



MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JULY 2021

Center/Division: **RTC-CAR**

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| <p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Training on Inbred Rice Seed Production and Certification for Deputized and Designated Seed Inspectors</p> <p>Republic Act 11203 (Rice Tariffication Law) seeks to replace the quantitative restriction (QR) on rice imports with tariffs and lifts the quantitative exports restrictions on rice. It amends Republic Act 8187 of the Agricultural Tariffication Act that aims to stop damages of the rising inflation, which has been hitting the poor including farmers. Upon the passage, the RCEF Fund with annual appropriation of Php10 billion will be released to PhilMech, PhilRice, ATI, TESDA, LDP, and DBP. Funds will provide direct assistance to rice farmers in the form of extension services focused on inbred rice seeds and mechanization and distribution of rice farm equipment to protect the rice industry from sudden or extreme price fluctuations.</p> <p>In the RCEF Program, the promotion and use of high-quality inbred rice are seen as key interventions in improving our rice farmers' productivity and profitability. As such, in support of these thrusts, the DA-ATI-CAR under the RCEF continuously supports the program on seed production and certification to ensure access of farmers to high-yielding and quality seeds. Thus, the training course was conducted on May 31 to June 4 in TAMPCO Inn and Training Center, Tabuk City, Kalinga to give updates on the latest technologies in rice seed production and their technical capabilities on field inspection, seed sampling and tagging. Actively participated by 16 AEWs and 4 staffs from BPI</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"The topic on insect pests and plant diseases were personally important for me. This is one of the major topics I wanted to learn more about, which is why we always requested this during training. I would just like to suggest that if possible, we schedule our training during the actual rice stages where we can go to the field and identify the insect pests and plant diseases on-site. That would be of great help for us. Thank you ATI-CAR for conducting this training. It will greatly help us in carrying out our responsibilities as seed inspectors. To the facilitators, thank you so much for this successful training and looking forward to more training in the future."</i> Ms. Lerna A. Nievas, Agriculturist VI, OPAS-Kalinga</p> <p><i>"I would like to express my gratitude to the ATI and its partners for conducting this training. This undertaking enhanced and refreshed our knowledge about the policies and guidelines on seed testing and certification for inbred rice. We were also updated with the status of the implementation of the rice program and high-quality seed utilization here in the region. Rest assured that the learnings, techniques and technologies imparted to us will be our guide. We will see to it that we will apply what we have learned. Moreover, thank you for listening to our comments and suggestions and we hope that they will be recognized and addressed soon."</i> Mr. Marlon A. Agas, Agriculturist, LGU-Alfonso Lista, Jigaoan</p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p>CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT FOR FARMERS: REFRESHER COURSE TRAINING ON INBRED RICE SEED PRODUCTION AND CERTIFICATION FOR SEED GROWERS</p> <p>The DA-RFO-CAR in partnership with the DA-ATI, Bureau of Plant Industry- National Seed Quality Control Services (BPI-NSQCS), and PhilRice continuously supports the implementation of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program (RCEP) through intensive training of farmers to ensure availability of high quality seeds, anchored on the ability, skills and knowledge of the accredited seed growers.</p> <p>Currently, the Apayao Seed Producers Multi-purpose Cooperative (ASMP), in partnership with PhilRice, is committed to produce high quality seeds that will be distributed to rice farmers under the Seed Component of RCEP. With the high demand for quality seeds, the ASMP needs to accredit its members to accommodate such volume demand of quality seeds. Thus, the refresher course was recommended to continuously update and enhance the knowledge and skills on inbred rice seed production and certification. Specifically, it was aimed that the participants shall be able to demonstrate leadership skills and values in handling projects; explain the rice seed system program of the Department of Agriculture; discuss the policies and guidelines on seed certification; demonstrate skills on the cultural management skills for inbred rice seed production; practice basic financial management and marketing; and prepare action plan for inbred rice seed production.</p> <p>Conducted on June 22-24 in Casa Lacuesta, San Isidro Sur, Luna, Apayao this refresher course was completed by 20 participants. As to the practicum, these farmers undertook seed sampling, bagging and tagging, and seed testing</p> <p>Impression:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for inviting us to be part of this retooling course. We were again refreshed of the technical knowledge and skills that we must employ to enhance our productivity. We were updated with new technologies and learnings very much relevant in our seed production. Thank you and more power to all the agencies who made this training possible." Mr. William Arafilles, Seed Grower, Santa Marcela, Apayao</i></p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <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>50 participants attended this seminar on Agri-talk conducted on June 29 via Google Meet. Mr. Jefferson Laruan, <i>OA-ISA Farm Operator, Lily of the Valley Organic Farm</i> served as resource person where he encouraged those who are planning to, and those starting organic farming to first equip themselves with proper knowledge and skills. He encouraged them to read, research, visit organic farms, and learn from organic farmers. Mr. Laruan reminded the participants to remain steadfast and persistent in their venture as they will encounter a lot of challenges ahead.</p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">TRAINING ON FARM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL FARMER TECHNICIANS (LFTS)</p> <p>As everything moves with the modernization, farming should not be mere production of food for the family but also be treated as business bringing income to the family. Numerous smallholder farmers do not keep records or make business plans and do not keep track of their production cost or cash flows to accurately track expenses and determine how to calculate profitability and productivity. Further, they often hesitate to expand their farming for they lack fundamental understanding of capital and market farms. Thus, this training course aimed to enhance the entrepreneurial competencies and skills of participants that intended to improve and expand existing agri-business enterprises. Enterprise development program is one effective support mechanism to improve productivity and sustainability of agri-based products.</p> <p>This five-day training conducted on June 28- July 2, 2021 was completed by 19 LFTs. It used a comprehensive entrepreneurship training approach called <i>Competency-based through Formation of Entrepreneurs (CEFE)</i>. Methods undertaken were diagnostic problem solving, group dynamic, simulated, role play and structured learning exercises, one-on-one consultations, illustrated lectures, and guided case workshops. Resource persons during this training were Mr. Edmund B. Benavidez, Subject Matter Expert and Director of Saint Louis University Extension Institute for Small Scale Industry Foundation (SLU – EISSIF) and Ms. Amelia S. Gas-ib, Program Assistant, SLU-EISSIF.</p> <p>Conducted in Aspulian Hall, DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“Thank you ATI for this training. We enjoyed this activity while learning. I believe through our learnings from this training, we will be able to fulfill our dream farm and we can also share our learnings to our fellow farmers in our locality.”</i> Peter Gayban, Local Farmer Technician, Conner, Apayao</p> <p><i>“From the start of this training, everything was great. The TMT was patient and supportive, the venue and food were excellent. The resource person did their best, we learned a lot from them, and we hope that all our learnings from this training will be our guide to be successful farmers and establish our dream farm. And we can share our learnings to our co-farmers when we go back.”</i> Remylin Tiggangay, Local Farmer Technician Rizal, Kalinga</p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p>TRAINING IN SUPPORT TO ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (OA-ICS) PHASE I FOR ORGANIC LIVESTOCK RAISERS OF BENGUET, PROVINCE</p> <p>Certification and labeling have been identified as important tools used in marketing products. Extensive capacity building and technical assistance to farmers, Small and Mid-size Enterprise (SMEs) and even to certification bodies and auditors on the standards and requirements of organic agriculture and its trade requires emphasis. As such, the organic industry has acknowledged smallholder group certification systems that have developed to address the different socio-economic conditions.</p> <p>The system of certification is evolving from the need to devise a system of certification that reduces cost for farmers with low income towards a system of combined internal and external controls applicable to all types of groups and a model for all organic certification. In order for a small group to qualify for the installation and corresponding certification, there should be a single organic plan for the group and that individual farmers may not use the certification independently.</p> <p>26 organic practitioners undertook their Phase I for OA-ICS on July 21-23 in ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. Discussions were on the installation requirements and comprehensive appreciation of the principles of organic agriculture, PNS, Organic Agriculture Act of (RA 10068) and the elements of ICS. The activity aimed to familiarize participants on the initial ICS forms used for the Initial Phase. The installation of ICS for smallholder groups brings about the advantages such as, improved product quality, ready access technical advice, information exchange, simulation of local development, and enables all producers to participate in the global organic market, implement environmentally safe and sustainable production, and develop good management practices.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Praise God for the good health, strength and protection for everyone. It is a great experience to be a part of this training. We were able to understand the importance of learning the Philippine National Standards which is our basis in formulating our own localized standards which is also our basis in the development of our Internal Control System (ICS) manual. Apart from the lectures and workshops, this training is also an opportunity to strengthen our organization. It is our goal to be organically certified after finishing the four (4) phases of this ICS training program."</i> Ms. Frisca D. Sagandoy, Buguias Organic Livestock Farmers Association</p> <p><i>"In behalf of NOLPPA, we are thankful to be part of this training because we were able to understand and discuss the important points on how to be certified as an organic practitioner through this Internal Control System training. Also, we were able to learn the importance of organic agriculture as a sustainable farming system, the Philippine National Standard for adoption in the organic production system. Specifically, we are enlightened on the compliances and non-compliances in the organic production system. As we continue to ICS Phase 2, we hope to gain more knowledge to further enhance our organization."</i> Mr. Erasmo G. Joseph, Naguey, Atok, Benguet, Farmer, Naguey Organic Livestock Poultry Practitioners Association</p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p>TRAINING ON MEAT PROCESSING FOR RURAL IMPROVEMENT CLUB (RICS) AND 4H MEMBERS OF BAGUIO CITY AND BENGUET WITH ASF AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</p> <p>Meat is very susceptible to spoilage due to chemical and enzymatic activities. The breakdown of fat, protein, and carbohydrates of meat result in the development of off odors, off-flavor and slim formation which make the meat objectionable for human consumption. Several factors such as moisture, light, microbes, atmospheric oxygen, temperature, and endogenous enzymes influence the freshness of shelf life of meat, hence the need for processing. Processing involves taking the meat in its raw form and turning it into another product that is marketable, safe for consumption, and attractive to consumers.</p> <p>On July 21-23, a training on meat processing was undertaken by 24 Rural Improvement Club (RICS) and 4H Members of Baguio City and Benguet in Asputlan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. This three-day training generally sought to capacitate RICS and 4-H members on meat processing to provide a variety of safe food and as processing adds value to meat, it can be a source of livelihood.</p> <p>Mr. Jao-jao A. Somyden, Associate Professor IV, Mr. Melchor S. Lumniked, Instructor I, BSU, Ms. Cynthia D. Garambas, Associate Professor I, from the Benguet State University (BSU), and Ms. Maribeth M. Ladu-an, Agriculturist II, DA-ATI-CAR, served as resource speakers during the activity.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p>"I am thankful for this training. Though I'm already processing, I learned a lot. Our resource speakers are very attentive and appreciative on our outputs. Thank you ATI and I hope for more training for us to learn for our family and for our business." Hannah Marie Madayog, 4H Club Member, Alapang, La Trinidad, Benguet</p> <p>"I am thankful that I am able to attend this training on meat processing. I learned a lot especially how to make hot sauce because I have my own backyard plantation of chilli. I also learned how to prepare Japanese Siomai and they also incorporated our traditional meat processing which we call "kinuday" in Ibaloi. It is a very good idea for business. We also enjoyed the food we prepared. Thank you!" - Celina Ambi, Board of Directors, Baguio City Agriculture Cooperative- Baguio City</p> |



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| Strengthening Competency and Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn) | Training | <p>FARM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY URBAN AGRICULTURE MODEL FARMS (CUAMF)</p> <p>In 2019, the DA-ATI-CAR Partnership and Accreditation Services Section (PASS) conducted a Training Needs Survey (TNS) and it showed that the Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA's) and School for Practical Agriculture (SPA's) need to be capacitated on Entrepreneurship and Product Development. Further, as per guidelines, ATI shall provide continuous capability building interventions for LSAs and SPAs in the form of training, coaching, exposure to various learning activities such as field visits/ educational tours, farmer exchange programs, seminars, conferences, congresses, conventions and other learning modalities. Hence, this training for CUAMF conducted on July 20 – 22 in Damuhan Hall, ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet, aimed that the participants shall be able to innovate agricultural enterprises in their farms applying the entrepreneurial competencies.</p> <p>Three (3) modules were discussed during the training: <i>Module 1: Introduction to Farm Entrepreneurship, Module 2: Unlocking One's Entrepreneurship Competencies, and Module 3: Matching the Person with the Farm Enterprise Project.</i> As an output of the training, participants identified a re-entry plan on basic improvement they like to do in their farm enterprise based on entrepreneurial insights and attitudes which may positively impact their present operation.</p> <p>Completed by 22 farmer participants.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>“What we have appreciated in this training is that we have learned a lot. We can use this in our existing plans in our organizations. We also appreciate our speakers for providing useful and related topics. They have integrated fun and realistic illustrations through games and group activities that are relative to what is really happening in the business realm. I have also learned that an entrepreneur possesses a competency as an opportunity seeker.”</i> Allyssa Loraine Pugong, Granjero De Oeste Organization</p> <p><i>“When we look back on our first day of training, we were not bored and our full attention was caught. There were some training sessions we attended before and we tend to fall asleep in the middle of the training. But this training, we are all attentive so we are thankful and appreciate our speakers very much. We hope you will continue to share your knowledge. Our part is also to re-echo what we learned in this training to our fellow RICs who were not able to attend. Our deep gratitude to ATI for conducting this training.”</i> Marcelina Ciano, Happy Hallow Rurban Improvement Club</p> |





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| <p>Strengthening Competitiveness through Capability Building (Learn)</p> | <p>Training</p> | <p>DIGITAL FARMERS PROGRAM (DFP) 102</p> <p>The DFP aims to equip farmers with knowledge and skills on how to use basic digital tools including social media, climate and weather monitoring applications, and online payment options. It consists of a ladderized approach in helping farmers make better farming decisions, access more market opportunities, and increase their livelihood and income. The program contents are broken down into three levels namely DFP 101 (Beginner), DFP 102 (Intermediate), and DFP 103 (Advance).</p> <p>Since its launch in 2019, the DFP 101 has been rolled out nationwide, with over a thousand farmer and youth participants. In 2021, the DFP learners' journey will continue through the DFP 102, taking a deep dive on using advanced agriculture apps, e-commerce, and comprehensive social media marketing for farm business operation. DFP 102 is the second course in the three-level program that aims to encourage farmers to utilize technologies in farming. This course particularly focuses on in-depth applications on agriculture and e-commerce and usage of social media and smartphones in boosting their farming productivity.</p> <p>13 participants completed the DFP 102 conducted on July 29-20 in Sab-atan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR, La Trinidad, Benguet.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Foremost, thank you for this training. Starting from DFP 101, I thought that I knew how to use the smartphone but with this DFP 102, I have realized that I still need to learn more about the use of smartphones and other apps. I seldom update my FB Page and usually I only share technologies- my practical farm practices but now, I learned that the FB page is also a good venue for marketing purposes not just my FB personal account. Also, we learned about how to use mobile banking. Thank you, ATI, for selecting us as your participants and we are again fortunate to see our friends through this activity."</i> Mr. Eric Tinoyan- Farmer, Tuba, Benguet</p> <p><i>"I have learned about QR Code and other apps which we can use to promote our farm and products, and I got interested in helping in the hands-on activities in our farm. Thank you for this training."</i> Mr. Josiah Abad- Student, Tuba, Benguet</p> |





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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>No activities for this month</p> |
| <p>Expanding Partnerships Along the Value Chain Through Advisory Services (Advise)</p> | <p>Farm Business Advisory Services</p> | <p>This month, there were 17 queries responded to. Queries included inquiry on School-on-the-Air (SOA) (5), Facilities (3), Training related (3), Recipes inquiry (2), Scholarship (2), Organic Agriculture (OA) (1), and e-Learning</p> |
| <p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p> | <p>Information dissemination through online media platforms</p> | <p>The Center intensified its online promotions with 12 posts in social media. Postings were on <i>Cordillera Day, Container Gardening, Edible Landscaping, Carrot Recipes, Kimchi Video, Indigenous Micro Organisms (IMO), and various training.</i> With the said uploads, there were 17,998 individuals reached and 1,978 page views.</p> |
| <p>Enhancing Agriculture Fisheries Extension Knowledge Products and Services (Disseminate)</p> | <p>Development and distribution of quality Knowledge Products (KPs)</p> | <p>Knowledge Products (KP) Reproduced and Distributed</p> <p>Throughout the month, 2,750 copies of print materials were reproduced. (2,000 under HVCDP, 500 under Corn and Cassava, and 250 under RCEF) and 1,250 copies were distributed (500 under HVCDP, 500 under Corn and Cassava, and 250 under RCEF)</p> |





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| <p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p> | <p>Performance Assessment</p> | <p>DA-ATI-CAR Mid-year Performance Review Activity</p> <p>The conduct of a review and assessment is a significant activity for the Center to be regularly informed and updated on its performance based on set plans and implementing standards/procedures/guidelines/directives/frameworks. This performance review served as an avenue to determine if it had successfully implemented its interventions and have these interventions reached the intended beneficiaries. This is also to compare the physical and financial accomplishments to ensure smooth implementation of the remaining activities. On July 7-8, 40 DA-ATI-CAR staff attended the performance review held in Aspulan Hall, DA-ATI-CAR, BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet. Activities undertaken were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ BRIEF UPDATES FROM TRAININGS/MEETINGS ATTENDED/PARTICIPATED <p>There were various trainings/meetings spearheaded by partners that were attended/participated by the staff, thus, brief updates were discussed for the DA-ATI-CAR staff to also be informed, updated and reminded.</p> ✓ ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF THE CENTER'S PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE 1ST SEMESTER <p>DA-ATI-CAR 1ST QUARTER PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT presented by Ms. Brandy K. Laoyan</p> <p>Guided with the enhanced Agriculture and Fisheries Extension (AFE) Strategic Framework for 2020-2022, the refocused thematic areas, with its respective strategic objectives and performance indicators, was used to measure the progress in achieving expected results or accomplishments of AFE interventions. The physical accomplishment was presented per Thematic Area.</p> <p>Linear Presentation of Physical and Financial Accomplishments presented by Ms. Glorinita S. Lasuden</p> <p>For performance indicators with financial targets, a linear presentation was also presented for better understanding and appreciation of staff. The presentation was organized by program and further, a summary per indicator.</p> ✓ FEEDBACK OF AGREEMENTS FROM THE FY 2021 ATI BANNER PROGRAMS MIDYEAR ASSESSMENT <p>In line with the conducted FY 2021 ATI Banner Programs Midyear Assessment via online platform, results were also feed backed. Ms. Jam R. Balingan presented the agreements for <i>Corn and Cassava, Rice, and RPEC Program</i>. For the OA Program, this was presented by Ms. Vilma L. Lumbas and Ms. Cristine B. Esnara discussing issues and concerns for the HVCD Program.</p> <p>From the inputs presented, the Center discussed issues, concerns, updates and innovations that were encountered in the implementation of the targets that are also relevant and valuable in the implementation of set plans for CY 2021 and for the succeeding years.</p> <p>Impressions:</p> <p><i>"Thank you PMESU for the smooth flow of this activity. Thank you also for the opportunity that I was able to present. Also, I thank Ms. Jam for she answers my questions on some programs and acronyms that I am not yet familiar with." Mr. Jaypee D. Na-oy, Technical Support Staff</i></p> <p><i>"Thank you for conducting this activity for us to know our accomplishments and the staff development undergone by our co-workers that even though we were not able to attend, their presentations gave us ideas regarding the activity they attended/participated in." Ms. Perla Eple, Agriculturist I, RCEF Support Staff</i></p> |





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| <p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p> | <p>Monitoring</p> | <p>Field Monitoring on ISA and CUAMF</p> <p>1. Lay-odan Farm</p> <p>The Lay-odan Farm was certified as a Good Agricultural Practitioner (GAP) in 2019 and it is being planted with various varieties of coffee arabica, vegetables, and herbs. The farm is also raising livestock.</p> <p>The farm has its own lodging house that could accommodate ten people and they also offer camping tents for interested clients. As to the multipurpose hall provided by ATI, it is already being utilized as a training hall on the 2nd floor, and the office, kitchen and dining area is located on the 1st floor. Aside from the coffee trees, they also have an open field planted with legumes, squash, cabbages, broccoli, onions, gabi, ornamentals, and a greenhouse planted with bell pepper.</p> <p>2. ANAEM Farm</p> <p>ANAEM Farm was granted Php 300,000.00 for the establishment of the holding area. The owner followed the proposal as planned. Aside from the holding area, the farmer was able to build a separate comfort for the clients. Excess funds were used to purchase additional stocks for free range chicken production and an incubator. During the pandemic, he continued to teach his neighbors in his production technologies.</p> <p>Farm owner Mr. Gerardo A. Meana was also tapped as Resource Person by the OPAG-Benguet and LGU-Tuba. Known to his skill on fabricating farm equipment like designing his own feed mixer, he has crafted a chicken feeder where he markets it among the chicken producers</p> <p>3. Maddie's Aquaponics</p> <p>Prior to its certification, the farm was planted with tomatoes, lettuces, upland kangkong, and other vegetables that are being marketed to the restaurants and hotels in Baguio City. However, these restaurants limited store hours adhering to the IATF protocols thereby resulting in a lack of market of the farm's produce. The farmer ventured on habanero hot pepper production and eventually to processing. Habanero chili paste has built a market during the pandemic, thus most crops were replaced into habanero chili pepper. The farm is set to fund the establishment of a processing area as required by FDA.</p> <p>The holding area funded by the ATI was built with light materials from flooring to roof that can accommodate at least ten participants.</p> |





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LEARNING SITE FOR AGRICULTURE (LSA) FARM APPLICANTS

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 ATI, as the Extension Support, Education, and Training Services (ESETS) arm of the DA, is responsible for conceptualizing training and extension modalities and innovations. Development and utilization of 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. On July 2, 2021, three farmer applicants as OA LSA were validated and assessed:

| NAME OF FARM | ADDRESS | ASSESSMENT |
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| 1. BUCOBOGAN FARM Farm Owner: JOHNNY AYAM | Bileng, Sagubco, Kapangan, Benguet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The farm is titled and subdivided amongst the siblings, 1,500 sqm wide is being cultivated by the applicant as OA farm, terraced Farm is solo managed (single) but considering the land profile, it needs more manpower to operate, the owner is willing to hire on call labourers if needed As member of the Kapangan Organic Practitioner Association (KOPA), they practice the "galyon" wherein the members help each other in their farms. Holding area is 5 minutes' walk from the road w/c is accessible by vehicle while the farm is 10 minutes' walk from the holding area With concrete holding area Available spring water source Soon to incorporate fish pond and poultry Farm owner is very interested & willing to learn more and share his knowledge on organic farming system to other farmers |
| 2.4L INTEGRATED FARM Farm Owner: URSULA M. SACLEY | Tadayan, Pudong, Kapangan, Benguet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The farm is bought by the owner, tax declaration, 5,000 sqm wide. Around 4,000 sqm, is being cultivated as OA farm, wide terraced and semi slope Farm is being managed by the husband & wife. With the farm profile, it is manageable by them but they are willing to hire on call/ additional labourers if needed Member of KOPA and National Awardee for Farm Family under NOAAP, Benguet entry Farm is with greenhouse, packing area, composting & vermi-composting area, with piggyery "na walang amoy" practicing the OA principle, with spring water connected by hose and a water tank Vegetable produce is being delivered to BSU organic store (BIGGS) There is a concrete comfort room with a separate male and female room The house and farm is just beside the road accessible by vehicle Owners are willing to learn more and share their knowledge on organic farming to fellow farmers. |
| 3. BUUDUSAN FARM Farm Owner: ALICE/SAMUEL MACAY | Kabaranwan, Datakan, Kapangan, Benguet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The farm is bought by the owner, titled, 2,000 sqm. Around 1,500 sqm, wide is being cultivated as OA farm, terraced Farm is being managed by husband and wife but with the wife, who is physically challenged, she is not 100% hands on with the farm. Considering the land profile, it needs more manpower to operate but the owner is willing to hire on-call labourers if needed With green house & holding area adjacent to the house Farm owner is very interested and willing to learn more and share his knowledge to other farmers 20-25 minutes' walk (rugged pathway, almost 1 kl away) from the road w/c is accessible by vehicle |

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Field Validation (OA PROGRAM)





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| <p>Improving Enabling Environment and Governance for AFE (Support)</p> | <p>Field Validation (REGULAR PROGRAM)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">1. Heira's Rabbit by Mr. Hector K. Dominguez Jr. Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet</p> <p>The backyard rabbit farm is a reboot of the previous farm situation in Brgy. Abatan, Bauko, Mt. Province affected by the lockdown during the pandemic. The applicant has been conducting a webinar on rabbit (meat production) since January 23, 2021. He is also a graduate of the KAMMP online 2020 conducted by the ATI-CAR.</p> <p>There were initially 187 heads of rabbits trimmed down to 149 due to mortality and some were marketed for meat. At present, the farm is tending 2 breeder bucks, 13 does, 30 bucking, and 23 doelings. Breeds of the rabbit stocks include mostly local New Zealand and five lion heads. Accordingly, Mr. Dominguez utilized the urine of the rabbits as foliar fertilizer, and sells it at Php25 per 1.5 bottle while the fecal waste costs 25 per kg.</p> <p>Recommendations are to implement 5-S religiously/ farm sanitation, establish holding areas for orientation, and expand production area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. Macky' Strawberry Farm by Mr. Wilmer Filangen Belis, Sto. Tomas, Baguio City</p> <p>The farm owner is a young farmer who is a collector of rare plants and initiates the technical-know-how of growing and he specializes on strawberry production under warm conditions conducive for lowland setting. Rare plants include betadine plants, blackberry, roselle mulberry, cherry, etc. The farm measures 2,000m², where 800m² is allotted for strawberry production.</p> <p>Macky' Strawberry Farm is registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). The farm owner has also been recognized for his exemplary performance as trainer on strawberry production by Baguio City. His application for the GAP certification is pending. Facilities in the farm are in place like comfort room, farm house, tool room, and portable shade as a holding area. The construction of a two-lane road is an advantage as to its accessibility.</p> <p>Recommendations are to improve holding areas that can accommodate at least 30 participants, intensify practice on vertical strawberry production, and provide buffer zones to flee stray animals like community dogs and cats.</p> |






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| | | <p>3. Benguet Animal Learning Site and Farm Tourism (BALSFT)</p> <p>The farm can be reached forty- minutes from Baguio City. The road is concrete and two-way, passing through Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet. It is under the Office of the Provincial Veterinary headed by Dr. Meriam Tiongan, DVM, tended by ten farm workers. Enterprises are livestock, herbs and spices like thyme, farragon, lemon balm, gotocala, sage, chives, etc., aquaponics (tilapia, bitter gourd, lettuce and kangkong), lowland vegetables, ornamentals, forage - magua de agua, mulberry, etc, and fruit trees.</p> <p>BALSFT measures more or less than eight hectares. Concretion of the road towards the swine production area is set to be finished this year. Also, a five-storey building is proposed to be erected. It is a multi-purpose facility that will serve as an office, processing area, lodging and training halls. Validators suggested building a composting area to accommodate a high volume of animal manure in the farm.</p> <p>Validation was led by the PASS Section.</p> |

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