA FARM, located in Purok Magsaysay, Lawig, Lamut, Ifugao and has an area of 2.4 hectares utilized for rice production, owned by Macario C. Argueza Jr. The farm is actively operating with basic training facilities such as one (1) combined harvester, one (2) hand-tractor, two (2) water pump, one (1) grass cutter and one (1) warehouse. Moreover, other training facilities was owned by their Association such as one (1) mechanical transplanter, flatbed dyer and a drying pavement. The farm location is accessible by land and other transportation</p> <p>Extension supports provided by DA-ATI-CAR are financial assistance for the development and/or enhancement of training facility/equipment and technical support.</p> <p>LSA's obligations are to implement the approved expansion/improvement plan within 3 months upon issue of materials/cash, submit completion report, and continue with responsibilities as indicated in the establishment MOA.</p> <p>For the DA-ATI-CAR, obligations are to monitor the implementation of the improvement/ expansion plan and ensure fulfillment of the responsibilities of LSA indicated in the establishment MOA.</p>





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Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)	Farm Business Advisory Services	This month, there were 16 queries responded to. Queries included inquiry on IFC related (7); Egg incubation/ Livestock (1); Training related (2); 4H related (3); eLearning (2); LSA certification (1).
Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)	Information dissemination through online media platforms Development and distribution of quality Knowledge Products (KPs)	<p>The Center intensified its online promotions with 12 webpage uploads that included 4-H Regional Convention related posting (3); web updating (3); success story (1); and training related activities (5).</p> <p>With the said uploads, there were 19,071 individuals reached and 1,920 page views.</p> <p>Knowledge Products (KP) Distributed</p> <p>Throughout the month, 500 copies of print material under HVCDP were distributed.</p> <p>KP Digitized</p> <p>5 KPs digitized this month were on Natural Attractants for Flying Insects and Butterflies, Tomato Plant Extracts, Ginger and Turmeric Extracts, Hot Pepper and Lemon Grass Extracts, FFI. These KPs are now available online through the ATI-CAR's corporate website (https://ati.da.gov.ph/ati-car/).</p>



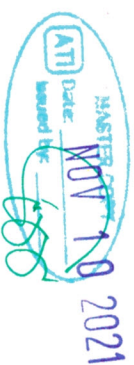


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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Planning Activity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ATI-CAR INHOUSE PLANNING ACTIVITY FOR SEMESTER 2</p> <p>The activity aimed to provide a guide on the formulation of the FY 2022 programs, projects and activities in relation to the development of the DA-ATI-CAR's Work and Financial Plan. Specifically, it intends to: present the guidelines for the crafting of ATI-CAR's FY2022 budget execution forms; discuss Gender and Development guideline for a gender responsive program; feedback the result of NEAP/REAP 2022-2028 consultation; briefly discuss the enhanced AFE Strategic Framework for FY2020-2022; and present the banner commodity and regular programs' FY2022 WFPs for validation.</p> <p>A. Guidelines for crafting FY2022 BED Forms, presented by Ms. Vilma L. Lumbas, Planning Officer Designate</p> <p>Ms. Lumbas explained that the National Budget translates the country's vision of sustainability and inclusiveness into annual financial allocations and performance targets. This vision is spelled out in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), Agriculture Fisheries and Modernization Plan and other medium-term plans which guides policy formulation and investment planning. Based on these plans, implementing agencies will design its programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) that realize these development goals and visions.</p> <p>B. Gender And Development (GAD) Guidelines, presented by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, MPS II, GAD Focal</p> <p>There is a need to allocate 5% from the total approved agency budget for GAD. With the Center's total allocation of Php 41,658,388, a total of Php 2,082,919.40 that will come from all the programs shall be allotted for GAD. As per experience from 2015 to date, Ms. Jam remarked that interventions being conducted by the Center were direct GAD training and attribution activities and had a GAD perspective/ concern/ issue being addressed. Though it has no budget, this attribution is still being included as an accomplishment.</p> <p>GAD planning is a tool for reviewing programs and projects and opens up possibilities of identifying areas for action to enhance mainstream program/ project implementation. GAD budgeting helps in estimating how much of the program/project budget can be linked to the GAD budget.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Performance Assessment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ATI-CAR 10TH MANAGEMENT REVIEW</p> <p>The activity was undertaken to review the organization's Quality Management System (QMS) at planned intervals to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy, effectiveness and alignment with the organization's strategic goals. The inputs were the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review on previous Management Review action items; 2. Changes in internal and external issues relevant to the QMS; 3. Customer Feedback Rating; 4. Results of Internal Quality Audit (IQA); 5. Adequacy of resources; 6. Performance of External Service Providers; 7. Effectiveness of actions taken to address risks and opportunities; and 8. Other opportunities for improvement <p>The review was conducted on October 7-8 participated by 44 DA-ATI-CAR Staff.</p>



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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Audit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INTERNAL QUALITY AUDIT 2nd Semester CY 2021</p> <p>The opening meeting was conducted at 8:20 AM on October 5, 2021. Opening of the audit was done virtually with the Opening Message of the Officer-In-Charge, Mr. Charlie C. Sagudan.</p> <p>Ms. Maribeth Ladu-an, Chairperson of the Audit Team presented the objectives, scope and schedule of the audit and auditors of each process owners were also presented. After the opening meeting, IQA proceeded with the audit as scheduled.</p> <p>During the Closing Meeting, summary of the audit findings was presented by Mr. Bongbong L. Buli-e for comments and clarifications. There were 13 NCs and 6 OFIs.</p> <p>On his Closing Message, Officer-In-Charge said that we have to consider ISO as one of our Job. Instead of lowering the NCs to smaller number, NCs are increasing! ISO should be heartily be form part of our daily routine so that come next audit NCs should be lower down if not avoided.</p> <p>Actions Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All NCs and OFI with action items to be issued with RFAs. These should be followed up for update during the next management review in first semester of 2022. ✓ ATI-CAR Audit Plan for 2022 and other pertinent documents to be prepared and submitted to ATI-CO for registration.





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Field Day and FFS Graduation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monitoring of Bejajeng Pansigsuhan Organic Producers Association</p> <p>The status of the identified terminal objective of the training in support to Organic Agriculture- Internal Control System (OA-ICS, Phase I) for Bejajeng Pansigsuhan Organic Practitioners Association (BPOPA) of Tuba, Benguet, was conducted thru a <i>focused group discussion</i> with members of the organization on September 30, 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initial Output of the Organization relative to OA-ICS Operation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listing of farming practices in accordance with the Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture. 2. Formation of OA-ICS structure. 3. Inventory of area to be declared as organic and possible expansion. 4. Listed crops/varieties with potential market for commercialization. <p style="text-align: center;">Plans for Future Organizational Enhancement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key organization members to attend the OA-ICS, Phase 2 for OA Organizations of Benguet which is tentatively scheduled in November 2021. 2. To participate in any activity on the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) as an alternative to organic certification. 3. Request to LGU-Tuba for possible space/booth for the display and marketing of organic produce. 4. Request assistance to concerned agencies/entities in terms of machineries, facilities, tools and equipment to modernize the existing local organic production system. <p>Monitored by Mr. Edwin C. Dickson, OA Focal.</p>

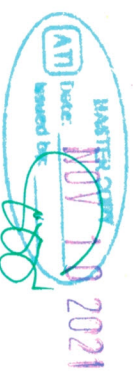


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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>Farm Inspection</p>	<p>FARM INSPECTION, FINALIZATION AND PACKAGING OF MANUAL OF OPERATIONS AND INTERNAL STANDARDS OF TUBLAY PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) GROUP</p> <p>Led by Mr. Edwin C. Dickson, OA Focal Person, a field activity was conducted on September 30 and October 1 with the Tublay Organic Farmer Practitioner Association (TOFPA). The activity generally aimed to finalize and package internal standards and manuals of operations of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for TOFPA and to conduct a farm inspection. This follow through activity is in fulfillment to the PGS requirement which is built on the trust and integrity of farmers and consumers who will conduct the certification process themselves through adherence to certification standards, guidelines, regulations, and processes, similarly observed by third-party.</p> <p>The TOT on PGS for PGS core group in CAR was conducted last August 16-27, 2021. In this activity, participants are expected to finalize their manual of operations and their internal standards for TOFPA-PGS. However, the span of time was not enough so the participants requested for a follow-up activity to finalize the said materials.</p> <p>The first day of the follow-up activity was the finalization of the Manual of Operations and internal standards of Tublay Participatory Guarantee System Group. It started with the overview of the activity followed by recap of the training of trainers on the PGS core group. Moreover, in order for the new members to have knowledge on the different committees, the chairman of each committee was requested to introduce their respective committee focusing on the rules and functions and the members of the committee. After the discussion comes the finalization of the manuals. The finalization was facilitated by the DA-RFO-CAR personnel. Facilitators and TOFPA-Coop members re-examines their unfinished manuals, check if there is missing information and try to fill out as a group. The soft copy of the finalized manuals was handed over to the ATI-CAR staff for edit and final reproduction.</p> <p>On the second day, the facilitators and the TOFPA-Coop members were divided into two groups for the farm inspection. The first group headed by the ATI-CAR staff was assigned at the eastern and northern part while the second group headed by DA-RFO-CAR was assigned at western and southern part of Tublay. Self-review and peer review forms were discussed on the first day and were filled out by the participants. Filled out form was turned over to the committee chairs for their review.</p>







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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>FITCS Visitation</p>	<p>On October 26, Ms. Jaiila S. Sagpa-ey, <i>Information Officer II/ FITSC in-charge</i>, Mr. Adrian Chris P. Velasco, <i>Information Officer II</i>, and Ms. Glorinita Lasuden, <i>Budget Officer Designate</i> visited the FITS center of OPag Benguet at Bulala, Sablan, Benguet. Additional printed IEC materials were provided as well. As informed by the OPag staff, the FITS Center of OPag Benguet was maintained and transferred to the Benguet Agri-Eco Farm at Bulala, Sablan, Benguet. This was transferred to Agri-Eco Farm since the farm is purposely a training area as well.</p> <p>During the monitoring, the FITS corner was in-placed inside the building located at the main entrance; Logbooks (<i>visitors/clients and IEC inventory</i>) were maintained; printed IEC materials were readily available, displayed in the designated FITS corner; during the normal days. There are clients being served by the FITS corner especially during the normal days, although a limited number of visitors is noted this pandemic.</p> <p>Meeting on Regional PAFES Study, October 1, 2021, Virtual</p> <p>OIC-TCDD Charlie C. Sagudan, Mr. Jordan B. Pilay, Ms. Khareen B. Tigui-ing, and Mr. Ian Jade V. Watawat attended this meeting conducted by DA-RFO-CAR.</p> <p>The meeting was conducted to iron out agreements in conducting the regional PAFES, specifically on budgetary requirements and the study's modality.</p> <p>Updates, Suggestions and Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds will be downloaded to ATI-RTCs • FOD will draft the BED forms to be uploaded on Google sheet for real-time commenting of concerned parties • Issues on fund liquidation transfer to SUC was raised • Identify activities that was conducted during the PAFES study in Benguet and duplicate it to other provinces, identify budget per activity • Suggested Modality in the conduct of Rapid Appraisal were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through State University and Colleges • Hire enumerators • Face-to-face per province [if condition permits] • Form a regional team composed of RFO Research Division, ATI-CAR Planning and Monitoring and other DA attached agencies concerned • Follow-up meeting to be conducted on Monday (October 4, 2021) • ATI-CAR to constantly update FOD on instructions from ATI-CO <p>The Center will provide venue for the meeting on October 4, 2021.</p>
<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>PAFES</p>	<p>The Center will provide venue for the meeting on October 4, 2021.</p>





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<p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p>PAFES</p>	<p>GENERAL ORIENTATION OF THE PAFES, October 22, 2021, Virtual Via Zoom</p> <p>The DA-RFO-CAR convene the 5 provinces of CAR (Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province) through online platform to have a general orientation regarding the Province-led Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Systems (PAFES) which is one of the key strategies of the One DA Reform Agenda. This is also to encourage the provinces to schedule the soonest possible time the PAFES orientation in their respective area. The virtual activity was officially open with the roll-call of the host institution - DA-RFO-CAR. On attendance were the Office of the Provincial and Veterinarian Offices of each Provinces of CAR including its Agricultural Program Coordinating Offices (APCOs), the Provincial Planning and Development Offices, the Provincial Offices of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (both regional and provincial offices), and the ATI-RTC-CAR.</p> <p>Opening Message of the RED Cameron P. Odsey.</p> <p><i>"PAFES would serve as the modality of implementing banner programs in the provinces. Under the system, we at the national government will do the steering, while you at the LGU level will do the rowing. This will also strengthen the delivery of extension services to farmers in anticipation of the Mandanas Garcia ruling set to take effect in 2022, which will give LGUs a bigger share from national taxes. Don't be confuse about the strategy since, the rowing will be pass on you. Your role in the implementation of the PAFES is crucial. No need to worry because we don't begin in scratch as we have the Benguet experience as our stepping stone to crafts plans and programs in your respective provinces. There is also the CHARM experience as one of our guides in crafting plans and programs."</i></p> <p>The Overview was provided by Dr. Virginia A. Tapat of the DA-RFO-CAR. Mr. Mae D. Kio-isen then discussed the PAFES overview like the PAFES implementation process which is to be done by phase, flagship program of PAFES, proposed organization structure, composition of implementing agencies and partners, roles, and responsibilities, and monitoring and evaluation. The result of the Rapid Appraisal (Benguet experience) was also presented by Ms. Naela S. Blag, Agriculturist II, DA-RFO-CAR.</p> <p>Dr. Virginia A. Tapat ask each province for their acceptance and if they are ready to implement the orientation in their respective provinces. The province of Apayao, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mt. Province affirmatively agreed that orientation of the PAFES on their respective provinces is okay. Schedules will be provided soonest by the DA-RFO on these concerns. For purposes of coordination and updates, DA-RFO said that they will create a group chat. For Abra, they agreed to meet first before setting their schedule.</p>

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