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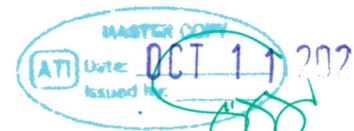
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PROGRAM	ACTIVITY	HIGHLIGHTS <i>(Specific title of activities, Why, When, Where, Who, How many)</i>
Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>TRAINING OF TRAINORS ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) INTEGRATED PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR FRUITS AND INDUSTRIAL CROPS FOR AEWS OF CAR</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>25 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) attended this TOT conducted virtually on September 21-24, 2021 at the ATI-CAR.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"A lot of us in the LGUs request this kind of training across all banner programs. We are thankful to ATI-CAR for conducting this training. We've been doing pest and disease identification, but we lack equipment so there are diseases and pests that we cannot identify. Thank you to our RPs from ATI, DA-RFO, FPA, and BSU for sharing your expertise. We hope that as AEW, we will share what we have learned in this training to our farmers."</i> Tyrone K. Dagdag, Agricultural Technologist, PLGU-Benguet</p> <p><i>"Good afternoon to everyone. First of all, thank you to ATI-CAR for their unending provision of training for us AEWs. I am happy to be part of this TOT on Pest and Diseases. I'm thankful for enlightening my queries regarding pests and diseases. I appreciate the good interaction of everybody. Thank you!"</i> Mary Ruth Baral, Agriculturist II, MLGU-Natonin, Mt. Province</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>COACHING ON URBAN AGRICULTURE/HOME GARDENING FOR RESIDENTS OF ITOGON, BENGUET</p> <p>Last year, the municipality of Itogon were recipients of the Urban Agriculture Program (UAP) that was 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 to make sure that far people can have easy access to food while there are still imposed restrictions on mobility brought by the pandemic.</p> <p>The participants then had positive feedback on how the program has eased them in their burden of going out and buying vegetables for their meals and more residents were interested to be coached on home gardening which will help them provide food for themselves and their families. While some are producing rice crops in the province, there is a need to also produce other crops such as vegetables which can be harvested at a shorter period of time as a source of food. Thus, a coaching on urban agriculture/ home gardening was conducted on September 21, 2021 attended by 20 participants in Ucab, Itogon, Benguet. Mr. Berto Bayeng, Agricultural Technologist of OMAg, Itogon, Benguet served as the resource person.</p> <p>Starter kits were also provided to the participants for them to utilize in application of the modules to be delivered to them. They are expected to establish their own home gardens which will be monitored by the Center.</p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>"I will rate this seminar as excellent. We learned so much from the speaker. The lectures were not just about planting but it also included technologies on how to properly manage and sustain the crops that we plant. To the team, we are very grateful. We were filled with lessons and teachings and we hope that wherever these seminars will take you, we pray that God will always protect you especially from this COVID-19. Thank you very much."</i> Editha Marie Aguas, Housewife, Ucab, Itogon, Benguet</p> <p><i>"I thought it was just me but as I can see, I think everyone of us was excited to join this activity. I am really thankful that I was invited to be part of this coaching. It is true that there are good things even in the midst of this pandemic. It gave way to programs such as this. And through this coaching, we are encouraged to grow our own vegetables or maximize limited spaces available (even though we don't own wide land areas). We assure that we will have something to show to others – a result of all the lessons imparted to us in this coaching. Thank you very much and God bless."</i> Andrea Dulmog, Ucab, Itogon, Benguet</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>AGRITALK</p> <p>The onslaught of COVID-19 has prevented, and remains to discourage, large crowd gathering posing a considerable hindrance towards massive information dissemination and advocacy campaigns. However, developments in ICT offer alternatives to huge face-to-face activities. Through online and interactive learning platforms, information and advocacy campaigns can now reach a larger audience within a wider area of coverage without necessarily gathering a huge crowd in one place. Combining ICT, the ATI’s mandate to promote and advocate sustainable agriculture, and the expertise and experiences of advanced farmers such as operators of learning sites for agriculture, the DA-ATI-CAR came up with a complimentary version of the Network wide Agritalk.</p> <p>Agritalk is an information and advocacy activity aimed at promoting agriculture through the showcase of farming technologies, experiences and other shareable farming feats. As an advocacy campaign, this activity aims to inform, raise awareness, appreciation, and inspire the audience to support agriculture by either adopting the technologies promoted, patronizing and promoting food and other farm products, conserving agricultural resources, investing in farming and other agricultural enterprises, and the like. The Center’s Agritalk focuses on the promotion of sustainable agriculture through organic farming highlighting technologies, practices, and experiences of the ATI-CAR accredited learning sites for agriculture focusing on organic farming.</p> <p>51 participants attended this seminar on Agri-talk conducted on September 30 via Google Meet. ATI-CAR OIC TCD Charlie C. Sagudan, welcomed the participants to the ATI-CAR’s second Agritalk Session. In his message, Mr. Sagudan emphasized the sustained efforts of the ATI-CAR in reaching out to its clients amidst the pandemic. He furthered that, through the AgriTalk, sustainable farming technologies and practices such as those under organic can be disseminated to as many people as possible.</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSE IN SUPPORT TO THE AGRO BIODIVERSITY PROJECT: INTEGRATED RICE-DUCK-VEGETABLE FARMING SYSTEM FOR HEIRLOOM FARMERS (Batch 2)</p> <p>Heirloom rice farming is a non-profitable endeavor in the highlands, owing basically to physical constraints such as low temperature and solar radiation, and very small landholdings (average 0.15 to 0.25 ha). For the Ifugaos, rice farming is not an income generating endeavor, but rather their part of cultural heritage and enrichment of agro-biodiversity. Basically, Ifugaos grow rice only for household consumption. The current problems of farmers such as climate change that affects water supply in the terraces, and the emergence of different pests and diseases in rice, makes rice farmers hard up in rice cultivation and the reason for abandonment of the terraces. The rice yield is readily decreasing and presently is only 2.7 MT per hectare, thus discouraging farmers from tilling their rice terraces. The challenge now is to lift up income of farmers and to encourage them to sustain their richness in agrobiodiversity through traditional farming of rice in the terraces farming that would also provide them with viable income. One strategy is the adoption of the rice-duck-vegetables farming system.</p> <p>The introduction of the rice-duck-vegetables farming system to the heirloom rice farmers coupled with the integration of pest and diseases management systems will not only increase rice productivity but will also provide a source of additional income for our rice farmers. Also, this would help them cope up with the impacts of climate change and the other challenges in agriculture.</p> <p>This activity was conducted in Municipal Gymnasium Culob Bitu, Hingyon, Ifugao in June 23 to 25. There were 20 farmers who have completed this activity.</p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>“We learned the what, how and when of raising ducks and their housing management. We also learned the cultural practices and the integrated pest management system and approaches. All the information gained in this training is very relevant to us as farmers. Thank you and we hope to be part of other activities related to this so that we can further our knowledge and skills regarding rice-duck vegetables farming system.”</i> Ms. Editha N. Nagulman, Farmer, Poblacion, Hingyon, Ifugao</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT FOR AEWs: TRAINING ON THE UPDATED PALAYCHECK SYSTEM</p> <p>Rice is Filipinos' staple food, each consumes around four cups of rice per day, which is around 110 kilograms of milled rice per year. More than just food, rice is also a source of livelihood for many Filipinos. Majority of rice is produced in irrigated environments with 3.29M hectares area harvested with 14.35 metric tons of harvest. For rainfed environments, there is around 1.51M hectares area harvested with 4.72 metric tons of harvest. On the average at 14%MC, each hectare of rice field yields 3.97 tons or 3,970 kg/ha, which is equivalent to 79 bags/ha.</p> <p>AEWs play an important role in the dissemination of updated farming technologies. These technologies help farmers lower their production cost while increasing their yield. This training was conducted to explain and deliver the updated version of the PalayCheck System to AEWs. Specifically, it sought to explain RCEF and its component program, explain the importance of the PalayCheck System, enumerate and discuss the nine key checks, and discuss special topics covered in the PalayCheck System.</p> <p>The activity was conducted virtually on September 20-24 at the ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet participated by 19 AEWs and one (1) teacher.</p> <p>Topics discussed and resource person were <i>Key Check 1, Introduction to ICT Services on Rice Production, Key Check 3, Key Check 4, Key Check 8</i>, by Ms. Vicky May L. Guinayen, Training Specialist I, <i>Rice Morphology and Growth Stages; The PalayCheck System for Lowland Irrigated Rice, Key Check 2; Agroecosystem Analysis (AESAs); Key Check 6: Avoided excessive water or drought stress that could affect the growth and yield of the crop; Key Check 9: Dried, cleaned and stored grains properly</i> by Ms. Resley Ann G. Sumedca, Agriculturist I, and <i>The Philippine Rice Industry Situation and Understanding RCEF and its Implications to Rice Farmers; Key Check 5: Sufficient nutrients from tillering and EPI and flowering; Key Check 7: No significant yield loss due to pests</i> by Mr. Randy T. Soriano, Training Specialist II.</p>



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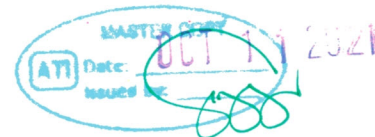
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>SOCIAL TECH/SOFT SKILLS WEBINAR: CHANNELING POPULATION DEVELOPMENT FOR RBO COORDINATORS AND OFFICERS OF CAR</p> <p>The Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 lays down the national development blueprint for a more inclusive growth, a high trust and resilient society, and globally competitive knowledge -economy that is anchored on AMBISYON 2040 to which all government entities at all levels shall contribute to attain as mandated by Executive Order (E.O.) No. 27, s. 2017. This plan also supports the full implementation of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10354, known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 (RPRH Law) and the attainment of demographic dividend as a key development objective to further improve the socio-economic growth potential of the country particularly the reduction of poverty and how the country reaps the demographic dividend as discussed in Chapter XIII. POPCOM then is mandated to coordinate with relevant government agencies and LGUs for the intensified implementation of the National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP) at all levels and also address the increasing incidence of teenage pregnancy.</p> <p>Thus, ATI-CAR in collaboration with the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) aims to improve the policy and program environment towards achieving universal access to responsible parenthood and Family Planning information and services especially among the marginalized sectors. Specifically, the collaborative program aims to: (1) enhance the institutional capacities of the regional and local offices to design, plan, implement, deliver, monitor, and evaluate effective strategies in increasing the demand and services for information and services on Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RPPFP) and in reducing teenage and adolescent pregnancy in the region;(2) establish and strengthen service delivery network and collaborative arrangements in the delivery of RPPFP and adolescent health services and information; (3) broaden partnership, participation, and collaboration with civil society organizations and the private sector in improving availability and access to RPPFP and adolescent health services and information; (4) generate and mobilize resources, specifically financial and technical support, from various stakeholders for the intensified National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP) including prevention and reduction of adolescent pregnancies; and (5) improve mechanisms for program monitoring and evaluation to support evidence-based decision-making processes.</p> <p>This activity was undertaken virtually on September 29-30 with 30 participants.</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>PLANNING AND TRAINING IN SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION FARM ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT FOR TINPO MEMBERS</p> <p>Home gardening and urban agriculture are among the practical approaches to ease the problem of food scarcity and malnutrition in highly populated areas. It means the production of food or agricultural products is done within the cities, which may also include population centers in bustling towns. Simply, urban agriculture or container farming is farming in the cities and urbanized areas. Families or organized groups do in and around homes, open community or public spaces even in rooftops the production in available spaces. With limited land area available for large scale farming in the urban, strategic and systematized farming approach is required for sustainability, productivity and quality agriculture products.</p> <p>The identified partner organizations in the community of Tinongdan, Itogon have limited knowledge and exposure on edible landscaping and lay-outing, composting, record keeping, organic farming. On September 14 to 16, 2021, <i>Planning and Training in Support to Community Demonstration Farm Establishment and Management</i> was undertaken with 38 participants from Itogon, Benguet. Specifically, the activity aimed that the participants shall describe the urban agriculture production strategies and the applicable technologies; explain the production practices of their chosen vegetables and/or animals to raise; explain the importance and methods of composting; discuss natural farming technologies; explain 5S, food safety, crop programming and records keeping as applied to urban agriculture; and discuss what is leadership and values.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Big thanks to ATI-CAR, MLGU Itogon and TINPO for making this activity possible. This is like a review for us because we farmers don’t have an idea on how rabbit production is done. Also, through this training, our knowledge about edible farming increased. Thank you to all the speakers for imparting your knowledge and for introducing organic farming which I will be starting to apply. We really hope that this activity is the beginning of a sustainable partnership among us. “We will pay it forward.” John Sanil, Farmer, Tinongdan Itogon, Benguet</i></p> <p><i>“Thank you to the speakers for adding new ideas on what we already know. From edible landscaping, composting to waste management, rabbit production and management of tools in our farm. To my co-participants, may we apply all the things we have learned from this training.” Nora Sapang, Farmer, Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet</i></p>





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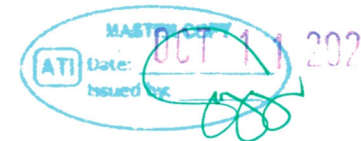
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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>FARMER POULTRY SCHOOL ON ORGANIC FREE-RANGE CHICKEN PRODUCTION</p> <p>Free Range Chicken grows very fast and they can be as big as that of broilers but the taste is as good as the native and also well known for their adaptability to local agro-climatic conditions, hardiness, ability to utilize farm by products and resistance to disease. Moreover, they require minimal care, management and inputs.</p> <p>Through interventions and improved technologies of traditional management systems, these helps increase production thus augment income of rural families. Farmer Poultry School is one strategy to help farmers learn and make their source of livelihood into a business that responds to market demands. The farmers would learn through community-based forms of education and enhance entrepreneurial and management skills. Organic Free Range Chicken raising is one strategy to help farmers learn and make their source of livelihood into a business that responds to market demands since people nowadays are health conscious.</p> <p>The farmers of Sagada were severely affected by the COVID pandemic because of the lockdowns. Chicken production is very much applicable in the community. It serves as an additional source of income and household consumption as well. The FFS was conducted on May 14, 2021 to September 3, 2021 at Balugan, Sagada, Mt. Province. 20 farmers graduated from this program.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"My best wishes, thanks and sincere gratitude to ATI-CAR for sponsoring the Farmers Field School (FFS) on free range chicken production because it was truly a successful endeavor. Likewise, we acknowledged the untiring efforts, concerns, sacrifices and patience of the LGU-OMAG, Sagada who implemented and facilitated this training. Also, we appreciate the knowledge and skills of the resource persons who conveyed unselfishly their abilities and expertise to the farmers. Further, we express heartily our humble thanks to the LGU staff for their commitment to continually support the local farmers who are dedicated to pursue organic farming. Also, for extending their services even beyond their tour of duty. This FFS on free range chicken production training was absolutely an opportunity in our community because it's undoubtedly easy to adopt and apply. Correspondingly, show positive manifestations as regards the diverse benefits and sustainability of organic farming. Application of organic agriculture production technologies is indeed a way of living because it promotes ecologically-balanced, healthy lifestyle and potential/feasible source of income." Ms. Recia T. Oyagat, Farmer, Balugan, Sagada, Mt. Province</i></p> <p><i>"I am thankful and grateful for attending the farmers field school on organic free-range chicken production because of the knowledge and skills imparted by the resource speakers. I am equipped with the technologies in raising chicken due to my personal interest in caring for animals. However, my knowledge, skills and practices on poultry production was further enhanced after attending the FFS. I am willing to share my experiences and extend any assistance to anybody who would want to engage in poultry production. On one hand, I personally appreciated activities particularly on the preparation and application of natural farming inputs for swine, poultry and organic vegetable production. Also, the preparation of feeds and feedstuff formulations for livestock and poultry which are comparatively nutritious, safe and low-costs. With the numerous benefits of organic farming, it boosted our interest to pursue and support agricultural programs and projects that are advantageous to the local farmers. Through the adoption of improved/new technologies in farming, we are compelled to reorient our traditional management system of farming and upgrade our farming practices to a modernized, economical and sustainable way of production. As regards the chicken provided by ATI we are indebted and obliged to continually care and produce more chicken for our constituents." Ms. Pureza B. Polon, Farmer, Balugan, Sagada, Mt. Province.</i></p>





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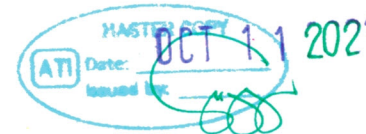
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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>TRAINING ON THE OPERATIONS OF COMPOSTING FACILITIES FOR BIODEGRADABLE WASTES FOR BENGUET (BATCH 1)</p> <p>In support to the DA's Plant Plant 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>14 participants completed the training conducted on September 21-23, 2021 at Sab-atan Hall ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. 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>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Good afternoon to every one of us, especially to our director, resource speaker and facilitators. It is my first time to attend such a kind of training and I thank our facilitators and resource speakers for sharing such informative knowledge. Before attending the training, I thought I already had vast knowledge in composting biodegradable waste. But I was wrong, I realized that my knowledge before was just a basic of what we had discussed. With the information that I have learned in this training, I will try to process and analyze with the aid of the given manuals so that I will be able to apply and share it to my colleagues and to the other members of our organization in our community. Knowing that proper composting of bio-degradable waste plays a great contribution in mitigating climate change, so I think that's all, Again, thank you so much."</i> Roger D. Pulido, President BPOPA, Taloy Norte, Tuba, Benguet</p> <p><i>"We would like to express our utmost gratitude to the BSWM for choosing Benguet State University as one of the beneficiaries of the highly-cost composting machinery. The donated machinery helped us to fast tract the composting process. Without this machinery, our composting process will take up to 5-6 months. With this training I learned that we can produce a compost within 5-days. This will also serve as a challenge for us since you did not just give us any equipment but as you mentioned you will be monitoring us if this equipment is properly maximized. If we are going to observe other agencies, they are just giving equipment without monitoring if it's utilized properly. So, your strategy is nice and thank you for the effort that you have made."</i> Gerson M. Tabon, Research Assistant, Benguet State University.</p>





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Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)	Training	<p>FARMER FIELD SCHOOL ON URBAN GARDENING</p> <p>Baguio City is a 1st class highly urbanized city in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), it is also known as the Summer Capital of the Philippines. It has 128 barangays and 16 barangays were initially recognized by the City Council as agricultural barangays in 2020.</p> <p>During the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, the City Veterinary and Agriculture Office launched their program entitled "Survival Garden Project" which aimed to distribute seeds to the residents of Baguio City in response to the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) for them to establish survival gardens as a measure to give households vegetables and nutritious food during the time of pandemic, likewise, to engage households with productive and stress relieving activity throughout the quarantine period.</p> <p>A week later the Department of Agriculture launched its "Plant, Plant, Plant Program". And to further support the city's Survival Garden Program, the Department of Agriculture in July 2020 adopted Baguio City in the implementation of its Urban Agriculture Project (UAP) to provide Food security to Baguio City residents. The project in collaboration and partnership with Department of Agriculture, Baguio urban gardeners then flourished. Urban/ backyard gardening is the practice of growing plants in an urban environment. Urban gardening has been helpful to small and even big households in the city especially now that there are limited supply of vegetables thus causing high price in the market. Although most people know how to plant, they have limited knowledge and skill in taking care of their plants. Hence, this season long proposal was undertaken on June 2 to September 15, 2021 actively attended by 25 participants.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"I learned so much from all the substantial topics that were discussed. I also appreciate the hands-on activities, because through these we easily understood the process of composting and the preparation of organic fertilizers. This training helps us to improve our way of farming, gain success and sustainability of our farm produce."</i> Josie M. Castillo, Farmer, Irisan Baguio City</p> <p><i>"Living in a city where we thought farming is not possible, we can do Urban Gardening. These are the summary of the things I've learned from this training: We don't need a wide space to plant, pots are just right; Food we produce in our own garden are safe to eat, and our families' health is not at stake."</i> Concepcion D. Labon, Kagawad, Middle Rock Quarry, Baguio City</p>





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<p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>GENDER ANALYSIS: GENDER ISSUE IDENTIFICATION IN THE PANDEMIC</p> <p>The gender approach to development, also known by its acronym GAD (Gender and Development), was introduced in government in the early 1990s as an alternative development strategy. GAD seeks to transform the way government pursues development so that it can respond effectively and with sensitivity to issues confronting women. The GAD perspective recognizes that gender concerns cut across all areas of development and therefore should not be overlooked in the development planning process (GAD Handbook, 2003).</p> <p>Initially, GAD interventions through GAD training programs were offered to the AEWs alongside representatives of their GFPS members. Its coverage is regionwide. The need to conduct the intervention by province is also seen as a good strategy to address their specific concern as a province in terms of gender issues.</p> <p>Gender training aims to develop awareness, knowledge and skills and to change perceptions, attitudes and behaviors in relation to gender. As a foundation, Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) is an initial effort to show how gender shapes the roles of women and men in society, including their role in development, and how it affects relations between them. Understanding the basic concepts of gender paves the way for gender analysis and gender mainstreaming. Gender Mainstreaming is an integral GAD approach identified as a strategy to integrate gender perspectives in institutional policy, programs and activities. It recognizes that development activities may ignore gender biases that lead to unequal impacts among men and women beneficiaries. It also moved from inclusion of women per se in the development agenda to changing or transforming the agenda in order to respond adequately to the realities and needs of both women and men. Essentially, the process of gender mainstreaming entails the transformation of institutional structures, culture and practices wherein gender concerns become central instead of remaining as peripheral issues and concerns (Enhanced GMEF, 2016) ATI being the lead in Extension takes responsibility in providing this capability building for the Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of CAR such that gender shall be mainstreamed in their Extension Programs. Data shows that out of the total AEWs of the region only few have undergone GS Training and limited training has been offered to them by the Center on Gender Analysis and Gender Mainstreaming. For these AEWs, there is a need to undergo Gender Analysis and Gender Mainstreaming as an integral input in planning, implementation and monitoring of the different extension programs.</p> <p>The participants have learned that gender does not only refer to mere sex which is male or female. Indeed, Gender is an important consideration in development. GAD applies gender analysis to uncover the ways in which men and women work together, presenting results in neutral terms of economics and competence. Also, everyone should know how to respect others regardless of sex, gender, educational or social status so that no gender issues will occur.</p> <p>Moreover, there is a better understanding for Gender Analysis and Issues Identification, how to use Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HG DG), how to evaluate and correct Proposal to be gender responsive considering climate change and COVID-19 Pandemic, Gender Roles and Gender Needs. All the learnings and knowledge gained especially the tools such as Gender Analysis, Gender Issues Identification and Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HG DG) will be integrated in the preparation of Project Proposals so that gender issues and concerns must be addressed. This was conducted on September 22-24, 2021 via virtual platform with 20 participants.</p>





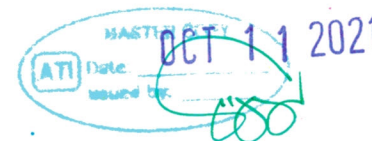
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<p style="text-align: center;">Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Provision of Scholarship</p>	<p>Scholarship Committee Meeting and Interview for the Replacement of one EASY Agri Scholar</p> <p>The committee chair was created composed of Chairperson –Ms. Jam R. Balingan, Members – Mr. Jordan B. Pilay and Ms. Vilma L. Lumbas. During the scheduled interview, Ms. Lumbas was on leave, hence she was represented by Ms. Khareen Tigui-ing. Ms. Aiza Abdul was also requested representing the Admin and Finance Unit.</p> <p>The meeting was called for to discuss matters on the replacement of Mr. Jefferson Cabatan who failed as scholar. The committee decided to replace him due to his incomplete and dropped subjects for the 1st Semester of the SY 2020-2021. A total of three (3) BSABE students submitted their application and the interview was conducted on September 8, 2021. The applicants were required to submit their written exam after the interview. Based on the interview and written examination undertaken by the scholars, the scholarship committee and panel of interviews recommended the student to represent Mr. Cabatan.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Field Day and FFS Graduation</p>	<p>Field Day and OA-FFS on Poultry production for Farmers of Barangay Balugan, Sagada, Mt. Province</p> <p>The <i>Organic Agriculture-Farmers' Field School (OA-FFS) on Poultry Production for farmers of Balugan, Sagada, Mt. Province</i> officially started on May 2, 2021 with the distribution of 10 chicks and one sack corn grits per participant. The chicks were used as demonstration/hands-on materials for the application of recommended technologies under organic poultry raising. Before the formal conduct of the FFS Graduation, a Field Day was initiated on September 3, 2021 to showcase the results of the various applied sciences adopted by the farmers. This was highlighted by the farm visitation of three poultry farms with brief orientation by the farmer-participants. After the Field Day, the OA-FFS Graduation was conducted and out of 50 registrants, 20 farmer- participants (2 males and 18 females) satisfactorily completed the five months course.</p> <p>During the program the OA-FFS participants presented their folk media presentations through songs depicting what they have learned from the season-long course as one of the highlights of the activity. Ms. Novie Accad, main FFS facilitator, shared a brief background of the OA-FFS and what transpired during the conduct of the season-long course. Moreover, the activity was highlighted by the testimonies of farmer representatives who verbally stated the benefits they gained from the Farmers Field School (FFS). Among the advantages pointed out by the farmers were as follows: provision of proper housing and basic facilities and foraging area, health care management (prevention and control of pests and diseases) and sanitation, and basic breeding techniques among others. Also, they expressed their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to ATI for providing the starter chicks where they actually applied the technologies shared by the resource persons/facilitators in raising organic chicken from chicks/pullets to maturity stage.</p> <p>This activity was led by Mr. Edwin C. Dickson, Agriculturist II and Ms. Resley Ann G. Sumedca, Agriculturist I, attended by Hon. James B. Pooten, Jr., Mayor of Sagada, who appreciated the efforts of the farmers who satisfactorily raised the chickens up to their marketable and laying stages.</p>



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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. 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.</p> <p>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. Thus, six (6) LSA's were certified this month. These were:</p> <p>RICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APITA'S FARM, located in Appas, Tabuk City, Kalinga with an area of 1.3 hectares dedicated for rice production, owned by Leila Saquing Apita. It is situated along the highway and has been actively operating up to this time. It has farm equipment and machineries namely: 1 Four-wheel tractor and rotavator, 2 Hand-tractor, 2 Mechanical Transplanter, 2 Drum Seeder, 1 Combine Harvester, 4 Knapsack Sprayer, 1 Thresher, 2 Water Pump, 2 Grass Cutter, 1 Mini Tiller, and 2 Manual Weeder. Designated storage rooms/sheds for these farm equipment and machineries are available and a nipa hut beside the family's house was built for visitors. 2. MACADANGDANG'S FARM, located in Busilac, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao and has an area of 1.8 hectares devoted for rice production, owned by William A. Macadangdang. The farm is actively operating with basic training facilities such as, one (1) hand-tractor, two (2) water pump, one (1) grass cutter and one (1) Thresher, one (1) power spray, and tools such as shovel, grab hoe, rake, bolo, spading fork, axe, crowbar, trowel and sickle. The farm location is accessible by land and other transportation facilities. The operator owns one (1) motorcycle which is used as transportation means to and from the farm site. 3. ADIG'S FARM, located in Purok 7, Talifugo, Conner, Apayao and has an area of 1 hectare utilized for rice production, owned by Salvador R. Ruz. The farm is actively operating with basic training facilities such as one (1) old house that can be used as a holding area and one (1) hand-tractor. Moreover, farm tools are also available such as sickle, bolo, shovel, grab hoe and others. The farm location is accessible by land and other transportation facilities.





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<p>Modelling Technologies, Best Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Practices and Innovations (Exhibit)</p>	<p>Learning Site for Agriculture (LSAs)</p>	<p>REGULAR</p> <p>1. AGGGUIMANGAN AGRO ECO TOURISM FARM, located in Hilltop Swan, Pudtol Apayao owned by Ms. Marivic B. Aguirre. She is the President of Young Entrepreneurs Association of Apayao, one of the RBO assisted by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and Bureau of Jail and Penalogy. It has an approximate area of 5 hectares with existing commodities like banana, pineapple, coconut, rambutan, mandarin, calamansi, and cacao which are fruiting and at vegetative stage. The association is also producing handicrafts, fresh banana fruit tree fruits and processed wines that are being sold and for sale in the locality during trade fairs. The owner is currently developing the area by constructing farm houses and comfort rooms.</p> <p>RCEF</p> <p>1. BABY-ANGELINE INTEGRATED FARM, located in Ubao, Aguineldo, Ifugao and has an area of 16 hectares utilized for production that follows a rice-based integrated farming system, other agricultural enterprises are integrated in the farm such as corns, mangoes, vegetable crops, and fishery. The farm is actively operating with basic training facilities such as transplanter, hand tractor, grass cutter, knapsack sprayer, water pumps, and a portion of the farm measuring 3 hectares serves as a water impounding dam for irrigation.</p> <p>WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT</p> <p>1. BENGUET ANIMAL LEARNING AND FARM TOURISM SITE (BALFTS), located in Colon, San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet. The farm site came in 2018, thru the collective efforts of the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) and the Provincial Government of Benguet. Valued at Php 2,000,000, the lots with 7, 9614 hectares were exclusively accorded to the PVO. AT present, the property now caters to livestock, poultry, bee, and fish raisers. It also serves as a hands-on training center in rearing animals and aquaponics is being practiced. As such, the place houses a wide variety of animals, including sheep, goat, pig, and chicken.</p>





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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 UAP concerns (7), SOA (3), LSA concerns (1), scholarship (1), certificate (1), and reservation (2).
Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)	Information dissemination through online media platforms	The Center intensified its online promotions with 12 webpage uploads that included transparency zeal updating (2), web posting (3), and facebook posting (7). With the said uploads, there were 18,086 individuals reached and 1,959 page views.
	Development and distribution of quality Knowledge Products (KPs)	<p>Techno Based Product Developed</p> <p>GAP on Potato Production was developed this month. Contents included <i>Site Management and Crop Requirement, Seed Selection and Planting Materials, Stem Cutting, Fertilizer Management, Planting, Water Management, Crop Protection, Major Disease and Insect Pest, Harvesting, Sorting/Grading, Packing and Transport, Storage, and Document and Records.</i></p> <p>Knowledge Products (KP) Reproduced and Distributed</p> <p>Throughout the month, 3,810 copies of print materials were reproduced. <i>(1,560 under OA, 2,000 under Livestock, and 250 under RCEF)</i> and 4,560 copies were distributed <i>(500 under HVCDP, 1,560 under OA, 2,000 under Livestock, and 500 under RCEF).</i></p> <p>Corporate Materials Reproduced and Distributed</p> <p>112 copies of Weavers were reproduced and distributed this month.</p>
	Establishment of AFE information systems	<p>Database developed</p> <p>5 databases are being maintained continuously (Farmers' Information and Technology Services Center (FITSC) Database, Magsasakang Siyentista (MS) Databases, Library Materials, and CAR Agricultural Profiles).</p>





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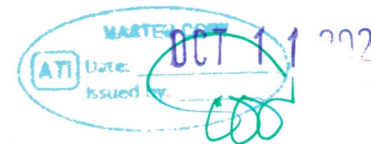
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring (FITS Center and Magsasaka Siyentista)	<p>On September 27, 2021, the monitoring for FITS and MS was led by Ms. Jaila S. Sagpaey, Information Officer II.</p> <p>FITS Tinoc The FITS corner is placed at the entrance of the OMAg with a display cabinet and printed IEC materials and signage “<i>FITS Corner</i>”. Identified needs were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="539 518 2276 885"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="539 518 1316 566">NEEDS</th> <th data-bbox="1316 518 2276 566">RECOMMENDATION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 566 1316 726"> 1. IEC needs were on GAP (eg. safety use of fertilizers and pesticides/proper management and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides); fertilizer recommendation and pest management for tomato and other HV crops; </td> <td data-bbox="1316 566 2276 726"> ✓ Miss Aludos of CorCAARRD was advised to check on the available materials coming from PCARRD and other CMIS as well ✓ to secure IEC requests then to send via email or messenger to Tinoc OMAg staff. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 726 1316 805"> 2. ICT based technology apps for crop management (eg. fertilizer management; nutrient -need of crops) </td> <td data-bbox="1316 726 2276 805"> ✓ to secure IEC requests then to send via email or messenger to Tinoc OMAg staff. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 805 1316 885"> 3. Social training need: multi-media production, IEC development </td> <td data-bbox="1316 805 2276 885"> ✓ CorCAARRD may consider the FITS staff as their participants. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>OMAg-FITSC staff were reminded of the report submission.</p> <p>Magsasaka Siyentista (MS)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Roy Guyon, was a former Magsasaka Siyentista of Tinoc. A quick visit was undertaken where a farm beside her residential house is planted with carrots-his commodity. A farm beside her residential house is planted with carrots-his commodity. Delivery of the IEC materials to BABUDEMPCO staff Miss Jonica Vhenus Willie to refrain from longer stay in the area due to the pandemic. 	NEEDS	RECOMMENDATION	1. IEC needs were on GAP (eg. safety use of fertilizers and pesticides/proper management and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides); fertilizer recommendation and pest management for tomato and other HV crops;	✓ Miss Aludos of CorCAARRD was advised to check on the available materials coming from PCARRD and other CMIS as well ✓ to secure IEC requests then to send via email or messenger to Tinoc OMAg staff.	2. ICT based technology apps for crop management (eg. fertilizer management; nutrient -need of crops)	✓ to secure IEC requests then to send via email or messenger to Tinoc OMAg staff.	3. Social training need: multi-media production, IEC development	✓ CorCAARRD may consider the FITS staff as their participants.
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		KENETH JACOB JACOB'S FARM Namnama, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao	WET SEASON. Three (3) batches were implemented this dry season with the following schedules: The first batch with 25 participants was started on June 7, 2021 and ended September 27, 2021, The second batch with 25 participants was started on June 9, 2021 and it will end on September 29, 2021, The third batch with 25 participants was started on June 11, 2021 and it will end on October 2, 2021 DRY SEASON. Two (2) batches with 25 scholarships per batch were already oriented by TESDA-Ifugao on September 21, 2021. The training will start as soon as the first 3 batches are all done with their training.			
		JANE BAYAWON BAYAWON'S FARM San Quintin, Alfonso Lista, Ifugao	WET SEASON. TESDA allocated and awarded 1 batch with 25 scholarship slots for C.Y. 2021 to Bayawon's Farm. The participants of the FFS are rice farmers from San Quintin.			
		HONORIO CLEMENCIA CLEMENCIA'S INTEGRATED FARM Purok 2 Balong, Tabuk City, Kalinga	WET SEASON. The 2 batches with 25 scholars per batch were conducted in Pinukpuk since all participants are from the area.			
FILIBERT D. BAGUILAT LOBONG MARCELA RICE-BASED INTEGRATED FARM Pindongan, Kiangon, Ifugao	WET SEASON. The first batch with 25 participants was started on June 3, 2021 and will end on October 7, 2021; The second batch with 25 participants was started on June 5, 2021 and will end on October 9, 2021; The third batch with 25 participants was started on June 3, 2021 and will end on October 11, 2021. DRY SEASON Two (2) batches with 25 scholarships per batch will start as soon as the first 3 batches are all done with their training.					
BONIFACIO DUMAGAY DUMAGAY'S FARM Pinukpuk, Kalinga	TESDA program registration is on-going for FFS on Production of High-quality Inbred Rice Seeds and Farm Mechanization. The farm operator was tapped as trainer of TESDA-Kalinga for their FFS scholarship program.					





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Monitoring	Newly established LSAs were also monitored with the following updates:	
		LSA OPERATOR	UPDATES
		FREDDIE PACION FPJ FARM Kinama, Rizal, Kalinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The building is estimated to be 80% complete which was funded under the RCEF (Php 150,000). However, while the construction of the building is still on-going, Mr. Freddie Pacion is urged to register and coordinate with TESDA in preparation of the implementation of the FFS. He was also advised to closely coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to guarantee that trainees must be included in the updated RSBSA list.
		ALMA MAE CORTEZ HEALTHY HARVEST INTEGRATED FARM Poblacion, Pinukup, Kalinga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Procurement of supplies and materials needed for the construction is on-going. ✓ They have prepared all the needed requirements for TESDA Program registration as Farm School for FFS on Production of High-quality Inbred Rice Seeds and Farm Mechanization. ✓ The farm was utilized as the training venue of the ongoing FFS under Clemencia's Integrated Farm since all participants came from Pinukup.
		MARY ANGELINE TELLO BABY ANGELINE INTEGRATED FARM Ubao, Aguineldo, Ifugao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Procurement of supplies and materials needed for the construction is on-going. ✓ Ms. Tello is urged to register and coordinate with TESDA in preparation of the implementation of the FFS. She was also advised to closely coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to guarantee trainees included in the updated RSBSA list. ✓ She has started preparing the requirements for TESDA Program registration and coordinated to TESDA-Ifugao for technical assistance in the preparation of curriculum for FFS.
Monitored by Mr. Randy T. Soriano, RCEF Focal Person and Ms. Perla Epie, RCEF Technical Support Staff.			



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<p style="text-align: center;">Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monitoring</p>	<p>Monitoring of Bejajeng Pansigshan 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 Pansigshan 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>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>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 on November 2021. 2. To participate in any activity on 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 style="text-align: center;">Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 fulfilment 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>





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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Staff sent to local training	<p>Process Documentation, Virtual, August 9 – September 11, 2021</p> <p>Topics discussed on this month-long training included information on process documentation. Process documentation can be used in writing highlights of operations and not boxed in the templates of reports. The major output of the training is a success story following the General Start List format and SIRO.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jam R. Balingan, Mr. Adrian Chris P. Velasco, Ms. Vicky May L. Guinayen, Ms. Bernadette C. De Guzman, and Mr. Jener B. Dizon.</p>
		<p>GROAP Webinar on “Managing Records Disposition Program: Standards and Best Practices, Via Zoom, September 15-17, 2021</p> <p>The Resource Speaker for this Webinar was Ms. Estrella M. Domingo, retired Chief Archivist at National Archives of the Philippines. This webinar was designed to increase the awareness and enhance the competence of participants of a sound records disposition practices and proper identification and preservation of permanent records with reference to the relevant records retention schedule and disposal authority. This will redound to the reduction in the volume of unnecessary records kept in storage areas to create spaces for new and frequently used records and most important is the minimization of an agency's expenditures for records management. ISO 15489:20 01 (International Standards for Records Management) is the field of management responsible for efficient and systematic control of the creation, receipt, maintenance, use and disposition of records, including processes for capturing and maintaining evidence of and information about business activities and transactions in the form of records. Topics included were basic concepts of records management, records disposition program, records transfer for records disposition, records disposal, records appraisal, development of records disposition schedule (RDS). Mam Estrella discussed the records appraisal which basically the process that will determine the ultimate disposition of our records. She also gives us the guiding principle in appraising records. This is helpful to identify the permanent and temporary records, if it has a primary or secondary value. It was indicated in section 16 of RA 9470 that all government offices, including GOCCs and GFIs shall prepare and submit RDS. On records disposal and transfer, there is a need to coordinate with NAP since there is a procedure on this. There were also workshops on Inventory and Appraisal of Records.</p> <p>Attended by Ms. Jocelyn P. Oligo and Ms. Bernadette C. De Guzman</p>






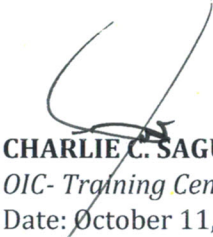
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Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)	Staff sent to local training	<p>Introductory Training on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and It's Application in RDE, Online, September 24, 2021</p> <p>The Cordillera Consortium for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research and Development (CorCAARRD) invited its members for one day training on the use of drone. The training is supposed to be a blended online with hands-on practicum, however, due to restrictions; the training was done via online with a video presentation on the use of drone. Topics discussed were Introduction to drone by Dr. Ian Lubrin, Tree Height Estimation of Pinus densiflora and Pinus koriensis in Korea with the Use of UAV-acquired Imagery discussed by Ms Lynn Juan Talkasen, Introduction to Drone Mapping using Pix4Dcapture and Pix4Dmapper by Ms. Quenerlyn A. Godio, and Brief background on the use of UAV in the field of research and development.</p> <p>Attended by Mr. Bongbong L Buli-e and Mr. Edward P. Saldivar, Jr.</p>

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